OSC License Policy

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"Native" Licenses for OSC and SCP repos

- OSC and SCP Charters: https://www.o-ran.org/software
- OSC Charter section 7.c
  - Code: Apache License, Version 2.0 (the "ProjectLicense"), available at http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.
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Apache Software Foundation policy on Using 3rd-party code

- As identified by Apache Software Foundation 3rd Party License Policy (https://www.apache.org/legal/resolved.html for full list)
  - Category A: "Apache like", may be used as part of ASF product
    - Apache 2.0, Apache 1.1 (PHP 3.01, MX4J)
    - BSD (BSD 2-clause, BSD 3-clause, DOM4J, PostgreSQL, Eclipse Distribution License 1.0),
    - MIT/X11 (ISC, Standard ML of New jersey, Cup Parser Generator)
    - Python Software Foundation License 2.0
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    - …
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    - Eclipse Public License: EPL 1.0, EPL 2.0
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    - JSON license
    - …

Other LF project example: CNCF

- https://github.com/cncf/foundation/blob/master/allowed-third-party-license-policy.md
    - Approved licenses
        - BSD-2-Clause
        - BSD-2-Clause-FreeBSD
        - BSD-3-Clause
        - MIT
        - ISC
        - Python-2.0
        - PostgreSQL
        - X11
        - Zlib
        - Google patent license for Golang (https://golang.org/PATENTS)
    - Use established projects
    - Code stored unmodified in a designated third-party directory

OSC external code license uses in Apache 2 repos

Identified uses	OK-ed by ASF Cat A	OK-ed by CNCF	Previous OSC Attribution
Apache 2	Y	Y	Y
BSD-2-Clause	Y	Y	Y
BSD-3-Clause	Y	Y	Y
MIT	Y	Y	Y
FSFAP (Free Software Foundation All Permissive)			Y
GPL-2.0-or-later with Bison-exception *			Y

Potential uses	OK-ed by ASF Cat A	OK-ed by CNCF	Previous OSC Attribution
Python 2	Y	Y	
Google "Additional IP Rights Grant (Patents)" for Golang		Y	
GPL variations (e.g. Linux kernel space code)			

Requesting ToC vote on adopting the following "3ʳᵈ party code use policy"

- Use 3ʳᵈ party code allowed if:
    1. 3ʳᵈ party code under a license from the list below
        - BSD-2-Clause
        - BSD-3-Clause
        - MIT
        - FSFAP (Free Software Foundation All Permissive)
        - GPL-2.0-or-later with Bison-exception * (Code must be generated by Bison)
        - Python 2
        - Google IP grant for Golang
    2. Code unmodified in designated 3ʳᵈ –party directory, with original license and other claims.

- Other uses require case-by-case review and approval from ToC