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Title:	**FUTURE OF T2 UNDER TSG CT**
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1 Introduction

At T2#28 Sophia Antipolis, the T2 chairman briefed T2 on the forthcoming re-structuring of 3GPP and in particular the new reporting structure of T2 into TSG CT.
T2 expects that TSG CT will be reviewing its WG structure and therefore wishes to provide an input to that debate and seeks TSG T's support for this input.

BACKGROUND

There has been pressure over the past year by a few companies to close T2. A significant factor in that proposal was based on the expected transfer of MMS from 3GPP to OMA which would have resulted in a significant reduction in the work of T2. Other companies felt that it was too premature to make a decision to close T2 – not only because the transfer of 3GPP MMS work to OMA was unconfirmed but also due to the fact that T2 has a range of other responsibilities (AT Commands, SMS, CBS, EMS) for which there were still a significant level of contributions. Additionally, those companies also expressed their concern that the expertise of T2 for terminal functionality and messaging services would be in danger of being lost. It is T2's view that the above situation is unchanged.
Other proposals that have been made over the past 12 months concerning the future of T2 are as follows:-

- T2 to meet at the same time/venue as TSG-T in order to reduce the number of meetings and delegates. Such a proposal has 2 potential problems.

  It is not clear that the number of delegates that any individual company needs to send to 3GPP meetings would actually reduce because a companies expert in T2 matters might not necessarily be within a TSG-T delegate's expertise? Any work agreed by T2 at the same venue as TSG-T is difficult to approve at that TSG-T because of insufficient time between the two meetings for a review. Final approval of the work of T2 by TSG-T would have to wait for the next TSG-T thereby increasing the current delay.

- Transfer T2's work to another or other WG's

  Any transfer of work out of T2 would need to be agreed by another WG. That WG would have to have adequate capacity and expertise to handle T2's work.

  If transfer of T2's work is spread across a number of WG's then T2 experts may find themselves working for a number of WG's which might necessitate a company sending more delegates, not less, to 3GPP meetings.

T2 STATUS

The situation regarding T2 as seen by T2 delegates is as follows:-

- T2's work is currently at a low level and T2 is primarily in a maintenance role for all its work items.
- Enhancements to any work item are not out of the question and may arise at anytime requiring the appropriate T2 experts to assemble.
- There are no REL-7 inputs on any work item at present requiring a WID.
- 3GPP is contribution driven. Many companies have stated that they would bring future MMS work (post REL-6) to OMA. T2 has been made aware of the desire of at least 4 companies wishing to further MMS work in OMA. 3GPP MMS specifications would be affected by this work.
- There is no automatic transfer of 3GPP MMS specifications to OMA.
- 3GPP specifications for MMS (REL-6 and previous) must be maintained
- .Because MMS is relatively new there is a high probability of input documents for REL-6 and earlier maintenance during 2005.
- Work on AT command enhancements seems to be ongoing.
- SMS is a very high profile service earning high revenue. Retaining a core of expertise on SMS is paramount.
- T2 is responsible for most of the high profile services and functionality that a mobile user is exposed to. Burying these responsibilities such that they lose their importance and visibility at TSG level is likely to lead to the detriment of this work and have an adverse effect in the market place.
- T2 advises TSG T that T2 elections for Chairman are due at T2#29 meeting in May should TSG T decide that such a meeting should take place. Should the election of a Chairman take place or should an existing vice chair take on that role temporarily until the work of T2 during 2005 can be more accurately assessed over a longer period?

2. Actions:

To TSG T

ACTION:

- T2 asks TSG-T to assess the feasibility of other WG's under TSG-CT taking over T2's responsibilities and identify whether this would be in the best interest of 3GPP and its member companies before any decision to close T2 is made.
- T2 asks TSG-T to review a more efficient way of handling 3GPP's responsibilities for work items that are in a maintenance mode and for which there is little input. E.g. set up expert groups under the rapporteur to attempt to resolve issues by e-mail and only meet on an as required basis but retain the reporting structure into its WG and TSG.

3. Date of next T2 Meetings:

T2#29	May 2005	TBD