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Future Organization and relationship to 3GPP

TMN5 is aware of the creation of 3GPP and of the decision of the ETSI Extraordinary Assembly (29ᵗʰ/september/98).

Recently, 3GPP TSG-SA has decided to create a group to work on Network Management area.

However, the above mentioned decision of the ETSI GA, does not include an specific statement on the Network Management area. Therefore some debate has occurred on the best way to proceed.

In order to best utilize the available resources, TMN5 has analyzed the pros and cons of several alternatives:

1. Transfer the TMN5 responsibility to the newly created group in the 3GPP

2. Establish a collaboration with 3GPP based on liaisons

3. Combine the efforts of TSG-SA/WG5 and TMN5, creating a single physical group, with fully integrated meetings

TMN5 is of the opinion that the 3ʳᵈ option is the best way forward for both 3GPP and ETSI, since it allows for:

- maximizing the available resources for the important area of Network Management

- sharing the available work of TMN5, while at the same time enhancing it with input from other partners and individual members of the 3GPP

- allowing TMN5 to fulfill its Terms of Reference which include areas not covered by 3GPP

- aligning with the spirit of the ETSI GA decision

- providing the opportunity to benefit from the twice a year meetings with TC TMN Plenary, which offers a broad range of NM experience and guidance

TMN5 assumes that a satisfactory collaboration framework will be agreed with the 3GPP, allowing both groups to achieve their goals.

Therefore TMN5 strongly recommends that the necessary actions are taken to implement this proposal.