

To: 3GPP Organisational Partners (OP)
cc: PCG
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Title: Clarification required for “**global roaming**” and “**global circulation**”

During the last 3GPP Organisational Partners (OP) meeting, held in 27-28 May 1999 in Seoul (Korea), there was an agreed resolution between all parties on the issue of **global circulation** and **global roaming**. Below is the exact extract (from the official meeting minutes) of this agreed resolution:

“If a technical item is found to be out of scope of 3GPP:

- 3GPP should define whether the proposed technical item is out of scope of 3GPP and justify its decision.
- If the work item is outside of the scope of 3GPP, and where a common global solution is desired, 3GPP should recommend how that can be achieved.
- If the proposed technical item has no impact on **global roaming** and **circulation** of terminals, or has no adverse impact on the future development of the standard, such a technical item can be defined by the interested SDO not by 3GPP.
- The above definitions should be applied by the 3GPP TSGs on a case by case basis”.

The discussion and outcome of the OP meeting shows the great importance that the Organisational Partners put on the issue of **global roaming** between different 3GPP operators and the possibility to have **global circulation** of terminals between different countries.

It is the view of TSG-T that:

- there are different interpretations of “**global roaming**” and “**global circulation**”; and
- there is no common consensus on the interpretation of the above terms.

Thus, TSG-T would like to inform 3GPP Organisational Partners of this issue and asks for clarification as soon as possible.