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This paper proposes the creation of a generic Work Item entitled "small Technical Enhancements and Improvements for Rel4" to classify all the unclassifiable Change Requests.

Introduction

The concept of "Work Item" has been created to classify the 3GPP work into a set of distinct enhancements being performed on top of an existing system, and has been recently improved, so that the Work Items are now structured into Features, Building Blocks and Work Tasks.

This concept is based on an implicit assumption: the Work Item is something that operators or manufacturers can put forward to their customers and/or it will lead to a consequent number of Change Requests.

The case of improvements that will not have a visible impact on the overall system and that will lead to a very reduced number of Change Requests (or at least, assumed to be so) is badly covered by the present procedure: it will lead to too many administrative overhead to create a Work Item for a CR that is e.g. deleting the support of an old version of GTP in GPRS.

Proposal

It is proposed to create a "Joker" Work Item, to be used for all the CRs with very limited impact on the system and with no identifiable commercial impact.

This WI has to be used with care: a too frequent use will result in losing track of the actual evolutions of the system.