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SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE POSITION AS 3GPP WG SA5 VICE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

Ericsson is pleased to nominate **Thomas TOVINGER** as a candidate for the position as Vice-Chair of the 3GPP TSG SA Working Group 5 (SA5); Management, Orchestration and Charging.

Thomas has successfully held the position as 3GPP SA5 Chair since August 2015. Before that, he was SA5 Vice-Chair from 2007 to 2015. He has also been chair of the Sub-Working Group C (Interface IRPs and Methodology) 2001-2005 and the Converged Management Sub-Working Group from 2013 to 2015, as well as rapporteur of a number of Work Items and Technical Specifications/Reports.

Working with all aspects of management system development for Ericsson from 1980 to 1999, as well as telecom management standardization in ETSI and 3GPP from 1993 until today, has given Thomas a broad knowledge and experience in these areas.

Ericsson is committed to the 3GPP standardization work and will give the full support and resources necessary for Thomas to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required as 3GPP SA5 Vice-Chair. Thomas has been trained to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions. He will comply with such laws while acting in his capacity as SA5 Vice-Chair.

Thomas Tovinger represents the Individual Member Ericsson LM and the Project Partner ETSI. A brief CV of Thomas is also provided.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krister Sällberg".

Krister Sällberg

Director, Telecom Standardization
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Brief CV of Mr. Thomas TOVINGER

Mr. Thomas TOVINGER received a Master of Science Diploma in Engineering Physics with Computer Science specialization at Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, in 1980 and has over 40 years of experience in the Information Technology and Telecommunications industry.

He joined Ericsson 1980 and worked with OSS programming, design and testing from 1980 to 1990, including a multi-vendor adaptation from 1984 to 1985. From 1990 to 1999 he continued with system development for various types of cellular OSS systems, including work as line manager and sub-project manager, and he started to participate in his first standardization group 1993: ETSI SMG6 developing the GSM 12-series management specifications. From 1993 to 1998 he participated in the 12.20 (BSS Management Information Model) group as well as the 12.06 (Configuration Management) and 12.11 (Fault Management) groups.

Thomas began his participation in 3GPP SA5 at meeting #3 in early 1999 and was Rapporteur/chair of the first Configuration Management group 1999-2001, where he was heavily involved in introducing the IRP (Integration Reference Point) concept for SA5.

After that, he continued as chair of 3GPP SA5 Sub Working Group C (Interface IRPs and Methodology) from August 2001 to September 2005. From 2005 to 2013 he was Rapporteur of a number of 3GPP SA5 Work Items: Subscription Management SOAP/XML Solution Set, Telecom Management Methodology, Study on version handling, IRP framework enhancements to support Management of Converged Networks, and 3GPP Fault Management Solution Profile for NGMN Next Generation Converged Operations Requirements. From August 2013 to August 2015 he was chair of the Converged Management Sub-Working Group (SWG) in SA5.

In parallel of the SA5 standardization work, Thomas was also member of the ETSI TISPAN NGN (Next Generation Networks) Network Management group (WG8) from 2005 to 2007.

In August 2007 Thomas was elected for the first term as Vice Chair of 3GPP SA5. In September 2009, August 2011 and August 2013 he was elected for a second, third and fourth term of the same position. In August 2015 Thomas was elected Chair of SA5, a duty which he successfully has ensured until today.

Thomas has also represented SA5 as speaker at a number of external conferences, such as the Layer123/Zero Touch Automation Congress in Madrid (March 2019), ONAP Multi-SDO workshop in San Jose (April 2019), TMF Digital Transformation Summit (Oct. 2020), Linux Networking Foundation Developer and Testing conference (June 2021), Mobile World Congress MWC Barcelona (June 2021) and ITU-T Focus Group Autonomous Networks (March 2022). Thomas was also Guest Editor of a special "Operations" issue of the Journal of ICT Standardization (published June 2019).