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Title: **Collaboration between 3GPP and the Liberty Alliance Project**

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1   Introduction

A discussion was launched on the PCG reflector concerning the relationship between 3GPP and the Liberty Alliance Project (see email below).

It is hoped that by the time of this PCG meeting a mature proposal will have been developed.

The PCG should discuss the proposed collaboration and make recommendations on how to proceed.

-----Original Message-----
From: Stephen Hayes (TX/EUS) [mailto:stephen.hayes@ERICSSON.COM]
Sent: 24 March 2004 20:52
To: 3GPP_PCG@LIST.ETSI.ORG
Subject: Collaboration with Liberty Alliance

Dear Colleagues,

At CN#23 and SA#23, the need was highlighted to reference specifications from the Liberty Alliance Project. This referencing is a bit problematic in CN since some of the specifications we will need to reference are currently "works in progress" in Liberty Alliance. This causes a problem since Liberty Alliance is a forum and only forum members can participate in the ongoing work or have visibility into the working documents. Several prominent companies in 3GPP are not members of the Liberty Alliance.

A LS was drafted at SA#23 to PCG/OP requesting that they attempt to find a way to collaborate with LAP in order to allow us to ensure that their upcoming specifications meet our needs. The LS is attached to this e-mail.

Since this referencing is critical to the GUP work going on in CN, I have been working in the background with Liberty Alliance representatives to attempt to find a way forward. Liberty Alliance is interested in having 3GPP reference their specifications and to work with us to make that happen. To that extent, the Liberty Alliance management board has nominated Timo Skytta (Nokia) as the lead from their side on this collaboration issue.

The Liberty Alliance board is currently investigating an approach similar to that taken by OMA. Liberty Alliance would prepare a unilateral agreement whereby they provide for limited participation in their meetings by a 3GPP delegation and allow open access to relevant working documents so 3GPP can

have visibility into the ongoing work. Since this is unilateral, this would not require signature by 3GPP or its OPs. This approach is being taken since it is difficult for 3GPP to participate in legal agreements. However, any such proposal must pass Liberty Alliance legal review and receive board approval in Liberty Alliance. IPR issues may also need to be addressed, but Liberty Alliance provides licensing on a royalty free basis (or in some cases a RAND basis) to all so in that sense is different from OMA.

I am taking a proactive approach in this case since the need to work with Liberty Alliance for GUP is quite urgent. It is my hope that a specific proposal will be available for discussion at the April PCG/OP meeting. Please feel free to let me know any comments or concerns.

Regards,
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Title:	**LS on Collaboration between 3GPP and Liberty Alliance Project**
Work Item:	GUP

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1. Overall Description:

3GPP CN and SA have identified a need to reference specifications from the Liberty Alliance Project (LAP) as part of the 3GPP Generic User Profile (GUP) work item.

This is a 3GPP CN working assumption subject to finding a method to satisfactory cooperate with the Liberty Alliance Project. Under this assumption 3GPP CN specifically intends to selectively reference the work covered in the following Liberty Alliance specifications for GUP work;

- Liberty ID-WSF Data Services Template Specification
- Liberty ID-WSF SOAP Binding Specification
- Liberty ID-WSF Discovery Service Specification
- Liberty Alliance Project utility schema
- Liberty Metadata Description and Discovery Specification
- Liberty ID-WSF Security Mechanisms Specification
- And possibly other specifications

It should be noted that in some cases, these documents refer out to further Liberty Alliance specifications for some of their detail.

Since 3GPP CN has requirements on this ongoing LAP work, there is a desire within 3GPP for the 3GPP member companies to be able to influence the work affecting 3GPP. However, many member companies in 3GPP are not members of LAP and are thus unable to attend or access LAP preliminary documentation. This is a barrier for cooperation between the organizations.

3GPP CN requests that the 3GPP PCG/OP expeditiously pursue negotiations with LAP to find a mechanism allowing:
- Participation and contribution of 3GPP member companies to LAP discussions relevant to 3GPP requirements.
- Access by 3GPP member companies to LAP documents relevant to 3GPP requirements.
- Clarification and resolution of any IPR issues between 3GPP (and its partners) and LAP.

In addition, there exist other areas outside of GUP in 3GPP that have dependencies on LAP such as work on subscriber certificates. This collaboration should therefore cover more than just the specific needs of GUP and TSG-CN.

2. Actions:

To PCG/OP

ACTION: Expeditiously pursue negotiations with LAP to find a mechanism for allowing collaboration with the Liberty Alliance Project fulfilling the requirements stated above.

3. Date of Next TSG Meetings:

TSG#24	2nd-10th June, 2004	Seoul, Korea
TSG#25	8th-16th Sept, 2004	Palm Springs, California, USA