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(Part A)

Executive Summary SMG#28bis

The SMG#28bis Plenary Meeting was held in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. It was hosted by Rohde & Schwartz, Mannesmann and Epicom. SMG#28bis was attended by 32 delegates.

The meeting discussed the plans for 3GPP and SMG support in the future and agreed requirements for that support as far as SMG is concerned. The work organisation between SMG3 and 3GPP TSG CN was further refined. A mapping of work items to release 99 and later as well as to GSM and UMTS has been agreed.

(Part B)

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Fred Hillebrand, chairman of SMG, opened the meeting and thanked the hosts, Mannesmann, Rohde & Schwartz and Epicom, for hosting the meeting.

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda in Tdoc SMG P-99-319, source: SMG chairman, was approved by SMG#28bis.

2 UPDATE ON MAIN RESULTS OF THE SECOND TSG MEETING IN FT. LAUDERDALE

Niels Peter Skov Andersen reported the main results from the second meeting of 3GPP TSGs, 2-4 March, 1999, Ft. Lauderdale (USA).

- The chairmen and vice chairmen of all TSGs have been elected (the actual list is on www.3gpp.org).
- The TSGs progressed the definition of the work distribution between the TSGs, and of the co-ordination role of TSG SA. The TSG Working Groups (WG) will provide some updates on the responsibilities on specifications in the next weeks.
- Technical decisions: The TSGs approved the removable USIM to be part of the UMTS architecture and the AMR (speech coding parts) as the default UMTS speech codec.
- Next TSG meetings will be convened in April (weeks 16 and 17) (the 3GPP meeting calendar is on www.3gpp.org).
- The TSGs decided not to schedule TSG SA in parallel with any other TSG, in order to give it a role of a co-ordination plenary. The next but one TSG SA will be convened in the same week and same place as SMG; for an SMG proposal of detailed planning of these two meetings, see section 6 regarding Tdoc SMG P-99-331.

Clarifications at SMG#28bis: It was clarified that the implementation of a removable USIM would be a conformance requirement of the 3GPP specifications.

Karl Heinz Rosenbrock reported from the Partners' meeting and the first PCG meeting, 1 and 5 March 1999, in Ft. Lauderdale, USA. Main achievements:

- election of PCG chairman and vice chairmen (see www.3gpp.org);
- work on article 14 of the 3GPP Working Procedures (which deals with the definition of tasks of PCG);
- maintenance work of 3GPP working procedures has been delegated to PCG, however final approval will be with the partners;
- two further PCG meetings are planned for 1999: On 6-7 July and on 20-21 December.

Clarification at SMG#28bis on working methods and working procedures:

- 3GPP Working procedures: An ad hoc group in PCG has been created under leadership of Mel Woinsky to further refine the 3GPP working procedures. Inputs from ETSI should be sent to Adrian Scrase. Approval of changes to the 3GPP working procedures stays in the responsibility of the partner organizations.
- Working Methods. The equivalent of GSM/UMTS 01.00, *TR Working Methods* Version 3.0.0, proposed by SMG WOME to 3GPP, had been adopted by the TSGs for application in the four TSGs conditionally on solution of some comments; later they had been approved unconditionally by PCG for use within the 3GPP including all TSGs. The maintenance has been delegated to the 3GPP support team. Change requests should be sent to the PCG. Niels Peter Skov Andersen (chairman of TSG SA) and Armin Toepfer (TSG SA vice chairman) stated that input from WOME on the working methods is welcome.

2 SMG TERMS OF REFERENCE

Fred Hillebrand, presented Tdoc SMG P-99-323, revised Terms of Reference for SMG. This document has taken into account the comments received from ETSI Board members and is a revision of the version approved by SMG#28 in Tdoc SMG P-99-314, cf. the SMG#28 meeting report in ETSI/SMG(99)1.

