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Subject: PLMN search and access technology lists

During the first meeting of the EP "New SMG9" in Visby, Sweden, there were several papers from within the 3GPP community about the subject of PLMN search lists. The intention is to have a preferred search order through a PLMN list, biased after selection, by a preferred radio access technology.

Although the issue of combining access technologies for GSM and 3GPP was feasible, recognising the expanded role the New SMG9 is expected to play in the field of smart card harmonisation, it became apparent that one area of mutual interest across all technologies, and part of the common platform approach essential in the New SMG9, would be the issue of PLMN selection in a much wider environment.

It is of course understood that this is a hugely complex business, but it is also recognised that multitechnology mobile telephones will shortly be a reality, if not in certain cases, already a reality. It is therefore the view of this meeting that an exploratory meeting between all the interested parties would be beneficial, particularly those involved in radio access standardisation, in order to discuss the issue, and possibly come forward with a common approach, that would benefit users of the next generation terminals.

To this end, it is proposed to have a two to three day meeting in the first week of August. "New SMG9" would be pleased to convene such a meeting.