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Title: Proposals on organisation of charging work

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In an attempt to complete the discussion on the "Organisation of charging work in 3GPP", those companies active in the e-mail discussion have continued the discussions at SA#22 and have reached some agreement. Not all of the points raised in SP-030670 were resolved.

It was agreed that SA5 SWGB needs to have close co-operation and coordination with other groups in 3GPP and to this end opportunities for increased visibility and co-operation should be pursued.

The following points were agreed:

1. It was agreed that SA1 is and should continue to be the group responsible for the Stage 1 charging requirements. It was noted that GSMA liases frequently with SA5 SWGB on requirements, but that not all of these requirements are stage 1 related, many relate to operational issues. It was agreed that GSMA should be encouraged to send stage 1 related requirements to SA1 with the option to send the information to SA5 SWGB as well and that SA5 SWGB should continue to forward the appropriate requirements to SA1 if this does not happen.
2. It was agreed that SA2 is responsible for the overall network architecture and should continue with the work that it has been doing to define the impacts of charging within the context of that network architecture, while charging architecture specific aspects will continue to be the responsibility of SA5. However, it was agreed that the borderline between SA2 and SA5 SWGB is difficult to define, except on a case-by-case basis.
3. It was agreed to encourage more co-operation and co-ordination of the charging work between the SA and CN WGs as well as, as far as possible, to look for co-location of meetings. It was also agreed to encourage more direct technical co-operation and co-ordination of the charging work in SA5 with the AAA work in IETF, especially with regards to online charging and credit control aspects. Administrative aspects of this co-operation are handled within IETF dependency management framework of TSG-CN.

No agreement could be reached on the benefits of either moving the work to CN or leaving the work within SA5 SWGB.

SA is asked to discuss and take action with respect to the three points of agreement listed above.