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Nomination of Stéphane Ragot (ORANGE SA, ETSI) as candidate for 3GPP TSG SA WG4 Vice-Chairman

Dear all,

On behalf of Orange SA, I am pleased to nominate Mr. Stéphane Ragot as a candidate for the position of Vice-Chairman of the 3GPP TSG SA WG4 group.

Mr Ragot received the Diplome d'Ingenieur in Telecommunication Engineering from Telecom Bretagne, France, in 1997 and M.A.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Sherbrooke, Canada, in 2000 and 2003. He was a Research Assistant at the University of Sherbrooke in 1997-2003, and a Research Engineer with VoiceAge Corporation in 2000-2003. He joined Orange Labs (formerly France Telecom R&D), Lannion, France in 2003, where he holds the position of Senior Research Engineer and Project Manager. He has authored 37 scientific publications.

Mr Ragot's involvement in standardization started with the development of the 3GPP AMR-WB+ codec. He then contributed technically to several ITU-T codecs (G.729.1, G.722 App. IV, G.711.1, G.718, G.729.1E, G.722B), and was an ITU-T SG16 delegate for France Telecom/Orange in 2004-2008. Since Jan. 2008, Mr. Ragot has been representing Orange in 3GPP SA4 and has coordinated the Orange/France Telecom delegation. In 3GPP SA4 he was co-Rapporteur for two work items on terminal acoustics, and has been involved in the EVS standardization since its beginning (EVS SWG Secretary, EVS-3 Editor). He has organized six 3GPP SA4 ad hoc meetings (four for SQ SWG, one for MBS SWG, one for EVS SWG).

If elected, Stéphane Ragot is committed to undertake the position of 3GPP SA WG4 Vice Chairman with the required fairness and diligence. Orange will provide Mr Ragot with the support required to successfully accomplish his Vice-Chair duties.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Sampson
Director, Wireless Access and Core Network Standardisation
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