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1 Introduction

A meeting of the 3GPP Heads of Delegation took place on 14 March 2003 in Birmingham, UK. The following representatives took part in the meeting:

Karl Heinz Rosenbrock	ETSI
Asok Chatterjee	T1
Kohei Satoh	ARIB
Nob Horisaki	TTC
Byoung Moon Chin	TTA
Wang Zhiqin	CWTS
Adrian Scrase	MCC

2 Meeting results

A discussion took place on the future funding arrangements for 3GPP that should be implemented from 2004 onwards. The following preliminary conclusions were drawn (which are subject to further discussion and agreement within the Partner Organizations):

- i. Irrespective of any future funding arrangements the nature of 3GPP should be preserved, characterised by the Organizational Parties owning the Project and it's results. 3GPP should not become a Forum!
- ii. The current principle of taking into account both the Individual Member (IM) decision making process (1 member 1 vote) and OP decision making process (1 OP 1 vote) within the funding formula should be preserved.
- iii. The existing 50/50 funding ratio (where 50% of the budget is raised by equal Partner payments and the remaining 50% by proportional payments) is no longer suitable and a ratio of 20/80 should be further explored for future use (where 20% of the budget is raised by equal Partner payments and the remaining 80% by proportional payments).
- iv. The budget should be simplified by including all activities within a unified budget (i.e., UTRAN, GERAN, and specific tasks).

- v. All Organizational Partners should contribute according to the new formula for all 3GPP activities (i.e., UTRAN, GERAN, and specific tasks).
- vi. Market Representation Partners should be encouraged to contribute voluntarily to the funding of 3GPP activities (in 50kEUR units).
- vii. Measures to improve the cost efficiency of 3GPP should be actively pursued (e.g. changes to the organizational structure, number of meetings, frequency of releases, etc).
- viii. Active measures are to be taken to prevent membership churn from one Partner to another.

3 Consequences for 3GPP Organizational Partners

In reaching the conclusions given above, consideration was given to the economic impact on Organizational Partners. In the case of ETSI, it was noted that the number of Individual Members declared was much higher than the number actually participating in 3GPP meetings. It was noted that 161 ETSI Members had participated in a 3GPP meeting during the past six months and this figure was therefore used to derive the table given below.

20/80 split with ETSI at 161 members:

	IMs	IMs Proportions	Budget IM based	Budget OP based	Total	Cost per IM
ARIB	21	0,09	493	220	713	34
CWTS	5	0,02	117	220	337	67
ETSI	161	0,72	3778	220	3998	25
T1	17	0,08	399	220	619	36
TTA	10	0,04	235	220	455	45
TTC	11	0,05	258	220	478	43
	225	1	5280	1320	6600	

Since ETSI Members currently do not pay any extra fee for participation in 3GPP, and since an increase in ETSI's share of the cost may necessitate the need for ETSI to change that policy, another calculation was performed for ETSI having 120 Individual Members. The result of that calculation is given in the table below.

20/80 split with ETSI at 120 members:

	IMs	IMs Proportions	Budget IM based	Budget OP based	Total	Cost per IM
ARIB	21	0,11	603	220	823	39
CWTS	5	0,03	143	220	363	73
ETSI	120	0,65	3443	220	3663	31
T1	17	0,09	488	220	708	42
TTA	10	0,05	287	220	507	51
TTC	11	0,06	316	220	536	49
	184	1	5280	1320	6600	

4 Next Steps

The Heads of Delegation have planned to meet (if necessary) in Berlin on September 19th in conjunction with the TSG meetings. This will enable any outstanding difficulties to be resolved.

It is expected that the final arrangements for the 2004 budget, and the manner in which that budget will be derived, will be confirmed at the next meeting of the Organizational Partners which will take place in Boston on 3 October 2003.

5 Actions required by OP#9

The Organizational Partners are requested to:

- Discuss the results of the 3GPP Heads of Delegation meeting on 3GPP funding and financing which took place on 14 March 2003
- Provide "in principle" support for the proposed funding arrangements for implementation from 2004 onwards.
- Determine what further actions are required to confirm the funding arrangements for 2004 onwards.