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Introduction

The work of TSG_CN and its working groups depends to a great extent on the work of the working groups within TSG_SA especially S1, S2.

During the recent work period a lack of information flow is detected between these SA working groups and TSG_CN which needs improvement.

From TSG_CN perspective it would be best to revert the order of TSG plenary meeting since in this case all approved SA output could directly be digested by CN and information could immediately be directed to the affected working groups.

TSG_CN is aware that this proposal is unrealistic due to other reasons but came to the more viable proposal to invite regular reports and introduction of relevant material by officials of the relevant SA working groups to TSG_CN.

This principle has some drawbacks but several merits and hence TSG_CN kindly asks TSG_SA to endorse the outlined principle and decide accordingly.

Proposal

The relevant working groups of TSG_SA report regularly to TSG_CN plenary on their work and especially on issues of interest for TSG_CN. This includes brief presentation of important documents such as specifications, liaisons or important working assumptions.

TSG_CN is of the opinion that these report should be given by working group officials, ie. either chairman or vice chair.

Drawbacks of this proposal

1. Specifications presented to TSG_CN are not approved at that point in time.
2. SA working group reports have to be ready 3 days before SA plenary (not a real drawback).
3. SA WG officials have to attend TSG plenaries for longer period of time (not a real drawback).

Benefits of this proposal

1. TSG_CN is "top level" informed on the actual activities of the relevant working groups and can trigger immediate internal activities. This leads also to time gain.
2. TSG_CN can formulate positions on special issues of interest, which can be feed in the consecutive TSG_SA plenaries to influence decisions in TSG_SA.
3. General Information exchange is improved by cross-TSG meeting attendance.

Miscellaneous on this proposal

1. This procedure will cost some time of the TSG_CN plenary. Nevertheless TSG_CN is of the opinion that this time is good invested and overcompensates by gaining the actual pieces information from the relevant groups.
2. Other TSG's might consider adopting this proposal.

From TSG_CN perspective the relevant groups are:

	S1 (Services)	
	S2 (Architecture)	
potentially	S3 (Security)	
other	Sx working group	on case by case assessment depending on issue, eg. Out-of-band LS received from SA4; here assistance of the SA WGs is needed to decide.

TSG_CN invites TSG_SA to endorse the described principle.