Aims:
Standardise a limited set of interconnection QoS PHBs and classes. Accept deployment of different provider internal class- and codepoint schemes. Simplify interconnection by a set of classes to which and from which provider internal QoS schemes are mapped at interconnection.
This enables end-to-end QoS using classes of similar properties along all domains. Allow aggregating PHBs into classes. Respect IP over MPLS & Ethernet aspects.
The DiffServ-Intercon scheme allows to develop a single interconnection interface QoS config regarding classification and marking. This policy can be applied at all interconnection interfaces using DiffServ-Intercon.

DiffServ Intercon can be applied if four or less classes are interconnected and they meet the class definitions specified by DiffServ-Intercon. The latter are rough descriptions and leave room for provider specific implementation.

Conditioning depends on bilateral agreements.
DiffServ Interconnection scheme for QoS classes and codepoints

DiffServ–Intercon roughly defines classes, their properties and codepoints to identify them at interconnection interfaces.

DiffServ-Intercon does not specify, how a provider produces a class. DiffServ Intercon does not specify any quantitative performance objectives.

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Properties</th>
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<td>Priority</td>
<td>Should meet the EF PHB jitter and delay figures of merit (both in the range of low single digit milliseconds), see RFC3246.</td>
<td>EF</td>
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<td>Bulk Inelastic</td>
<td>Optimised for low loss, low delay, low jitter at high bandwidth. Traffic load must be controlled. Avoid packet discards by active queue management. Congestion may result in bursty packet loss. If used for multimedia traffic, audio and video should both have this class.</td>
<td>AF41</td>
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<td>Assured</td>
<td>To transport traffic without bandwidth requirements. Aims on very low loss at high bandwidths. Expect retransmissions after losses. Expect active queue management with probabilistic dropping.</td>
<td>AF31, AF32, AF33</td>
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Issues and questions after list discussion of -02

Issues related to aggregation of PHBs based on the old „IP Precedence Bits“
Classifying a class by the three most important DSCP bits
- simplifies mapping of IP DiffServ to MPLS and Ethernet.
- is preferrable for public IP traffic if MPLS Pen-ultimate Hop Popping is deployed.
- does not mean, that the IP-Precedence CoS scheme is required by DiffServ-Intercon.
- Next step: define this feature and propose terminology.

- Clarify the relation of DiffServ-Intercon to RFC5127 (or a revised version of the latter)
  - Revise RFC5127, align contents, adavance both separately (preferred by the author).
  - Progress DiffServ-Interconn and leave RFC5127. Possibly not really desirable.
  - Replace RFC5127 by an enhanced version of DiffServ-Intercon (enlarged by RFC5127 content). Will slow down progress of DiffServ-Intercon.
  - Relation to RFC5127 requires WG decision.

- Decide on making this document or -03 a WG draft and desired status. Should this be put on standards track?

- Requires some more clarifications, improved terminology and editorial changes….