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Introduction

The objective of this document is to promote discussion around the working procedure for Early UE Handling. Vodafone would prefer that a clearly defined procedure is agreed (prior to any issues) by TSG RAN to ensure that when errors are brought to the plenary, a swift debate can be carried out with respect to the validity of the correction and corrective behaviour can be specified. Vodafone are keen to avoid lengthy delays due to exhaustive discussions on what should be the correct process.

This document proposes a number of potential methods that can be applied when defining the working procedure in order to perform the Early UE handling in an efficient way.

Discussion

Several operators have expressed their concerns about amount of time that may be required for the treatment of early UE problems when these discussions would be performed within 3GPP RAN and GERAN Working Groups. In order to address these concerns it is proposed to utilise the following for the working process:

- The TSG RAN chairman shall appoint a convenor within [14] days of an identified issue.
- The convenor shall kick-off an email discussion highlighting deadlines for the agreement of specific behaviour. The immediate deadline for the behaviour cannot be earlier than [14] days after the email-kick off. Note: In contrast to existing practice, it shall be possible to start discussions, work on solutions and approve them via e-mail only.
- The outcome of the discussions should as far as possible be based on consensus and agreements would be binding for the respective TSG WG(s).
- 3GPP members detecting problems shall give full information either to the working group mainly responsible for the affected functionality. An essential part of the work on early UE specific behaviour problems shall cover the documentation of specific behaviour issue. Solutions may either utilise infrastructure measures without any signalling impact, e.g. via a special network-configuration, disabling features, etc, or take explicit indication of specific early UE behaviour on *<tbid interfaces>* into consideration.