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Title: Liaison Statement on UE Functionality Split Relating to the IMS
Source: T2
To: CN, T and SA
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1. Overall Description:

During its meeting in Cancun in November 2001, T2 had a joint session with SA1 to discuss progress on UE Functionality Split.

It was noted that SA1 had agreed the bullet point in the SA1 report on UE Functionality split (sent separately to SA for information) as follows:

“Call control signalling (e.g. IMS SIP signalling) must not be run transparently through the MT by the TE in this Release”.

During the discussion it was found that there were different opinions by different companies as to whether this limitation for Release 5 is acceptable.

On the one side, it is argued that the velocity of service delivery via SIP is able to be increased significantly if a TE SIP client can originate signalling messages and send them transparently through the MT.

On the other side, it is pointed out that the security principles for the 3GPP system have hitherto relied on a UICC supplying certain private information* and a conformance tested MT then transmitting that information to the network. If we allow a TE to originate such private information and do not check this in the conformance tested MT then there is a risk that this private information is modified by a rogue piece of TE software and 3GPP would need to define a way for the network to detect this.

* “private information” meaning secure identities such as IMSI.

2. Actions:

To CN and T

ACTION: T2 asks CN and T to debate the above in order to establish a view to take into SA from the respective CN and T viewpoints.

To SA

ACTION: T2 asks SA to provide clear guidance about the vision for IMS with respect to UE Split.

3. Date of Next T2 Meetings:

T2#16	11-15 Feb 2002	Sophia Antipolis
T2#17	13-17 May 2002	Tbd