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Title: Work Item Description: Floating-point ANSI-C code for the AMR-WB speech codec
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Work Item Description

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1 3GPP Work Area

	Radio Access
	Core Network
✓	Services

2 Linked work items

Wideband Telephony Service (AMR-WB)

3 Justification

AMR (Adaptive Multi-Rate) and AMR-WB (Adaptive Multi-Rate Wideband, Rel-5) speech codecs are defined for speech service for UTRAN and GERAN in fixed-point ANSI C-code. The bit-exact C-code is given in TSs 26.073 (AMR) and 26.173 (AMR-WB). In addition to speech service, these speech codecs are defined for other applications such as multimedia (in circuit switched 3G-324M terminal specified in 3GPP TS 26.110, and in packet-based applications specified in TS 26.234 for streaming and in TS 26.235 for conversational services). In these applications, a floating-point speech codec implementation may suit better the implementation platform than the fixed-point codec. Therefore, it is useful to produce a floating-point definition of the AMR-WB speech codec as an alternative way to implement the codec.

The bit-exact fixed-point ANSI-C code remains the preferred implementation for all services. Like for AMR, the fixed-point specification (TS 26.173) is the only allowed implementation of the AMR wideband codec for speech service, and the use of the floating-point code is strictly limited to other services.

For the AMR speech codec, a floating-point code has already been defined in TS 26.104.

4 Objective

To produce floating-point ANSI C-code for AMR-WB speech codec as an alternative implementation of the codec.

The floating-point encoder is a non-bit-exact implementation of the fixed-point encoder producing quality indistinguishable from that of the fixed-point encoder. The decoder is a bit-exact implementation of the fixed-point decoder, but the code has been optimised for speed and the standard fixed-point libraries are not used as such.

It will be verified that the fixed-point and floating-point codecs interoperate with each other without any artefacts.

5 Service Aspects

The same as in the Feature “Wideband Telephony Service” in which this work task belongs.

6 MMI-Aspects

The same as in the Feature “Wideband Telephony Service” in which this work task belongs.

7 Charging Aspects

The same as in the Feature “Wideband Telephony Service” in which this work task belongs.

8 Security Aspects

The same as in the Feature “Wideband Telephony Service)” in which this work task belongs.

9 Impacts

Affects:	U	A	C	Others
Yes	✓			
No				
Don't know	✓	✓	✓	

10 Expected Output and Time scale (to be updated at each plenary)

New specifications						
Spec No.	Title	Prime rsp	2ndary rsp.	Presented for info plenary#	Approved at plenary#	Comments
TS 26.204	ANSI-C code for the float AMR-WB speech codec	SA4		SA#14	SA#15	
Affected existing specifications						
Spec No.	CR	Subject		Approved at plenary#	Comments	

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12 Work item leadership

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13 Supporting Companies

Ericsson, France Telecom, Nokia, Siemens

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Classification of the WI (if known)

	Feature (go to 14a)
	Building Block (go to 14b)
X	Work Task (go to 14c)

14a The WI is a Feature: List of building blocks under this feature:
Specification, Implementation

14b The WI is a Building Block: parent Feature:
“Wideband Telephony Service (AMR-WB)”

14c The WI is a Work Task: Belongs to the Feature “Wideband Telephony Service (AMR-WB)”,
BB "Specification"