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TSG CN WG2 thank TSG RAN WG3 for their liaison statement (Tdoc R3-000402).

We note that RAN WG3 favors a solution for TrFO harmonized with TFO.

According to our understanding, Out-of-Band Transcoder Control (i.e. TrFO) is a R99 work item. TFO for UMTS has not been started yet and is planned to be finalized by June 2000 which makes it a R00 work item.

TSG CN WG2 are not confident that we correctly understand the intended meaning behind the word harmonization in this context. TSG CN WG2 should be grateful if TSG RAN WG3 could provide background information for their preference to have harmonized solutions for TFO and TrFO. In particular, it is not clear to us what the scope of such a harmonization could be and which reasons would require harmonized solutions for both of the work items.

TSG CN WG2 proposes to have a joint meeting with TSG RAN WG3 experts to get clarification on this matter.

The next meeting of TSG CN WG2 is scheduled for 27-31 March 2000.

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