

Liaison Statement

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Title: Regarding merging of SMG7 into 3GPP / TSG-T1

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Considerations regarding the possible merging of SMG7 into TSG-T1

TSG-T1 has noted the possibility that SMG7 may be merged into TSG-T1.

From release '99 and onwards, a great part of the signalling protocols above RRM will be the same for GSM and 3GPP specifications. TSG-T1 **welcomes** the possibility of optimizing the work done on these specifications.

TSG-T1 recognises, **however**, the importance of that the work already scheduled by TSG-T1 and SMG7 is not delayed due to any merging efforts.

TSG-T1 **proposes** that co-located meetings are scheduled for the TSG-T1 meeting in August (28 Aug. – 1. Sep in Finland) and on-wards.

Furthermore, TSG-T1 proposes the establishment of a special 'SMG7' Sub Working Group (SWG) in TSG-T1 to take care of GSM related issues. In the beginning such a group would consist of the SMG7 members (and the chairman – if he accepts!) and have a similar work program as SMG7 today.

Eventually, though, it is hoped that the common signalling issues (and the concerned resources!) can be moved into the TSG-T1/SIG group. Special GSM issues (RF, special GSM features,.....) should, however remain in the dedicated 'TSG-T1/GSM' group.

A TSG-T1 SWG normally meet every 3 month co-located with the TSG-T1 plenary and normally once in between the plenary meetings on an independent basis.

TSG-T1 welcomes any thoughts or proposals on this from SMG7.