We have noted that ITU-T Study Group 13 has just begun a study on the subject of separation of topology-independent identifiers and topology-dependent addresses.

We wish to inform you that the IETF, as the SDO responsible for Internet routing and addressing architecture and specifications, has had this topic under study since its inception and has recently been giving it particular attention. The IETF has scheduled explicit discussion sessions on the issue of separation of identifiers and locators at its 68th meeting to be held in Prague on March 18-23, 2007. Participation in these discussions is not restricted to the IETF and we urge any ITU-T expert interested in this topic to participate in email discussions (see below) and to attend the meeting (see http://www.ietf.org/meetings/68-IETF.html for information about the meeting).

There are several related activities well in progress in the IETF, especially the HIP and SHIM6 Working Groups, and a related IRTF activity, the HIP Research Group. (See http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/wg-dir.html#Internet%20Area and http://www.irtf.org/charter?gtype=rg&group=hip respectively.) Additionally, an open discussion list is available at https://www1.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/ram.