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An Agreement between the Internet Society  
and  
Sun Microsystems, Inc.  
in the Matter of ONC RPC and XDR Protocols

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Purpose:

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AND  
SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.  
IN THE MATTER OF  
ONC RPC AND XDR PROTOCOLS

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