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all standards activities is achieved on the basis of contributions submitted to the meetings, and therefore it would be most helpful if those of your participating member organizations which are also members of the ITU-T were to provide such contributions with a view to help identify the specific topics where harmonization would offer value. These might include consideration of specific topics where harmonization has near term benefits, as well as those where medium and longer term benefits might accrue and might therefore be of interest at a later time;

(3) The workshop being proposed for early 2002 should provide an excellent occasion for furthering understanding of the harmonization topic itself and also for considering ways in which more effective and timely interaction could be fostered among the various organizations interested in the topic. The SSG therefore encourages workshop organizers to facilitate some level of involvement by the SSG.

In summary, the ITU-T SSG commends the initiative by the OHG to harmonize the All-IP core network standards in 3GPP and 3GPP2. We understand that the 3GPPs have the responsibility to develop their own specifications. The ITU-T SSG has no power to make any changes to the specifications. The SSG is willing to provide any support requested by 3GPP and 3GPP2 to assist in harmonization efforts in this area.

I would like to indicate that the Rapporteur for Question 6/SSG (Harmonization of evolving IMT-2000 systems) is Mr. Bruce Pettitt (Nortel Networks (Canada)), and he should therefore be considered as our prime contact on harmonization. His contact information is as follows:

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The SSG looks forward to further interaction with you on this matter. I would like to thank you for keeping the SSG aware of your interest and activities regarding Harmonization, and I look forward to successful collaboration on this and other aspects relating to IMT-2000 systems and beyond.

With best regards,



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