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Title: Liaison to <XXX> on MPEG-21 Issues

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We would like to draw your attention to three matters:

1. 2nd Version of the Proposed Draft Technical Report for MPEG-21
2. Updated Version of the Call for Proposals for Digital Item Identification and Description
3. A Call for Requirements for a Rights Data Dictionary and a Rights Expression Language

In July 2000, WG11 has sent you the *Proposed Draft Technical Report: The Multimedia Framework* (document WG11/N3500). In its recent meetings, WG11 has further enhanced the document and hereby sends you a *second* version of the PDTR (document WG11/N3939)

We believe that this Framework, commonly called MPEG-21, is of great interest to your activities.

The process by which MPEG-21 will arrive at a specification is to first identify the global problem. This will be a time-limited exercise that will lead to the production of a Technical Report – of which the PDTR is the first stage. The Technical Report will identify how the integration of the aforementioned technologies fits into the broader picture. The Technical Report is expected to reach Final Draft Technical Report stage in July 2001.

In parallel to refining the PDTR v.2, WG11 has already started the specification phase for MPEG-21 by issuing two Calls for Proposals:

1. Digital Item Declaration (for which responses have been presented at WG11's January meeting and for which a first Working Draft has been produced);
2. Digital Item Identification and Description (for which we expect responses by 26th February 2001, a revised version of this call is attached with WG11/3942.).

It is expected that standards corresponding to those parts will be approved at Final Draft International Standards in December 2001.

MPEG would like to reiterate, however, that a work item like MPEG-21 can only be completed successfully in close co-operation with other standards bodies and consortia, including <XXX>. Therefore, WG11 would like to solicit your input to the attached document. We warmly invite you to consider appropriate forms of collaboration in the development of the MPEG-21 standard.

Within the work on MPEG-4, MPEG-7 and MPEG-21, we came to the conclusion that it would be beneficiary to be able to express the rules and conditions under which content may be used. While we have identified the need for such technology, WG11 does not yet hold firm requirements for such a work item.

In order to establish such requirements, WG11 has now issued a *Call for Requirements for a Rights Data Dictionary and a Rights Expression Language*. Details on the call can be found in WG11/N3950 (attached).

WG11 would like to invite <XXX> and its members to participate in the call which we have enclosed.