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To: Seizo Onoe Chairman, IMT-Advanced Subcommittee Advanced Wireless Communications Study Committee

Association of Radio Industries and Businesses (ARIB)

Subject: Liaison statement concerning the next steps of IMT-Advanced Process

Dear Mr. Onoe,

Thank you for ARIB's activities in support of IEEE's IMT-Advanced candidate RIT submission and its efforts leading to Japan's IMT-Advanced RIT proposal based on IEEE 802.16. Thanks to cooperation amongst all the parties, all of the three proposals for IMT-Advanced based on IEEE 802.16 were considered complete at the 6th meeting of the ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP 5D).

Regarding your request for more details on our IMT-Advanced plans, the IEEE 802.16 Working Group (WG) has updated its workplan (IEEE L802.16-08/058r5) for IMT-Advanced during its Session #64. We also developed the agenda (IEEE L802.16-09/0130r1) of the IEEE 802.16 IMT-Advanced Evaluation Group Coordination Meeting of 13 January 2010 in San Diego, California, USA, where we will take this opportunity to communicate directly with the Independent Evaluation Groups to help facilitate evaluations of the IMT-Advanced candidate RIT based on IEEE 802.16 (so-called "IEEE Technology"). Please note that we are also inviting Japan and TTA to the meeting as proponents of the IEEE Technology.

We look forward to continued cooperation with your organization as well as with Japan on future steps in the IMT-Advanced Process over the next year. IEEE 802.16 WG has developed a process (IEEE L802.16-09/0136) for addressing questions posted to the ITU-R IMT-Advanced Correspondence Group which includes reaching consensus using an IEEE 802.16 WG email reflector. ARIB IMT-Advanced Subcommittee members and ARIB's designated representatives for the Correspondence Group are welcome to participate in the email reflector to develop the responses. In addition, the IEEE 802.16 WG would appreciate if Japan could support the IEEE responses to questions raised in the Correspondence Group by posting supporting messages.

We would also like to propose development of a contribution expressing views on the external evaluation matters, including questions raised during the Correspondence Group activity, co-signed by proponents of the IEEE Technology, to the next ITU-R WP 5D meeting. We will share a draft of such contribution with you in due time.

We continue to appreciate contributions from the ARIB IMT-Advanced Subcommittee members toward the IEEE 802.16m standard development as well.

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