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**Subject: 2nd HATS Interoperability testing event on NGN - 9 July 2013 and
Workshop on 24 September 2013, in Tokyo, Japan**

Dear Mr Koro and Mr Takeichi,

I would like to extend ITU's sincere appreciation to HATS, through you, for organizing the 2nd HATS Interoperability event on NGN, including both the testing held on 9 July 2013 and the workshop on 24 September 2013, in Tokyo, Japan.

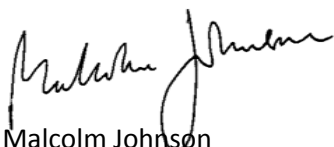
Your continuous effort on NGN interoperability testing is very valuable to improve the level of interoperability of products from different manufacturers incorporating ITU-T Q.3900 series of Recommendations as demonstrated by the July testing event.

I am glad to learn that feedbacks have been provided to ITU-T SG11 work since the 1st HATS Interoperability event on NGN which was held in July last year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank TTC and CIAJ for supporting it.

I look forward to receiving further feedback from such NGN testing to ITU-T standardization work to improve interoperability of products, and continuing future cooperation with HATS in this area.

Yours sincerely,



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