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Title: Release 5 Content and Timing With Respect to IMS

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Agenda Item: SA: 6.2 and 7.8

CN: 5.2, 9.1, and 12

RAN: 7.2 and 9

T: 4.2 and 6.1

GERAN: TBD (meeting at later date)

In the recent 3G.IP meeting in September in Paris, we reviewed the progress of work items related to IMS within 3GPP. We have noted that several work items in CN working groups now show a March '02 completion, and SA2 are expected to propose an extension of the completion date of several work items to March '02. We further understand that proposals for new Release 5 capabilities have been received.

3G.IP is keen to ensure a realistic and timely delivery of IMS specifications. Our objective is to achieve an early transition to IP based Multi-Media services in order that 3GPP maintain its leadership. From a market perspective, 3G.IP considers that a fast introduction of IMS services and applications will benefit users, operators, and suppliers by avoiding the need to develop and deploy pre-IMS interim solutions for Multi-Media.

3G.IP proposes the following principles to be applied in the 3GPP release planning process:

1. It is essential that Release 5 contains at least an initial release of IMS capabilities.
2. If the existing Release 5 dates cannot be met, a firm target no later than March '02 shall be set.
3. In order to assure that the first 2 requirements can be met, 3GPP should prioritize Release 5 capabilities and 3GPP resources should be focused on priority items.