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TSG RAN#11 addressed the protocol backwards compatibility and started the backwards compatibility for the Rel'99 protocols (RRC/lub/lur etc). In TSG RAN#16 Tdoc RP-020375 raised the issue of Release 4 protocol backwards compatibility, especially for the lub/lur/lu protocols. Based on the discussions in connection with the paper and analysis of the areas for Release'99 CRs for TSG RAN#17, this proposes to start the backwards compatibility as follows for Release 4:

For TSG RAN WG3 to start the Release 4 after TSG RAN#17 to follow the same backwards compatibility as with Release'99.

For TSG RAN WG2 to evaluate the situation in the future after the number of Release'99 CRs to RRC specifications reduces significantly from the level experienced currently.

FOR TSG RAN WG1 to start to the backwards compatibility consideration for Release 4 CRs as with Release'99 CRs.

For TSG RAN WG4 similar consideration when discussing new requirements for UEs or Node Bs should be valid as with Release'99 now also for Release 4.

Thus the following is suggested:

- TSG RAN WG1, WG3 and WG4 are tasked to adopt similar procedures for Release 4 as with Release'99
- TSG RAN WG2 situation to be assessed again in the coming TSG RAN plenary meetings.