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Title: Draft ToR for TSG CN ITU-T ADHOC working group

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SUMMARY

With regard to the increasing activities towards ITU esp. ITU-T TSG CN endorsed the need for ITU-T Adhoc group to ensure co-ordinated contributions towards ITU-T on IMT-2000 issues.

TSG_CN endorses also to home this activity in the CN environment.

With the creation of this 2nd ad-hoc activity towards ITU 3GPP has now two interfaces towards ITU, ie. one towards ITU-R and the newly created ad-hoc interfacing ITU-T.

This new group is not authorised to generate 3G positions on behalf of its own but act only as the communication path towards ITU-T.

In the following please find draft ToR for this ad-hoc activity and the request for formal acknowledgement of this new TSG_CN activity by TSG_SA.

These ToR have not been approved formally by TSG_CN but the principles are endorsed. Formal approval will happen on the next plenary. Creation of the group could not be delayed until CN#6 since next ITU-T SG11 meetings are scheduled for November.

Dr. Masami Yabusaki from DoCoMo Europe S.A. was appointed as interim chairman until formal elections with CN#6.

Introduction

The increasing "liaison activities" between 3GPP CN and ITU-T IMT-2000 encounter several organisational inconveniences. Several CN WGs provide or intend to provide "liaison activities" between 3GPP CN and ITU-T. These activities are not co-ordinated and can cause misaligned positioning of 3GPP within the ITU-T meetings.

In addition to the co-ordination activity, TSG_CN has also encountered a problem to find suitable persons to present the 3GPP positioning and input documents to the ITU-T meetings. This kind of co-ordination activities is required to ensure proper 3GPP presentation at the ITU-T meetings.

A co-ordinated positioning across the 3GPP TSGs is required to influence the decisions ITU-T takes on certain issues with respect to ITU-T IMT-2000 activities and other activities of interest for 3GPP.

A similar ITU Adhoc activity exists in 3GPP TSG RAN and targets mainly on the "liaison activity" towards ITU-R TG8/1.

The creation of the ITU-T Adhoc Group will provide the following benefits:

- Improve 3GPP Results assimilation towards ITU-T SGs that are involved in the ITU-T IMT-2000 activities and ITU-T SG11 specifically.
- Enhance UMTS industry positions in ITU-T and ITU-T SG11 specifically.
- Improve the visibility of the standards developed by ITU-T SGs and SG11 specifically, such as Q.AAL2, Q.BICC, etc.

Draft Terms of Reference TSG_CN ITU-T ad-hoc group (Nitu-t)

- The Adhoc group is responsible of co-ordination of "liaison activities" towards ITU-T
- The Adhoc group is responsible of submission of ITU-T contribution reflecting 3GPP protocol requirements within the core network
- The Adhoc group is responsible of formulate 3GPP positions on decisions made by ITU-T that are relevant to 3GPP
- The Adhoc group is responsible for obtaining the required technical material from the 3GPP WGs and will not lead any technical discussions.
- The Adhoc Group is responsible for coordination with the other 3GPP TSGs to obtain material that needs to be communicated to ITU-T
- The Adhoc Group is responsible for coordination with the TSG RAN ITU-Adhoc to establish common positions towards ITU-R and ITU-T whenever required.
- Output material towards ITU-T will be approved by TSG_CN either during plenary meetings or electronically if time does not allow postponement.

Proposed Working Procedure

The creation of the ITU-T Adhoc Group should limit the additional workload within the WGs of the 3GPP TSG CN as much as possible. This means that the majority of its activity should be performed by electronic means, such as video conferencing, Internet conferencing (e.g. Netmeeting, email), telephone conferencing, etc.

The following work method is proposed:

- Preparations before each relevant ITU-T IMT-2000 meeting preferably by electronic means.
- If face-to-face meetings are required then these should be collocated with other CN meetings eg. TSG CN Plenaries (this occurred twice for the TSG RAN ITU Adhoc)
- Main working environment is the usage of electronic meetings, e.g. Teleconference, Videoconference, email discussions or Netmeeting facilities etc..
- Approval of the results of this ITU-T Adhoc activity should be submitted to the TSG CN Plenary (at the meetings and/or on electronic approval basis).

TSG_SA actions

TSG_SA is invited to endorse the following:

- 1. TSG SA endorses the need for the ITU-T Adhoc activities
- 2. TSG SA endorses the draft Terms of Reference for the ITU-T Adhoc Group
- 3. TSG SA endorses to assign this ITU-T Adhoc Group to TSG CN