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Title: Liaison statement to R3 on UMTS 25.832 Manifestations of Handover and SRNS Relocation v.2.1.1

TSG-N2 thank TSG-R3 for their liaison statement, to which was attached UMTS 25.832 v2.1.1.

We have reviewed the chapters of 25.832 which relate to handover scenarios requiring signalling between core network elements. Our comments follow.

We confirm that we intend to use the same approach for the transport of access signalling information between core network nodes as for GSM phase 2 and phase 2+: the access signalling information will be carried in an 'envelope', with a protocol identifier which is used by the handover application in the receiving node to interpret the contents of the envelope.

We also identified that the mechanism by which core network nodes determine the capabilities of other core network nodes and the associated radio access networks will need study in N2. We will undertake this study.