**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 #112-e R3-21xxxx**

**E-meeting, 17 – 28.05.2021**

**Title: [draft]** ResponseLS on Handover terminology

**Response to:** S5-211324

**Release:** Rel-17

**Work Item:** Enhancement of Handover Optimization

**Source:** Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell[to beRAN3]

**To:** SA5

**CC:** RAN2

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**Attachments: -**

**1. Overall Description:**

RAN3 would like to thank SA5 for the LS on Handover terminology! RAN3 has reviewed their specifications and concluded that “ordinary handover” or “legacy handover” is not used there. Therefore, no corrections or changes were needed and RAN3’s specification is aligned with the recent changes made in this respect in RAN2 specification.

When completing the work on Mobility Enhancements, RAN3 adopted following terminology:

* For backward-compatibility, “handover” is used for the classic Rel.15 HO type, or where HO type is not relevant;
* “CHO” or “DAPS HO” is used where these particular HO types are referred.

However, RAN3 will review further the relevant specification to see if the above understanding is sufficiently clear.

RAN3 expects that any future HO types will be assigned their own names and therefore appropriate terminology will be adopted as needed when these new types will be defined.

**2. Actions:**

**To SA5:**

**ACTION: RAN3 kindly asks SA5 to take the above into consideration.**

**3. Date of Next RAN3 Meetings:**

RAN3#113 16.08.2021 – 27.08.2021 online

RAN3#114 1.11.2021 – 12.11.2021 online