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Thank you for the liaison entitled “Liaison on the Cooperation Between IETF and ITU-T on the Development of MPLS Technology for Transport Networks” December 2008.

Thank you for your valuable cooperation and support of the joint effort with the ITU-T to achieve consensus on how to transition work on ITU-T T-MPLS to IETF MPLS-TP technology. There has been considerable progress since the joint work was initiated earlier in the year 2008. This is demonstrated by the number of participants associated with the effort, the interim meetings and long list of IETF drafts that have been produced. We have attached the report of these activities and proposals that have been adopted for the transition and progress at the ITU-T so that the IETF understands the methodology and history of the effort. (attach TD75R1/WP3)

We share your concern regarding the need for the two organizations to communicate a clear and consistent message to the industry that the MPLS-TP design will fully satisfy the needs of an MPLS-based transport network and agree that we need to use a common name for the technology.

We have taken the following steps as described in the attachment:

- Formally record in the report of SG 15 the acceptance of the JWT report (contained in the attachment to TD 7/WP3), including the agreement that the ITU-T will not undertake any further work to progress T-MPLS.

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"The next update of this Recommendation will only describe MPLS-TP and will include normative references to the MPLS-TP RFCs under development to meet ITU-T transport requirements."

- Rename the ad hoc on T-MPLS to ad hoc on MPLS-TP
- Update the work programme webpage to reflect that the tasks are to be aligned with MPLS-TP and replace references to T-MPLS in the current question texts with MPLS-TP. Add a task to the questions (where appropriate):

The next update of Recommendation G.81xx "T-MPLS ..." will only describe MPLS-TP and will include normative references to the MPLS-TP RFCs under development to meet ITU-T transport requirements. Upon completion, update the title to replace T-MPLS with MPLS-TP to reflect the new content.

Ensure that the relationship to the appropriate IETF WGs are identified in the question text.

We are pleased to see the spirit of cooperation and the consequent excellent progress that is being made by the experts of the IETF and the ITU-T on the development of MPLS-TP. We thank the IETF for their continued collaboration, and look forward to the successful and timely delivery of MPLS-TP to the industry.
