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To: TSG T2

Cc: TSG SA, TSG SA1
                TSG S2, S3, S4
                TSG T, TSG T1
                GSM Association
                EICTA CCIG (former CelCom)
                GCF SG

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Topic: **Application on external devices**

Attachment: none

Reference   T2-000445 (equivalent to GCF SG doc 87/00 and CCIG doc 00cc096)

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The liaison statement quoted above is a reply to earlier LS by TSG SA and S1, respectively. Both CCIG and GCF were informed officially only on the T2 statement; the member companies of the two organisations, however, had seen all of them in there capacity as TSG members.

The T2-000446 were on the agenda of both meetings of GCF Steering Group and EICTA CCIG recently. Since I was tasked independently as chairman of both groups to respond to T2 I would like to combine these replies, in particular since they head in the same direction.

The terminal manufactures of CCIG and GCF understand well the usage of mobile communication terminals as a stand-alone termination device likewise as an access medium for multimedia services. Therefore they agree fully to the conclusions drawn by T1.

The operators in GCF noted the statement with interest. In the ensuing discussion they wished to ascertain that any features of 3rd generation terminals could be tested and certified before brought into the market place. The integrity of the network and the interoperability issues are very dear to their heart in this respect.

Therefore I would like to inform you that I was tasked additionally to initiate discussion between TSG T1 and GCF on the topic of interoperability test for the next generation terminals. A first and initial conversation took place between the chairman of T1 and myself which will be followed up soon.