CCITT SGXV Working Party XV/1

Experts Group for ATM Video Coding

SOURCE:

The Netherlands, Germany, France, U K, Belgium,

Sweden, Norway, Italy

TITLE:

Very low bitrate videotelephony standardization

PURPOSE:

Information/dicussion

It is recognized that videotelephony service on PSTN is an urgent business case and some action must be taken to initiate the related standardization process, in order to avoid incompatible solutions.

The standardization has to cover all areas of service description, infrastructure, systems, terminals and call control.

It is also recognized that videotelephony for mobile network is very important.

Moreover, it is desirable that videocoding algorithm interworks over various networks (PSTN, mobile, cordless, ISDN...)

Activities have been initiated in Europe in the COST211 project, in RACE and in ETSI and we are willing to support the CCITT SGXV standardization work in this domain.