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Title Proposed Content for the early UE RAN TR – Working Procedures

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Introduction

This document proposes input for the working procedure section of the proposed TR (ref.[1]).

Discussion

It has been already addressed by several operators that they are concerned about amount of time to be required for the treatment of early UE problems if related discussions have to be performed within 3GPP WGs. In order to address these concerns it is proposed to improve the overall working process in the following way:

- A new 'cyber Working Group' should be installed with clear Terms of References in order to have the possibility to discuss urgent problems on e-mail base.
 - In order to avoid misuse of this new cyber WG, the suggested problem statement [2] and requirements [3] may give guidance for the issues which are allowed to be handled via this e-mail reflector. The appointment of chair persons should be considered.
- In contrast to existing practice, it shall be possible to start discussions, work on solutions and approve them via e-mail only. The length of the approval-period may vary depending on the problem but should meet the operators need to fix problems in a reasonable timeframe.

Note: The target performance of the cyber WG should be ≤ 1 month.

The outcome of the discussions should be binding for the WGs and TSGs responsible for the technical issue.

Note: This should not preclude the possibility to decide in the 'cyber WG' to have final discussions and agreements in the next WG meeting.

- 3GPP members detecting problems shall give full information either to the working group mainly responsible for the affected functionality or to the proposed 'cyber WG'.
- An essential part of the work on actual early UE problems shall cover the documentation of both, the problem and the solution. Additionally a justification shall be given for every problem agreed to be within the responsibility of the 'cyber WG' in order to capture respective decisions.
- The major target should be to improve the standard, the discussed solution shall not prevent to introduce corrections/clarifications in the respective specification(s).
- Solutions may either foresee infrastructure measures without signalling impact, e.g. via a special network-configuration, disabling features, etc. or take explicit indication of specific early UE behaviour on <tbd/>tbd interfaces> into consideration.

Note: The semantics of the 'explicit indication' is already subject of other contributions.

Proposal

It is proposed to discuss the proposed working procedures and capture the outcome in the proposed TR (ref.[1]).

References

- [1] RP-020880, Proposed TR skeleton "Recommended measures in UTRAN to overcome early User Equipment (UE) implementation faults"
- [2] RP-020881, "Proposed Content for the early UE RAN TR Problem Statement"
- [3] RP-020882, "Proposed Content for the early UE RAN TR Requirements"