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**LIAISON STATEMENT**

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This liaison is to inform you that ITU-T Study Group 4 has begun an effort to develop a recommendation for a management interface to be used for the management of EPONs. The Question 14 sub-working group of Study Group 4 recently accepted a contribution to begin this work and has a working text with the temporary title "Q.EPON." It focuses on the interface between an EPON "Element Management System" and a "Network Management System." A copy of this is enclosed for your reference. We are aware of your efforts in the area of EPON and would like to receive from you an update on your progress in network management requirements as well as network equipment interface and operation specifications.

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