Comments and clarifications at SMG#28bis:

- The 3GPP specifications to be turned into ETSI deliverables will have to be approved by SMG in their form as ETSI deliverables. (This view was confirmed by the ETSI DG.)
- Juha Rapeli pointed at potential IPR problems due to differences in the IPR rules of the partners, also in the case where countries would directly adopt the 3GPP specifications instead of referring to standards of one of the partners.
- IC cards: The only group in ETSI working on IC cards is SMG/SMG9; see section 4 of Tdoc SMG P-99-323 reflecting this decision of the ETSI Board. (There is however IC card related work in other ETSI groups on applications built on IC cards.) It was clarified that the specification work on the USIM is within 3GPP.

Discussion at SMG#28bis:

- There was a longer discussion on the proposed additions to the scope and technical objectives of G-UMTS (sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.3). SMG delegates felt
 - * that SMG should not play a relay or referee/co-ordinator role between EP UMTS and 3GPP;
 - * that the involvement in substance of SMG is too late in the process, to change major things without great delay;
 - * that the convergence issues should be a core responsibility of EP UMTS.
- The SMG delegates encouraged EP UMTS to liaise directly with 3GPP, whenever needed.
- Considering phase 1, it was clarified that the closure of phase 1 was an SMG decision which needs not to be reflected in the Terms of Reference.

AP Barbara Reed	To provide a list of abbreviations which should be defined in an additional part of the document.
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Decisions of SMG#28bis:

- To add a list of definitions of abbreviations used in the document, based on input from Barbara Reed.
- To delete “[MAP]” in 2.5.1.
- Not to include the proposed added text in 3.1.1 and 3.1.3
- To add WAP under 2.2.2, TIPHON in 3.1.1 and 2.2.1
- some text to clarify that indicated liaisons are examples
- improvement of headings in sections 2 and 4
- some other minor changes

The SMG#28bis approved version is Tdoc SMG P-99-337, distributed after the meeting.

4 SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SMG

Karl Heinz Rosenbrock presented information about a new Mobile Competence Centre (MCC) to be set up by ETSI, see Tdoc SMG P-99-334.

Discussion at SMG#28bis: Some speakers expressed satisfaction on the efforts for an integrated and stable support of mobile activities.

Clarifications at SMG#28:

- The proven working methods of PT SMG should be used: Technical/work management by SMG, administrative control by the DG, integration of STF and TOs and Assistant into one team
- Administrative co-ordination of MMC would be done by an ETSI Technical Officer nominated by the ETSI DG (Adrian Scrase).
- The need for a technical leadership role appointed by the supported committees at the same level as the administrative co-ordinator was stressed, in order to ensure high quality consistent output.
- Technical control of the STF experts would be done by the technical groups.
- The proposal for an extra budget line for MCC will be presented to the next ETSI Board meeting. The ETSI General Assembly would be asked to approve the principles. Annual reviews by the ETSI General Assembly would be envisaged.
- Various ideas have been discussed in the ETSI Board.
- The resource demands for 3GPP and SMG support will have to be checked again, now that the TSGs can identify their exact requirements.

Horst Domeier presented Tdoc SMG P-99-332, *Proposal for funding of Mobile Competence Centre (MCC)*, source: Horst Domeier, Mannesmann. This document has been endorsed by the meeting no. 24 of the ETSI Financial Committee.¹

Clarifications at SMG#28bis: It was clarified that the main parts of the first 4 bullets points in the document have already been performed; also the TSG chairs have analysed their requirements, so that the tasks can be identified before the next Board meeting.

Fred Hillebrand presented Tdoc SMG P-99-330, *Proposed Principles for 3GPP, EP UMTS and TC SMG Technical Support*, source: SMG chair.

The document was discussed.

Clarification at SMG#28bis:

- The document states requirements from the SMG point of view, whereas Tdoc SMG P-99-334 is an implementation plan.
- The 1999 commitments of partners other than ETSI for resourcing the 3GPP support have not yet fully identified. The commitments for the year 2000 have not yet been expressed at all.
- Differences between the PEX and MCC were highlighted.

