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Liaison Statement

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1. At the beginning of December, 1998 3GPP was started with the very successful inaugural meetings of the Technical Specification Groups. During these individual inaugural TSG meetings, an appropriate sub-structure was created which will allow to move UMTS work so far under ETSI SMG STCs to the respective TSG Working Group. WG Convenors were appointed.
2. 3GPP TSG T WG3 recognise that the contributions of all the participants during this first series of meetings were driven by the spirit to exercise this transfer of UMTS without delay in the specification progress and also to avoid duplication of activities.
3. Working Groups established under TSGs reflect very much the structure of SMG STCs or Working Parties dealing up to now with UMTS. This is a good precondition for smooth transition of work and for future co-operation in areas where joint activities are anticipated, e.g. GSM->3rd Generation Hand-over, Service interworking (VHE) etc.
4. Currently STF support for SMG activities also covers both GSM and 3G. Respective expertise has been developed over the time. For the sake of smooth transition of work to 3GPP it seems to be only reasonable to make use of expertise and labour already established for UMTS under ETSI SMG. The ETSI GA at their recent Assembly has allocated a budget line for support of 3GPP. The ETSI Director General Mr Rosenbrock has announced ETSI's commitment to cater for 3GPP support for the first year at least. It is expected that other 3GPP partners will contribute via funding or labour over the time. So funding does not seem to be a problem.

3GPP TSG T WG3 hold that Working Group support should be established without unnecessary delay. As proven over the years in ETSI SMG, this support should be provided with similar arrangements as in ETSI SMG: Project team members are appointed on terms of technical and managerial expertise. Typically they are seconded from member organisations. Contract terms reflect the limited period of the project.

3GPP TSG-T3 recognise that the current support from PT SMG for the different WGs within 3GPP was essential for a fast and smooth transition from the work of ETSI SMG for UMTS to 3GPP.

Therefore, 3GPP TSG-T3 propose that due to the considerable expertise and knowledge that resides within PT SMG, that support for SMG and 3GPP from PT SMG is continued. It is recommended that sufficient funding is obtained to (as a minimum) continue, or increase the level of support from PT SMG. 3GPP TSG-T3 request TSG-T to raise this matter in the 3GPP PCG.