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The attached correspondence has been received from IFAST for the attention of 3GPP.

In the interest of advancing work on this topic, we request you to provide us a status/progress report regarding your work on Cross-Technology Roaming on a regular basis. And also, please share with the IFAST any existing documents your forum may have that can assist in developing appropriate documents. The IFAST thanks you in advance for whatever information you can supply on this topic.

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Dear Steve,

The International Forum on ANSI-41 Standards Technologies (IFAST) was created and chartered to identify, discuss and resolve issues associated with the implementation of international roaming capabilities and deployment of seamless wireless services globe-wide. One of the IFAST's main objectives is to maintain close relationships with wireless standards fora in the industry and provide guidance to the international operators for proper implementation of the standards being developed by these fora on their ANSI-41 networks to ensure network compatibility and interoperability.

The IFAST has recently identified the "Cross-Technology Roaming" (a.k.a. "Inter-Standard Roaming") as a very significant and important topic that requires comprehensive study from an implementation perspective in terms of international roaming. It is understood that several fora in the wireless industry have been addressing issues related to the Cross-Technology Roaming issue. In particular, IFAST is concerned with the impact of this work on the advancement of international roaming and seamless global wireless services. It is not clear to the IFAST what aspects of the issues are being studied by these fora, and if the results of the studies, if any, are made available to other fora that address the same issues. In addition, it is uncertain whether there are overlapping studies, performed by the different fora in the wireless industry.

So far, the IFAST has identified your forum as one of those fora that are actively involved in addressing the Cross-Technology Roaming issues. IFAST would like to understand the progress of the works currently underway within your forum in order to determine IFAST's potential role in helping to advance work on this significant and important topic within the scope of the organizations. The IFAST is very much interested in the impacts of your work on the ANSI-41 networks, particularly related to international roaming. In that context, IFAST wishes to solicit information on the latest status of your work efforts so that IFAST will be able to assess the workload required on its part. Once this information is obtained, it is planned to create a matrix of ongoing works to determine the component(s) of the topic IFAST can assist with. Such assistance could be in the form of new work by the IFAST and/or liaison with your forum to provide the necessary input so as to enhance and expedite your work on this topic.