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Title: LS : the UICC/USIM, part of the 3GPP system
Release: REL-5 and beyond
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To: 3GPP-SA

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1. Overall Description:

T3 is aware that SA will discuss the issue about using the SIM for a REL-5 service (i.e. IMS).

T3 would like to remind SA that the SIM specification has been frozen in REL-4. The only identity module defined for REL-5 and beyond is the UICC, holding the USIM and ISIM applications.

Furthermore, it is stated in SA#17 report, regarding a discussion about Tdoc SP-020584 ("Considerations about Migration from SIM to UICC/USIM"), that:

"It was **agreed** that there was no foreseen problem with moving to the USIM only from Release 5 onwards from a standardisation point of view."

The USIM offers advanced features as compared with the SIM, and in particular the support of the 3G AKA which guarantees a greater level of security for the user and the network operator.

The UICC/USIM is a part of the 3GPP network, and therefore services defined for REL-5 and beyond should rely on it.

2. Actions:

To SA plenary.

ACTION: encourage the use of the UICC/USIM for services defined for REL-5 and beyond

3. Date of Next TSG-T3 Meetings:

TSG-T3 Meeting #27	20th – 23rd May 2003	Japan
TSG-T3 Meeting #28	19th – 22h August 2003	Singapore