Liaison Statement		
Title:	**IETF and NGN Workshop**	
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Thank you very much for hosting the recent NGN workshop in Geneva, providing the opportunity to discuss mutually interesting networking technical issues with members of the IETF community. Given our expectation that there will be many future networks, we were intentionally neutral about the NGN proposal specifically, although we believe the IETF participants left the meeting with a much clearer notion of what ITU-T is intending with respect to their NGN plan. We hope ITU participants felt similarly informed about IETF work.

As you know from its mission statement (RFC3935), "The goal of the IETF is to make the Internet work better." We therefore place considerable importance on understanding the requirements of all systems/applications that are built on top of the IETF protocols. As the ITU-T's NGN plan is one such system/application, we will continue to encourage and provide guidance for taking further discussion of NGN requirements to the appropriate IETF working groups.

To that point, we are pleased to be able to confirm the recent publication of 2 documents describing the refined liaison communication management processes within the IETF (RFC4052/BCP102, RFC4053/BCP103). These refined processes will support and foster the crucial communications links between our organizations that will ensure the appropriate development of protocols meeting the collected requirements of all Internet uses.

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