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Since the creation of 3GPP, it has been the habit to produce PDF versions of all meeting contribution documents. This was originally done to overcome certain compatibility problems amongst regional and national variants of Word and other Microsoft Office tools.

However, for some years at least, many if not all working groups have survived without PDF versions, and TSG GERAN has never systematically produced PDF versions. Moreover, TSG RAN has for some time only produced PDF files after the meeting, and not prior to addressing the documents, which are handled in their native Word (or whatever) format.

For the remaining TSGs, CT and SA, the production of PDFs in parallel with the original Word etc files represents a not inconsiderable burden on the Support Team, prior to, during and immediately following TSG meetings. In the light of the foregoing, we now dare to question whether the need for PDF files still exists.

If there is no longer a burning need, the Support Team proposes to **drop the production of PDF files** for TSGs RAN, CT and SA. These **TSGs are asked to consider this proposal**.