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Title: Liaison statement to TSG-SA on resource situation and the general strategy and status of the elaboration of test cases.

Document for: Decision

T1 would like to draw the attention of SA and the SDOs to the lack of resources in T1.

T1 signalling experts elaborate the conformance test specifications for the core protocol specifications. They work as much as possible in parallel with the groups elaborating the core specifications. However, the test specifications (prose descriptions) will normally not be ready for release until some time after the release of the core specifications, The TTCN test descriptions will normally be released even later.

Current status:

At the moment, both the lack of resources and the unstable core specifications hamper the elaboration of the test cases.

Result:

Release '99 will contain no test case descriptions. Later releases will contain test case descriptions no covering all core specifications in the release (and thereby only have a limited value!).

We propose:

Each release of test case specifications should be coupled directly to a release of core specifications. E.g. release '00 of the core specifications should thus be testable by the release'00 of the test specifications.

A possible postponing of the test specification release date would make it practically possible to release test specifications, which match the core release. However, without sufficient amount of resources a timely full release of the test specifications matching a core release will not be possible.

Can sufficient resources be send to T1 meetings by the 3GPP members (now mainly driven by ETSI and ARIB members!). **Can the other 3GPP members allocate more resources?**

If not, should a part of the test specifications be implemented by a 3GPP funded project team?