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Title: Supplementary Status report of TSG-N2 to TSG-N plenary meeting #3

1 Introduction

TSG-N Working group 2 subgroup A (N2A) held an ad hoc meeting in Sophia Antipolis, kindly hosted by ETSI, 13 - 16 April 1999. The first two days were a joint meeting with ETSI SPS3. The joint meeting was chaired jointly by the Chairman of SPS3, Mr Frans Haerens (Alcatel Bell); the N2A meeting was chaired by one of the Vice-Chairmen of N2, Mr Steffen Habermann (T-Mobil). The business handled was mainly the development of the CAMEL phase 3 specifications, with some maintenance work on CAMEL phase 2.

2 Main achievements

The draft specification produced by Mr Christian Homann (Alcatel SEL) was enhanced by the addition of new material on mobility management, call party handling and SCF-initiated call attempts. The first draft of the SDL description of the behaviour of the SSF was reviewed.

Co-operation between SPS3, the ETSI committee which is primarily responsible for the development of IN specifications, is providing useful input to the CAMEL specifications.

Some maintenance work (which could not be handled in the previous meeting because of lack of time) on the CAMEL phase 2 specifications was completed; the rest of the backlog is planned to be cleared in the next meeting of N2.

Agreement has been reached on the chairing of the N2 subgroups: Mr Steffen Habermann (T-Mobil) will chair subgroup A meetings; Mr Yun-Chao Hu (Ericsson Nippon) will chair subgroup B meetings and Mr Ian Park (Vodafone) will chair N2 plenary meetings and joint sessions of N2A and N2B (the distinction between these last two categories is perhaps over-subtle!).

Agreement has also been reached on transferring responsibility for the maintenance and evolution of the GSM basic call handling stage 2 specification (GSM 03.18) from N2A to N2B, in the interest of a better balance of workload between the subgroups. The main visible effect of this transfer is that the feasibility report on pre-paging will be handled in subgroup B rather than in subgroup A.