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Object : Project Team Support for WG's of 3GPP TSG's

1. At the beginning of December, 1998, 3GPP was started with the very successful inaugural meeting of the Technical Specification Groups. During these individual inaugural TSG meetings, an appropriate substructure was created which will allow to move UMTS work so far under ETSI SMG STC's to the respective TSG Working Group. WG Convenors were appointed.
2. Mannesmann Mobilfunk recognise that the contributions of all the participants during this first series of meetings were driven by the spirit to exercise this transfer of UMTS without delay in the specification progress and also to avoid duplication of activities.
3. Working Groups established under TSG's reflect very much the structure of SMG STC's or Working Parties dealing up to now with UMTS. This is a good precondition for smooth transition of work and for future co-operation in areas where joint activities are anticipated, e.g. GSM <-> 3rd Generation Handover, Service interworking (VHE) etc.
4. Currently STF support for SMG activities also covers both GSM and UMTS. Respective expertise has been developed over the time. For the sake of smooth transition of work to 3GPP it seems to be only reasonable to make use of expertise and labour already established for UMTS under ETSI SMG. The ETSI GA at their recent Assembly has allocated a budget line for support of 3GPP. The ETSI Director General Mr. Rosenbrock has announced himself ETSI's committment to cater for 3GPP support for the first year at least. It is expected that other 3GPP partners will contribute via funding or labour over the time. So funding does not seem to be a problem.
5. Mannesmann Mobilfunk hold that Working Group support should be established without necessary delay. As proven over the years in ETSI SMG, this support should be provided with similiar arrangements as in ETSI SMG: Project team members are appointed on terms of technical and managerial expertise. Typically they are seconded from member organisations. Contract terms reflect the limited period of the project.

<p>Action: Mannesmann Mobilfunk propose that the Working Groups endorse this reasoning on Working Group support and request that appropriate actions are taken to ensure that certain STF resources until now available for UMTS work under ETSI SMG are transferred to respective Working Groups under 3GPP TSG's.</p>
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