

Title: Urgent work to be started by TSG RAN Working Groups in order to improve further the quality of TSG RAN specifications

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As a result of discussion on the work performed by the different TSG RAN working groups, it is felt necessary to undertake a new task to even further clarify the TSG RAN specifications.

It is important that a new step is accomplished in the quality review of the current releases of the TSG RAN specifications. Currently most of the time in many of our working groups is dedicated to review the potential misinterpretation of the wording.

The discussions during TSG RAN#13 meeting have shown that it is of high urgency to review also the features currently in our specification and to review the inter-consistency of these features.

Therefore it is proposed that the TSG RAN working groups shall investigate the following:

- Identify incompatible features:

Two features are said to be conflicting when there are identified issues or even impossibility to use them simultaneously, at a cell level or for a given UE. This means that the features, taken separately, work, but the combination of these features does not. The specifications already identify some combinations explicitly, for example when a combination of two features is not supported by signalling or the physical layer frame structure. Nevertheless, certain conflicts between features do exist and are not explicitly stated in the specifications, and could lead to waste of efforts in implementations, as well as interoperability issues.

- Identify incomplete features:

A feature is incomplete when either the core specification or the performance requirements are not fully specified. Regarding performance specifications, it should be noticed that they may be in a different release of the specifications than the core specifications.

- Identify the obsolete features:

A feature is obsolete when the rationale for the incorporation of the feature in the specifications is no longer valid e.g. a functionality which has become useless or which has been superseded by another feature allowing to obtain the same functionality.

Once identified these features shall be reviewed within the working groups and when necessary together with the other impacted working groups in order to propose to the plenary a course of action.

The potential different courses of action should be of the following nature:

- Corrections are agreed and CRs to all relevant specifications are brought to the plenary together with the description of the identified feature**
- The description of the feature identified is forwarded to the plenary with a proposal to remove it from the relevant specifications. CRs are generated and presented together with the documentation.**

- The feature is proposed to be made optional in release 99, or removed from release 99 but corrected in a later release. The alternative CRs will be provided to the TSG RAN plenary as part of the documentation.
- For the case of incompatible features, an analysis is presented of how implementation can be done in order to ensure that the two incompatible features can be used separately at a time but not simultaneously. If necessary the CRs, required to allow that, shall be provided. Alternatively, one of the conflicting features may be removed. Then the CRs removing the feature are provided to the plenary for approval.

All the documentation provided by the working groups will be gathered in a file. This file will be updated after each of the TSG RAN plenary.