Liaison Statement  
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Thank you for your liaison statement dated November 5, 2009.

Firstly, the IETF would like to give an update on the status of codec activities within the IETF. On 26 January 2010, the IETF formally approved the formation of the Internet Wideband Codec (CODEC) working group. Its charter called for three documents to be produced – a guidelines draft which discusses the work process for the group, a requirements document which defines requirements for the codec, and a specification of the codec itself. The charter can be found at <http://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/codec/charter/>. The initial chairs of this group were Michael Knappe ([mknappe@juniper.net](mailto:mknappe@juniper.net)) and Peter St. Andre ([stpeter@stpeter.im](mailto:stpeter@stpeter.im)). However, the subsequent election of Peter to the IESG caused him to step down, replaced by Jonathan Rosenberg ([jdrosen@jdrosen.net](mailto:jdrosen@jdrosen.net)) and Cullen Jennings ([fluffy@cisco.com](mailto:fluffy@cisco.com)).

The group met for the first time as a formal working group from March 21-26 in Anaheim. The focus of activities at this meeting was around the requirements and codec process. There was also discussion on candidate codecs. Minutes can be found at <http://www.ietf.org/proceedings/10mar/minutes/codec.html>. The group has also adopted a requirements document as a working group item. The current draft can be found at <http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-codec-requirements/>.

The IETF is also soliciting contributions - from anyone - with proposed codecs which can meet the requirements described above. We would be happy to consider the AAC-LD and AAC-ELD codecs, and would welcome IETF Internet Drafts describing them. The IETF would also welcome participation from any subject matter experts. Experts can join the mailing list, codec@ietf.org, by visiting the link above. As you are probably aware, participation in the mailing list is open to any and all who would wish to do so.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rosenberg, CODEC working group co-chair