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TSG N1 received the following guidance on handling of CRs to GPRS Release 97 and 98 from TSG N Plenary in October 1999. See attached Tdoc N1-99B44 = NP-99344.

The acceptance of a functional change to Release 98 for the “Support of GPRS Cipherring algorithm GEA2” at this very late stage would be against these agreed principles.

3GPP TSG-CN-WG1, Meeting #8
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Title: Proposed Liaison statement on freezing GSM Release 97 & Release 98

To: TSG-R, TSG-S

cc: TSG-T, TSG-N WG1, TSG-N WG2

Agenda item: 6.1

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NB: C1 applies only to cases which are likely to occur frequently. It is too late to correct errors which occur only infrequently.

(C2) Simple Editorial CRs, i.e. spelling corrections, section number corrections, typos etc where there is obviously no impact on implementations;

(C3) Corrections to incorrect implementation of earlier CRs or to the effect of two or more conflicting CRs;

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