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Reykjavik, Iceland, 2-6 February 2004.

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Title: Reply LS on Pending Decision on A Interface Functionality for Early UE handling
Response to: LS (S2-034370) on Pending Decision on A Interface Functionality for Early UE handling from TSG SA2
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Source: TSG GERAN
To: TSG SA2, TSG SA
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1. Overall Description:

TSG GERAN would like to thank TSG SA2 for their LS on "Pending decision on A interface functionality for Early UE handling" in Tdoc S2-034370 (GP-040215).

Decision on the A interface functionality for Early UE handling was actually taken in TSG GERAN # 15 meeting in Fort Lauderdale (23-27 June 2003) and TSG GERAN would like to apologize for not sending a liaison statement to TSG SA and TSG SA2 at that time.

TSG GERAN has studied the A interface functionality for Early UE handling and a technically complete solution has been derived. However, the decision taken in the TSG GERAN # 15 meeting was that provision of the UESBI to the BSS via the A interface was not needed, basically because the likelihood of a problem arising in this area was not considered as significant enough to justify the introduction of such a mechanism.

This decision was re-considered in TSG GERAN # 18 meeting (2-6 February 2004) upon reception of the LS from TSG SA2 and the decision that the UESBI on the A interface is not needed, taken in TSG GERAN # 15, was again confirmed. It was however noted that it would still be possible to re-consider the decision in the future in case serious interoperability problems between BSS and terminals are identified in the area of GERAN to UTRAN handovers, in which case a technical solution is ready for approval.

TSG GERAN therefore would like to ask TSG SA2 to update the paragraphs in TS 23.195 that are marked pending on TSG GERAN's decision so that TS 23.195 can be finalised and approved by TSG SA.

2. Actions:

To TSG SA2 and TSG SA groups.

ACTION: TSG GERAN kindly asks TSG SA2 and TSG SA to finalise and approve TS 23.195 based on the decision taken by TSG GERAN and presented above.

3. Date of Next TSG-GERAN Meetings:

TSG-GERAN Meeting # 19	19th – 23th April 2004	Cancun, Mexico.
TSG-GERAN Meeting # 20	21st – 25th June 2004	Bilbao, Spain.