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Ref. : TD 410 Rev.1 (PLEN/4)****Source:** ITU-T Study Group 4 (Geneva, 13-23 May 2008)**Title:** Transition from the NGN Management Focus Group to the Joint Coordination Activity on Management**LIAISON STATEMENT****To:** NGN Management Focus Group partner organisations:  
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This liaison statement informs you about the decisions by ITU-T Study Group 4 with respect to the future of the NGN Management Focus Group (NGNMFG).

The NGNMFG was set up in November 2004 with the goal to organize and undertake a centralized approach regarding specification of NGN Management. The main deliverable resulting from this work is the NGN Management Specification Roadmap document.

Over the lifetime of the NGNMFG it became clear that this group played an increasingly significant role as a platform for the exchange of information between the most important organisations, fora and other groups involved in the generation of NGN, or NGN-related network and service management specifications. Concrete results of this platform function are the various harmonisation efforts, e.g. on Management Architecture, on NGN Accounting Management, and on Management Interface Specification methodologies, many of which are still in progress.

ITU-T SG4 would like to see this platform function be more strengthened, and also widened to include non-NGN Management. However, according to the ITU-T operating procedures, a Focus Group is not the most suitable organizational form for such coordination work. More suitable is the form of a Joint Coordination Activity (JCA). The NGNMFG recognised this point and proposed to SG4 to terminate the NGNMFG and to create a JCA for Management (JCA-Mgt).

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In its May 2008 meeting, SG4 agreed to follow these proposals and decided as follows:

- the final report of the NGNMFG was approved;
- the NGN Management Focus Group was terminated;
- the completion of the NGN specific work of the Focus Group, i.e. the development of the NGN Management Specification Roadmap document, was entrusted to Q.8/4;
- a Joint Coordination Activity for Management, JCA-Mgt, was created.

Attached to this liaison statement are three documents containing:

1. TD427 (PLEN/4): the main body of the final report of the NGNMFG to SG4;
2. TD407Rev2 (PLEN/4): the Terms of Reference for the JCA-Mgt as approved by SG4 (this document is referred to as Attachment 1 in the main body of the NGNMFG report);
3. TD428 (PLEN/4): the NGN Management Specification Roadmap version 5.1 (this documents is referred to as Attachment 2 in the main body of the NGNMFG report). Note that the structure of the Roadmap has been changed considerably with respect to version 4.0. The goal is to improve the readability and usability of the document. Any feedback on this aspect is highly appreciated.

At this point, ITU-T SG4 wants to thank very much all the participants from the partner organisations which contributed to the work of the NGNMFG. Without those contributions, the NGNMFG could not have obtained the results which are available today. ITU-T SG4 would like to endorse the invitations for participation which the convenor of the JCA-Mgt plans to send soon to the partner organisations of the former NGNMFG.



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