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LIAISON STATEMENT

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Abstract: This liaison statement announces the consent of draft Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3 (ex G.eth), how this Recommendation may be revised, and looks ahead to collaboration, collocation, and joint workshop opportunities with IEEE 802.

Thank you for your liaison [IEEE 802-LS3](#). We are pleased to inform the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) that at our 17-28 March 2025 plenary meeting, ITU-T SG15 has initiated the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) for draft Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3 (2025) *Ethernet* (ex draft ITU-T G.eth). The consented draft of this Edition 1.0 is attached.

Per the AAP specified in Recommendation ITU-T A.8, following announcement on 16 April 2025 of a four week-long Last Call, publication would ensue shortly thereafter if no comments other than typographical errors are received, and otherwise shortly after a three week-long Additional Review (unless the latter results in further comments other than typographical errors, in which case the next ITU-T SG15 plenary meeting would decide the next step).

Once published, Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3 will make IEEE Std 802.3-2022 and its amendments 1 through 9 available as an ITU-T Recommendation through referencing. This referencing is based on the generic procedures specified in Recommendation ITU-T A.5.

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We would nevertheless be happy to consider a revision that would include such material should the LMSC decide to proceed per one of these three options.

On the assumption that the LMSC may prefer not to have such material included, following is how we propose to maintain Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3 going forward.

We noted from the IEEE 802.3 liaison reply [IEEE802.3EthernetWG-LS145](#) (on issue 34 of the Optical Transport Networks & Technologies Standardization Work Plan) that IEEE Std 802.3-2022/Cor 1-2025 has been approved and published. We would be happy to consider revising Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3 to cover this corrigendum and any further revisions, amendments, corrigenda, and errata of IEEE Std 802.3.

The process we would kindly ask you to follow to trigger such consideration is to provide a liaison statement by the start of the next ITU-T SG15 opening plenary meeting requesting such consideration and including designation and title for each new revision, amendment, corrigendum, and erratum, as applicable. Your submission to ITU-T SG15 of said liaison statement will be considered upon receipt by ITU-T SG15 as indication that LMSC wishes for ITU-T SG15 to revise Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3 at the earliest opportunity.

In anticipation of your potential request to incorporate IEEE Std 802.3-2022/Cor 1-2025 by reference, we have added a new work item toward consent of draft revised Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3 (Edition 2.0) at our 13-24 October 2025 ITU-T SG15 plenary meeting. ITU-T SG15 intends to pro-actively create further such work items upon becoming aware of publication or anticipated publication of future IEEE Std 802.3 revisions, amendments, corrigenda, or errata.

We look forward to further collaboration on incorporation by reference, and to collocating our plenaries again as we meet next July 2026.

ITU-T SG15 very much appreciated the LMSC sponsoring our successful Ninth Joint IEEE 802 and ITU-T SG15 Workshop in Montreal. Our appreciation extends to your sponsoring part of our July 2026 plenary meeting and the Tenth Joint IEEE 802 and ITU-T SG15 Workshop. We intend to continue hosting the proceedings and also look forward to working with you to plan this next workshop.

In addition, ITU-T SG15 has indeed been focused on promoting our standardization work at conferences and industry events. ITU-T SG15 welcomes IEEE 802’s interest in exploring joint promotion events with us. We will keep you apprised of any such opportunities and welcome your suggestions. As a start, we would suggest communicating on the publication of Recommendation ITU-T G.8020.3.

ITU-T SG15 looks forward to continued collaboration between our organizations.

Attachment TD66R1/P.