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Title: Comments on patent statement concerning licensing policy by the CCITT for a preferred algorithm for the n x 384 kbit/s video coding for visual telephony.

PTT has the following remarks with regard to the patent statement:

- 1 advise to add "non-transferable" before licenses (first sentence),
- 2 "essential patent" needs a better definition because it is not clear under what circumstances the patent is not essential,
- 3 "the exercise of their best efforts", what limits are given to this, if one is willing to spend enough money for research and development, one can even avoid the essential patents.

Furthermore we miss a regulation for the other industrial and intellectual property rights as on software. We think it will be necessary to regulate this sort of rights too because they could be essential to comply with the Recommendation.