**3GPP TSG RAN WG2 #121-bis-e R2-230xxxx**

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Title: DRAFT LS to RAN1 on multicast reception in RRC\_INACTIVE

Response to: -

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Source: Apple (to be RAN2)

To: RAN1

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Attachments: None

**1. Overall Description:**

For Rel-18 MBS enhancement, RAN2 has discussed multicast reception in RRC\_INACTIVE and made several agreements (chair notes can be found in R2-2304207).

RAN2 would like to inform RAN1 of the following which may be relevant to RAN1:

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| RAN2#121bis-e agreements:1. CFR for multicast reception in RRC\_INACTIVE
	* From the location&bandwidth and SCS configuration perspective,  follow R17 MBS broadcast CFR principle (i.e. case A,C,E) to provide multicast CFR configuration in RRC\_INACTIVE.
	* Multicast CFR in RRC\_INACTIVE and broadcast CFR can be configured differently. FFS whether we need to restrict that one CFR is completely contained within the other in this case (we should understand what the issue is otherwise).
	* Case B and case D are not supported for multicast CFR in RRC\_INACTIVE.
	* Whether multicast CFR in RRC\_CONNECTED and in RRC\_INACTIVE are different is up to NW implementation. FFS whether this causes some issues which need to be addressed.
	* The same CFR is used for multicast MCCH and MTCH. It can be revisited if there is any issue found, e.g. for RedCap UEs.
2. HARQ Operation (including beam and DCI format)
	* HARQ feedback related information in the DCI is not needed or can be ignored for multicast transmission to RRC\_INACTIVE UE.
	* The HARQ operation for multicast reception in RRC\_INACTIVE is same as the operation without HARQ feedback in RRC\_CONNECTED state.
	* The multicast transmission in RRC\_INACTIVE is performed via beam sweeping based on SSB index like broadcast MBS (i.e. beam information is not need in DCI).
	* For MTCH, RAN2 assumes to reuse the same DCI format of R17 multicast (i.e. DCI format 4-1/4-2) for dynamic scheduling of multicast in RRC INACTIVE. RAN2 assumes for multicast MCCH scheduling, DCI format 4-0 is used. We will ask RAN1 to confirm whether it is feasible and whether both 4-1 and 4-2 are needed.
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Additionally, RAN2 has made some assumptions on aspects relevant to RAN1 and would like to check RAN1 views on the following for multicast reception in RRC\_INACTIVE:

* **Question 1:** RAN1 to check the feasibility of the following RAN2 assumption. If feasible, whether both DCI format 4-1 and DCI format 4-2 are needed?
	+ *For MTCH, RAN2 assumes to reuse the same DCI format of R17 multicast (i.e. DCI format 4-1/4-2) for dynamic scheduling of multicast in RRC INACTIVE. RAN2 assumes for multicast MCCH scheduling, DCI format 4-0 is used.*
* **Question 2:** RAN1 to confirm whether the following RAN2 understanding is correct.
	+ *RAN2 understanding that PDSCH aggregation is supported for multicast MTCH in RRC\_INACTIVE (as that is supported in Rel-17 multicast MTCH in RRC\_CONNECTED as well as broadcast MTCH).*
* **Question 3:** RAN1 to check the feasibility of reusing the following Rel-17 CSS design for multicast MTCH and multicast MCCH:
	+ *3.1) reusing the same CSS type for multicast MTCH in RRC\_INACTIVE (same as multicast MTCH in RRC\_CONNECTED) if multicast CFR in RRC\_INACTIVE is same as in RRC\_CONNECTED;*
		- *NOTE: if multicast CFR in RRC\_INACTIVE is different from that in RRC\_CONENCTED, RAN2 assumes R18 specific CSS configuration will be needed for multicast MTCH reception.*
	+ *3.2) separate CSS for multicast MCCH and multicast MTCH in RRC\_INACTIVE.*

**2. Actions:**

**To** **RAN1 group**

**ACTION:** RAN2 respectfully asks RAN1 to take the above agreements into consideration and provide responses to the above questions.

**3. Dates of next RAN2 meetings:**

TSG-RAN WG2#122 2023-05-22 to 2023-05-26 Incheon, KR

TSG-RAN WG2#123 2023-08-21 to 2023-08-25 Toulouse, FR