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Thank you for your liaison. We are confident that the agreements that were reached at the workshop on NGN held on 1 – 2 May 2005 will form the basis of our ongoing relationship. As was outlined at the workshop we see the NGN as the future direction of global network evolution leading to a multi-service, assured quality, secure, IP-based network. So we recognize that as we develop the NGN architecture and associated standards it is important that we keep the appropriate Areas and WGs in the IETF informed of our work and of requirements potentially impacting on IETF protocols.

In order to strengthen our relationships we have appointed a Liaison Officer on NGN from Study Group 13 to the IETF. This will complement the role that Scott Brim is fulfilling in the other direction. We have appointed Hui-Lan Lu (Lucent Technologies), who is very involved in both the ITU-T and IETF, to this role.

Also we have been putting in place the future working arrangements for the NGN studies following the closure of the NGN Focus Group later this year. The ongoing work leading from the results of the NGN Focus Group is to be conducted under the banner 'the NGN Global Standards Initiative' (NGN-GSI) and will be managed under the leadership of Study Group 13 through, as far as possible, co-located work of the involved ITU-T study groups and rapporteur groups. We will provide more information in due course.

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