# ITU-T SG12 "From/In/To Cars Communication" FG Terms of Reference

## 1 Scope

The objective of the Focus Group is to develop a new set of requirements and specifications to help advance the work of the ITU-T SG12, mainly Questions 4/12 and 12/12, and to encourage participation in this activity of members of other standards organisations involved in car and Telecommunications/ICT industries, including experts and individuals who may not be members of ITU.

#### 2 Terms of Reference

The following areas should be addressed in the future activity of the Focus Group:

- In car communication: Quality parameters and testing methods
- Interaction of car hands-free systems with the radio channel\*
- Extension of the work to wideband car hands-free systems
- Special requirements/testing procedures for speech recognition systems in cars

# 3 Leadership

Chairman: H.G. Gierlich (Head Acoustics)

Vice Chairman: Jean-Yves Monfort (France Telecom)

The Focus Group will appoint any other leadership, as needed.

# 4 Participation

The Focus Group may include experts from ITU members and other non-member organizations (such as administrations, network operators, manufacturers, industry trade organisations, user groups etc.)

A list of participants is to be maintained and reported to SG12.

### 5 Financing

The Focus Group will be self-funded by its members.

Meetings will be funded by volunteer hosting organizations.

# **6** Administrative support

The TSB Secretariat will provide basic administrative support from ITU-T headquarters.

<sup>\*</sup> Will consider impacts on Voice quality, and shall not consider frequency/spectrum matters.

# **7** Meeting logistics

The frequency and location of meetings will be determined by the Focus Group.

Electronic document handling will be used as much as possible.

# **8** Working language

The working languages will be determined by agreement of the Focus Group participants.

# 9 Technical contributions electronically and by face-to-face

Any Focus Group member may submit a technical contribution. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged.

# 10 Patent policy

The Focus Group will follow the ITU-T practice.

#### 11 Deliverables

The Focus Group is expected to develop specifications as inputs for ITU-T Recommendations for consideration by SG12.

## 12 Approval of deliverables

The Focus Group will follow a consensus process.

#### 13 Distribution of documentation

The Focus Group will distribute its documentation electronically via Email and to the ITU-T web site.

### **14** Working methods

The Focus Group will be contribution –driven. It will work electronically and by face-to-face meetings. Meetings will be held as determined by the Focus Group and will be announced in accordance with ITU-T procedures.

### 15 Progress reports

As required by ITU-T procedures, the Focus Group will report to each SG 12 meeting.

## **16** Announcement of Focus Group formation

ITU publications and other means, including communication with other organizations and/or experts, technical journals and the World Wide Web.

### 17 Action plan

- Review of the existing draft P.CARHF, identifying missing segments and add sections as needed
- Add missing sections on testing
- Add missing chapters on headset requirements

- If possible, add section on speech recognition
- Add considerations on wideband

#### 18 Milestones

- Kick-off meeting in January 2007 (in association with SG12 meeting)
- Second meeting in conjunction with the Workshop "The fully networked car", March 2007
- Third meeting, Autumn 2007
- Stable draft of P.CARHF for SG12 meeting end of 2007

#### 19 Collaboration

To define the requirements and define the specifications, a strong collaboration is required between administrations, network operators, car manufacturers, suppliers of car manufacturers, telecommunications/ICT manufacturers, industry trade organisations, user groups, regulators.

Collaboration is necessary with ITU-T SG5, SG16 and SG19. Collaboration is also necessary with relevant SDOs.