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LIAISON STATEMENT

TO: 3GPP-TSG-T2

FROM: WAP Forum Specification Committee

DATE: 31st May 2000

RE: Use of WAP Forum MMS Documents (Ref: Liaison from 3GPP-TSG-T2#9/ETSI SMG4 meeting 15-19 May 2000, T2-000322)

The WAP Forum acknowledges the liaison from 3GPP-TSG-T2 regarding use of the WAP Forum MMS Documents and the related matters.

As 3GPP2-TSG-T2 is aware, WAP Forum is working on MMS as the first deliverable for multimedia in WAP.

The document process of the WAP Forum may be known to 3GPP-TSG-T2. However please let me recap this briefly. Draft specifications are kept within the WAP Forum but can be shared with other organisations with whom the WAP Forum has an appropriate co-operation agreement, ETSI/3GPP being one such organisation. Once the WAP Forum members approve, by voting, the promotion of a specification to 'proposed' status it is made publicly available via the web site for comment. Some 90 days later, a minimum period without expedited approval, the specifications are once again voted on, including any minor updates incorporated, and if approved by the membership the votes are formal specifications of the WAP Forum. There are a number of technical checks applied to any specification before it can reach 'proposed' status.

The current MMS specification and MMS architecture specifications are the first two deliverables. Both have been through these technical checks, and some changes are being made as a result pf these reviews before these specifications are made publicly available as 'proposed' specifications.

The document identifiers for these specifications have been allocated, i.e. WAP-205 MMS Architecture Overview and WAP-209 MMS Message Encapsulation, 3GPP-TSG-T2 will be able to reference these as soon as they are publicly available which is expected before the end of June.

WAP Forum hopes this affirmation of the documents existence and specification document identifiers meets the need of the liaison. Further the WAP Forum finds it quite acceptable that 3GPP-TSG-T2 references these document in publicly available documents once these specifications are publicly available. For internal working documents immediate references is of course possible.

In the meantime WAP Forum would welcome, and respond to, comments from 3GPP-TSG-T2 concerning these specifications which are included under the terms of the co-operation agreement of our two organisations. Please note that the MMS Encapsulation specification will be a released as a proposed specification very soon and the Architecture Overview shortly afterwards.

On behalf of the WAP Forum