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ATTN: Ms. Susanna Kooistra and Mr. Paolo Usai
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Subject: **Candidacy of Juergen Hofmann as Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN WG6**

Dear Ms. Kooistra, Dear Mr. Usai,

On behalf of Nokia, I am pleased to nominate Mr. Juergen Hofmann as a candidate for the Chairman position of 3GPP TSG RAN WG6 (RAN6) in the upcoming TSG RAN WG6 chairmanship election. Juergen represents Nokia Networks, ETSI.

Juergen has been actively participating in the standardization of GSM/EDGE in 3GPP GERAN since 2001 and has led several work and study items as rapporteur. He has been acting as Vice-Chair of 3GPP TSG GERAN between 2005 and 2007 and was appointed as RAN WG6 convener by TSG RAN#72.

He has solid and broad technical skills, covering both GSM/EDGE and 3G, and a deep understanding of the overall systems aspects from the perspectives of both the mobile and the network sides. His consensus-building spirit is well known and has facilitated the successful conclusion of technical discussions including those at RAN WG6#1. Through his participation in ETSI groups (i.e. MSG, RRS, RT) he is also known outside 3GPP, which is valuable in the communication to other bodies.

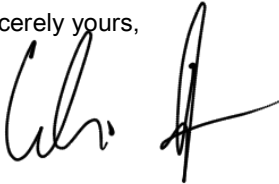
Nokia is committed to the 3GPP standards eco-system and will offer the support and resources necessary for Juergen to pursue the RAN6 activities successfully, including supporting him to

undertake the necessary training provided by ETSI to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as WG Chairman. We believe that Juergen's experience, technical and leadership skills make him highly suitable to act as TSG RAN WG6 Chairman during the coming years.

A brief curriculum vitae is attached.

The signatory below has the approval and authority to make this commitment on behalf of Nokia.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ulrich Dropmann', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Juergen Hofmann (brief CV)

Juergen Hofmann holds a diploma in Electrical Engineering from the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany), with focus on Communication Technology, from where he graduated in 1991. He specialised in digital signal processing and in particular investigated speech compression algorithms based on RELP (Residual Excited Linear Prediction) encoding.

He then worked at Siemens for 15 years and Nokia Siemens for 6 years before joining Nokia putting his focus to areas of 2G and 3G mobile radio as well as wireless local loop in terms of research, standardization (3GPP and ETSI) and systems / networks engineering.

He participated regularly in TSG GERAN since 2001, contributing on GERAN enhancements in terms of concept design and performance evaluation (such as MBMS, GERAN Evolution, GERAN-LTE Interworking, VAMOS, Multi-Standard Radio Base Station, Machine Type Communication and recently on cellular support for IoT based on GSM). He has acted as rapporteur for the work item VAMOS (Release 9, enhancing network capacity for voice) and for study items MUROS (Release 8), BTS Energy saving (Release 13) and Downlink MIMO (Release 14). He was elected as Vice-Chair of TSG GERAN in April 2005 for one term and appointed as TSG RAN WG6 convener by TSG RAN#72.

He is heading the Nokia GERAN delegation since 2011 and is also co-author of the publication "GSM/EDGE: Evolution and Performance" (Wiley, 2010).