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LIAISON STATEMENT

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We would like to inform you that the IETF has just approved a new process for the handling of liaison statements.

In the past, ITU-T and IETF exchanged liaison statements on an informal basis. But since the handling of liaison statements was not part of the formal IETF process, these liaison statements did not always receive the proper consideration and within the IETF or produce a timely response when needed. We hope that the new process corrects this problem.

The process is described in two documents in the RFC Editor queue to be published as RFCs. While the final publication will differ in some small editorial ways, the text of the approved documents is available online now, and the process is established.

The first document describes the process by which the IAB creates liaison relationships for the IETF:

<http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-iab-liaison-mgt-03.txt>

This process is analogous to the A.4 and A.6 processes that you use to create liaison relationships for the ITU-T. Of course, ITU-T and IETF already have a long standing relationship that predates this formal process, and we expect that relationship to continue. In the terminology of the above document, the liaison manager we have appointed to be responsible for this relationship is Mr. Scott Bradner (sob@harvard.edu). Additional details of this relationship are already published in IETF RFC 3356 and ITU-T supplement A.sup3.

The second document describes the actual process of handling liaison statements between IETF and other organizations with which a liaison relationship has been established:

<http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-baker-liaison-statements-04.txt>

You will note that this document describes certain steps of the process in terms of electronic tools that we expect to provide to enable simple submission of liaison statements to IETF from other organizations. These tools are not yet available. For now, please continue to submit liaison

statements by sending them to the IETF secretariat using the email address statements@ietf.org. We will inform as soon as any improved tools become available.

Besides using the new process, the additional action that is necessary will be to revise the collaboration guidelines in IETF RFC 3356 and ITU-T supplement A.sup3 to reflect the use of the new liaison statement process as the way our two organizations can communicate.

Best regards,

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Chair, IAB.