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LIAISON STATEMENT

To: MEF (with copy to IEEE 802.1)
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A joint meeting of Q.5/13 and Q.9, 11 & 12/15 was held in Naperville (IL, USA) during the period 28 November - 2 December 2005.

During that meeting we discussed the consequence of the reception in an administrative domain (e.g; operator), performing Ethernet OAM, of untagged OAM frames coming from another administrative domain (e.g. client).

We came to the following conclusion:

- In case the client OAM frames are untagged, a coordination between the owners of the two domains is needed for an appropriate allocation/configuration of the ME levels.
- When the client OAM frames are tagged, any of the 8 ME levels can independently be used in each domain

Therefore, it is desired that you consider adding the ME level negotiation as a service attribute in your ongoing services phase 2 work items.

Note that we are also copying you a reply to a Liaison Statement from Q.17/12 on Ethernet performance parameters.

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