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**Agenda item: 6.5.2**

**Source: Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell**

**Title: [DRAFT] Summary of Email Discussion [AT113-e][025][IIOT] RRC (Nokia)**

**WID/SID: NR\_IIOT-Core - Release 16**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# 1 Introduction

This email discussion aims to collect company views on Rel-16 RRC corrections that have been proposed for NR IIoT in RAN2#113e. The scope of this email discussion is:

* [AT113-e][025][IIOT] RRC (Nokia)

Scope: Treat [R2-2100712](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_113-e\Docs\R2-2100712.zip), [R2-2101340](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_113-e\Docs\R2-2101340.zip), [R2-2101941](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_113-e\Docs\R2-2101941.zip)

Phase 1, determine agreeable parts, Phase 2, for agreeable parts Work on CRs.

Intended outcome: Agreed CRs if any is agreeable.

Deadline: Schedule A

The papers to be considered in this email discussion are listed below:

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| [R2-2100712](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_113-e\Docs\R2-2100712.zip) Configuration of AutonomousTX and cg-retransmission timer Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell CR Rel-16 38.331 16.3.1 2349 - F NR\_IIOT-Core  [R2-2101340](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_113-e\Docs\R2-2101340.zip) Correction on the configuration of Type 1 configured grant Huawei, HiSilicon CR Rel-16 38.331 16.3.1 2404 - F NR\_IIOT-Core  [R2-2101941](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_113-e\Docs\R2-2101941.zip) LCP restriction for allowedCG-List and configuredGrantType1Allowed ASUSTeK CR Rel-16 38.331 16.3.1 2435 1 F NR\_IIOT-Core [R2-2101743](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_113-e\Docs\R2-2101743.zip) |

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# 2 Discussion

## 2.1 Joint Configuration of Autonomous Transmission and CG Retransmission Timer

R2-2100712 considers the following agreement made in RAN2 #112e during discussion of Rel-17 NR IIoT/URLLC:

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| **RAN2 #112e Agreement:**   * The assumption for Rel-16 is that the network will not configure *autonomousTx and cg-RetransmissionTimer* simultaneously per cell.No optimizations will be pursued to allow the two features be configured together in Rel-16. No CR is needed for this for now. |

It was observed that, if these two features are configured together in Rel-16, it would lead to some undefined UE behaviour. Therefore, most companies do not think these will be jointly configured. In particular, when *autonomousTx* is configured, it was agreed that the configured grant timer should be stopped upon de-prioritization of a PUSCH; nevertheless, it creates some ambiguity for *cg-RetransmissionTimer*. As there is no intention for further optimization in Rel-16, it might be better to disallow the joint configuration in specification to avoid potential misconfiguration. On the other hand, in Rel-16 IIoT features including *autonomousTx* are typically used in licensed band, while the applicability of *cg-RetransmissionTimer* is restricted to unlicensed spectrum. Thus, it was proposed to have the following modification in the field description of *autonomousTx*:

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| ***autonomousTx***  If this field is present, the Configured Grant configuration is configured with autonomous transmission, see TS 38.321 [3]. This field is not configured when *cg-RetransmissionTimer* is configured in any Configured Grant configuration in the same serving cell. |

**Question 1: Do you agree modifying the field description of *autonomousTx* to ensure it is jointly configured with *cg-RetransmissionTimer* in Rel-16 ?**

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| **Company** | **YES/NO** | **Comments** |
| Nokia | Yes | Although the agreement says that CR is not needed for now, on the safe side we think it is better to clarify at this stage to avoid further confusion. It does not harm at all to have such clarification, while providing a clearer guideline for the product implementation – the developers do not have to read through meeting notes to find the agreed assumptions. |

## 2.2 Configuration of Type-1 Configured Grant

R2-2101340 considers the following agreement made in RAN2 #109e:

* Two CGs of any type, one activated in UL and another activated in SUL, are not time-overlapping by the control of the network. This can be captured in the stage-2 spec.

Based on this agreement, configured grants can be configured in both SUL and NUL, as long as time-overlapping between these grants on SUL and NUL could be avoided via gNB scheduling. This is different to the current RRC specification, wherein it forbids simultaneous configuration of Type-1 configured grant on both SUL and NUL. Hence, the CR suggests that the field description of *rrc-ConfiguredUplinkGrant* should be modified as following by removing the sentence “*Type 1 configured grant may be configured for UL or SUL, but not for both simultaneously*”:

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| ***rrc-ConfiguredUplinkGrant***  Configuration for "configured grant" transmission with fully RRC-configured UL grant (Type1). If this field is absent the UE uses UL grant configured by DCI addressed to CS-RNTI (Type2). ~~Type 1 configured grant may be configured for UL or SUL, but not for both simultaneously.~~ |

**Question 2: Do you agree modifying the field description of *rrc-ConfiguredUplinkGrant* to remove the restriction such that Type-1 CG cannot be configured in NUL and SUL simultaneously ?**

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| **Company** | **YES/NO** | **Comments** |
| Nokia | Yes | It resolves the gap between agreement and RRC specification. |

## 2.3 Allowed CG List

R2-2101941 considers the issue of potential ambiguity caused by configurations of *configuredGrantType1Allowed* and *allowedCG-List*. For instance, the CR has identified two cases:

* If the field ***configuredGrantType1Allowed*** is present but there is no CG indicated in the sequence of *allowedCG-List* since it’s not present, UE may be confused whether all CG Type 1 configurations can be used for UL MAC SDUs from this logical channel since nothing is actually indicated in the sequence.
* If the field ***configuredGrantType1Allowed*** is not present, it’s true that this sequence does not include any configured grant type 1 configuration. But UE may be confused whether this configuration means all CG Type 2 configurations can be used for UL MAC SDUs from this logical channel, since the absence of allowedCG-List means all configured grant configurations are allowed for this logical channel.

Therefore, the CR proposes the following change in the field description of *allowedCG-List* :

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| ***allowedCG-List***  This restriction applies only when the UL grant is a configured grant. If present, UL MAC SDUs from this logical channel can only be mapped to the indicated configured grant configuration. If the size of the sequence is zero, then UL MAC SDUs from this logical channel cannot be mapped to any configured grant configurations. If the field is not present, ignore the field configuredGrantType1Allowed and UL MAC SDUs from this logical channel can be mapped to any configured grant configurations. If the field configuredGrantType1Allowed is present, only those configured grant type 1 configuration indicated in this sequence are allowed for use by this logical channel; otherwise, this sequence shall not include any configured grant type 1 configuration. Corresponds to "allowedCG-List" as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. |

**Question 3: Do you agree modifying the field description of *allowedCG-List*** **such that the LCH should ignore the field of *configuredGrantType1Allowed* when *allowedCG-List* is not present ?**

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| **Company** | **YES/NO** | **Comments** |
| Nokia | No | We do not see any problem with current text. The two cases that the CR proponent has mentioned are indeed the intended behaviour:   * If the field *configuredGrantType1Allowed* is present but there is no CG indicated in the sequence of *allowedCG-List* since it’s not present, the LCH can be mapped to all CGs that are configured, including Type-1 CGs. * If the field *configuredGrantType1Allowed* is not present, the LCH can be mapped to all Type-2 CGs that are configured.   We are not sure what are the issues that this CR tries to resolve. In any case we believe proper gNB implementation can avoid any confusion at the UE side. |

# 3 Conclusion

[TBD]