Source: **TSG RAN Vice Chair (Alcatel)**

Title: **Proposal for controlling changes to Release 99**

Agenda item:

Document for: **Decision**

This proposal aims at putting the formal freezing of R99 specifications into practice in the TSG RAN working groups. When discussing CRs on functionally frozen R99 work items all working groups should apply the following rules depending on the CR category:

F   Correction:
Can be done
(1) To correct an error in the specification, or
(2) To add a part of an agreed R99 functionality found to be missing in one specification, or
(3) To correct an approved CR that has not been incorporated correctly.

On the cover sheet of the CR, it is required that the consequences of not approving the CR shall be explained.

As a consequence of the functional freezing of Release 99 no other categories are allowed on this release.

A   Corresponds to a correction in an earlier release:
Can be done if the corresponding CR on earlier release fulfils the criteria set for the CRs on that release. This cannot be used for Release 99. But as soon as a Specification has been raised to version 4.0.0 and a correction is done on version 3.X.Y. A CR with this category has to be generated to introduce the changes in the version 4 for approval at plenary level.

B   Addition of feature
Feature shall be intended with regards to the release (i.e., is it new to the release) and not to the Specification.
Can not be done to R99 (or older). This normally shall correspond to an identified work item.

C   Functional modification of feature
Can not be done to R99 (or older)
Corrections often cause new functional requirements on feature(s) and that is allowed. This shall correspond to a work item identified as part of either UTRAN improvement or Radio Access improvement. However backward compatibility shall be ensured when the issue is impacting MS.

D   Editorial modification
Can be done
Editorial modification must not have any impact on the implementation.

This proposal shall be enforced in all working group meetings after TSG RAN #8.

Additionally, on all CRs related to a specific new feature the impact on other specification part has to be clearly identified and there shall be presented all together at the plenary so that consistent approval can happpen.