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1. At the beginning of December, 1998 3GPP was started with the very successful inaugural meetings of the Technical Specification Groups. During these individual inaugural TSG meetings, an appropriate sub-structure 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. TSG SA WG2 recognizes 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 Hand-over, 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 labor 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 commitment to cater for 3GPP support for the first year at least. It is expected that other 3GPP partners will contribute via funding or labor over the time. So funding does not seem to be a problem.
5. TSG SA WG2 holds that Working Group support should be established without unnecessary delay. As proven over the years in ETSI SMG, this support should be provided with similar arrangements as in ETSI SMG: Project team members are appointed on terms of technical and managerial expertise. Typically they are seconded from member organizations. Contract terms reflect the limited period of the project.

Action: TSG SA WG2 endorses this reasoning on Working Group support and requests that appropriate actions are taken to ensure that certain specialist task force (STF) resources until now available for UMTS work under ETSI SMG are transferred to respective Working Groups under 3GPP TSG's.