Decision of SMG#28bis: A revision of the document will be distributed by the SMG Chairman for discussion and agreement by e-mail on Monday, 15 March 1999 for agreement by correspondence until Tuesday, 16 March 1999.

The approved version is in P-99-339 and has been distributed on 17 March to the ETSI DG for consideration and to SMG.

5 STATUS OF VOLUNTARY FUNDING OF BUDGET GAP

Per Björndahl informed SMG#28bis about the progress of the voluntary funding for SMG and 3GPP support. Several companies had expressed their willingness to fill budget gaps for SMG support. Barbara Reed stated on behalf of BT that BT is not interested to participate at the scheme.

6 CO-OPERATION BETWEEN TSGS, TC SMG AND ITS STCS

Fred Hillebrand presented Tdoc SMG P-99-331, *Framework Planning of SMG#29 and TSG SA Meeting on 21 - 25 June 99*, Source: SMG Chairman, TSG SA Chairman, proposing that, in that week, TSG SA will meet from Monday morning until Wednesday lunch and SMG from Wednesday afternoon to Friday (end: 18:00).

Discussion at SMG#28bis: It was proposed to organise a joint session between SMG and TSG during this week. This should be further considered. It was also proposed to organise co-ordination meetings between the TSG and SMG chairs.

¹ Before presentation to the ETSI Board, this document was further revised, the revision is Tdoc SMG P-99-340.

Decisions of SMG#28bis: Tdoc SMG P-99-331 was approved as far as SMG is concerned.

Harald Dettner presented Tdoc SMG P-99-321, Tdoc SMG P-99-322 and Tdoc SMG P-99-323 informing on the work planning and co-operation between SMG3 and TSG CN. He also presented Tdoc SMG P-99-326 listing the specifications and work items TSG CN is willing to take over responsibility for. Tdoc SMG P-99-322 also indicates the support requirements of SMG3.

Decision of SMG#28bis: Tdoc SMG P-99-326 will be updated with the following clarifications: For GSM 04.08, the transfer should be managed after the split for version 7 has been performed. The work items listed in Tdoc SMG P-99-326 for transfer to 3GPP should be transferred as far as they had been under SMG3 responsibility so far.

Ansgar Bergmann presented Tdoc SMG P-99-324 on work packages for GSM and UMTS. The document lists all work items for release 99 and later and proposes to which release each work item belongs, as well as whether the work item is relevant for GSM or UMTS or both. SMG#28bis endorsed the document with the clarification that to identify a work item as relevant for both GSM and UMTS does in particular mean that duplication of work is to be avoided.

Future role of SMG2 as an ITU-R evaluation group: It was discussed that SMG2 should continue to be an evaluation group, however that the actual work should be carried out by 3GPP.

AP Niels Peter Skov Andersen	To prepare transfer of the work of SMG2 as a 3 rd Generation RTT evaluation group.
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Liaison Statement from 3GPP – TSG SA – WG2 - Mobile IP ad hoc group to 3GPP – TSG SA – WG2 and ETSI - SMG in Tdoc SMG P-99-327: This liaison statement proposes that TSG SA – WG2 should have the responsibility or shared responsibility with ETSI-SMG for 03.60 and 02.60.

Decision of SMG#28bis: SMG12 is asked to draft an answer.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fred Hillebrand informed SMG#28bis that Rémi Thomas will resign as SMG7 chairman. SMG thanked Rémi Thomas for his excellent work as chairman of one of the most important and most demanding STCs of SMG.

8**NEXT MEETINGS**

Meeting No.	SMG Co-ord. group	Plenary Date	Plenary Venue
SMG#29	11 June 1999 Siemens Austria, Vienna	21-25 June 1999	Miami GSM North America
SMG#30	3 November 1999	8-12 November 1999	Sophia Antipolis ETSI
SMG#31	9 February 2000	14-18 February 2000	host invited
SMG#32	7 June 2000	13-16 June 2000	host invited
SMG#33	2 November 2000	6-10 November 2000	host invited
SMG#34		February 2001	host invited

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