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I Introduction

Following several discussions inside the different Working Groups in the TSG RAN, it was proposed that a definition shall be established for “Agreement” and “Working Assumption”. This contribution intends to clarify the issue and the way forward in Working Groups.

II Definitions

A specification or a part of a specification is agreed when consensus has been reached.

Working Assumptions: a basis for a specification that could not be accepted as an agreement by all delegates but consensus could be reached to incorporate it in the text. A specification containing a working assumption can be approved. The approved status only applies to the parts agreed in the text. It is recommended that working assumptions are either clearly identified, or moved to an annex of the specification.

III Way Forward

Challenging an Agreement

If one company want to challenge an agreement, two cases can appear.

- a) If the specification is approved or the date of completion for a whole subject is missed, than a complete description of the counter proposal shall be provided. This includes also necessary changes in other specifications. Error correction or essential improvement shall be treated with high priority. Otherwise the issue will be treated with lower priority.
- b) In case the date of completion has not elapsed, then the normal treatment in meetings shall apply.

Challenging a Working Assumptions

In such a case the chairman will set a date (normally the next meeting) before which contributions should be provided to challenge the working assumption. If no contribution has been provided the working assumption shall be considered as “Agreed”. If at this point of time the issue cannot be resolved then it is recommended to present the issue at the TSG level for resolution.

IV Conclusions

Such definition shall be provided to all delegates from the RAN when agreed by TSG RAN to be put in place for the next meeting of the Working Groups. Chairmen and Vice Chairmen shall ensure that the groups are following the guidance above.