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Input documents for WG meetings have been provided as input documents from both partners as individual members rather than individual members only. Contributions to WG or TSG Terminals meetings should be provided by individual members only not by partners. Partner organisations may send input documents that are of liaison statement nature to be discussed mainly at the TSG terminal plenary. There are several reasons for this. Delegates participating in a meeting represent their company not a partner. It is also essential that the discussion forum is the WG itself not a corresponding group within a partner organisation. If the source for input papers is a partner it is very difficult in a meeting to reach an agreement in case of conflicting interests. Delegates participating the WG or TSG Terminals meeting do not necessary have the mandate to change their point of view as the document has been agreed in an other forum. This also has an impact on the WG as a discussion forum. If partner input documents are allowed the discussions on the specific topics will be shifted to an organisation within each partner. The work in the WGs will then become very difficult as all aspects and views are not brought forward in order to reach a common understanding.

Nokia would like to see TSG Terminals plenary to endorse the principle that input documents should be originated from individual member companies that are a member of a partner. Other TSGs and WGs have endorsed this principle.