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LIAISON STATEMENT**For action to:** IESG, IAB, IETF MPLS-WG**For comment to:** -**For information to:** -**Approval:** Agreed to at Study Group 15 meeting (Geneva, 14-25 February 2011)**Deadline:** 1 April 2011

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At the February meeting of ITU-T Study Group 15, we have reached the conclusion that the needs of many of the operators participating in this work are not met by the solutions currently under development in the IETF. Therefore, we have decided to progress this work through ITU-T Recommendations. We request that the IETF provide the necessary G-ACh codepoint allocations to support this work through advancement of draft-tsb-mpls-tp-ach-ptn. Note that we have done additional work during this meeting to more clearly define the network environment for this application and produced a scope of applicability in TD522/WP3 (attached). draft-tsb-mpls-tp-ach-ptn will be updated to include this scope statement.

The use of this G-ACh code point will fully comply with the framework and architecture for MPLS-TP that is currently being defined by IETF in cooperation with ITU-T. Allocation of this code point will allow ITU-T to develop the tools required to address the unique needs of the transport network and will make more efficient use of the resources of both organizations. Providing this codepoint will allow ITU-T to satisfy the immediate needs expressed at the recent Study Group 15 meeting recognizing that it is very important for ITU-T and IETF to provide timely solutions to maintain support for the MPLS-TP agreements.

Attach: TD522/WP3 and C-1124 Appendix I.

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