

Yokohama, JAPAN**21 – 23 April 1999****Source: 3GPP TSG-N2 Chairman****Title: Status report of TSG-N2 to TSG-N plenary meeting #3****1 Introduction**

TSG-N Working group 2 held its second meeting in Issy-les-Moulineaux, kindly hosted by France Télécom/CNET, 22 – 25 March 1999. This was a joint meeting with SMG3 WPC'; SMG3 WPC' also met on Friday 26 March to deal with the maintenance of GSM specifications. The opening part of the meeting was chaired jointly by the co-convenors, Dr Masami Yabusaki (DoCoMo Europe) and Mr Ian Park (Vodafone); after the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, sessions were chaired by the Chairman, Mr Ian Park (Vodafone) and one of the Vice-Chairmen, Mr Steffen Habermann (T-Mobil).

2 Main achievements

The meeting elected by acclamation Mr Ian Park (Vodafone) as Chairman, and Messrs Steffen Habermann (T-Mobil) and Yun Chao Hu (Ericsson Nippon) as Vice-Chairmen.

Several contributions on CAMEL phase 3 were accepted as input to a draft stage 2 specification. The interim rapporteur for this specification, Mr Christian Homann (Alcatel), has produced the draft stage 2, which will be used as the basis for further work. The work will continue in the next meeting of TSG-N2 subgroup A, in Sophia Antipolis, 13 – 16 April.

The first drafts of technical reports on the GLR, pre-paging and the use of variable length parameters for authentication were reviewed. A further iteration will be reviewed at an ad hoc meeting of N2B in Tokyo, 27 – 29 April.

A substantial body of maintenance work on GSM specifications for Release 98 and earlier was completed; the main subject areas covered were CAMEL phase 2, GPRS and Mobile Number Portability.

3 Information to be noted**3.1 Meeting schedule**

TSG-N2 has arranged hosts and dates for meetings as follows:

- 13 – 15 April, Sophia Antipolis, France (ETSI) – N2A joint with SPS3 on CAMEL issues;
- 27 – 29 April, Tokyo, Japan (NEC) – N2B ad hoc
- 17 – 21 May, Edinburgh, Scotland (Nortel Networks);
- 22 – 23 June, France (France Télécom) – N2A joint with SPS3 on CAMEL issues;
- 19 – 23 July, Gotland, Sweden (Telia Mobile);
- 13 – 17 September, Akibo, Japan (NEC);
- 19 – 20 October, Ireland - N2A joint with SPS3 on CAMEL issues;
- 15 – 19 November, no host yet.

TSG-N2 has noted the decision of TSG-N #2 that meetings should not start earlier than 10 a.m. on a Monday. This constraint has been applied by the hosts for the meeting of 17 – 21 May, and will be applied by future hosts. SMG #28bis agreed that TSG-N should take over the work of maintaining GSM specifications. The formality of handling maintenance of GSM specifications in SMG3 WPC' meetings is therefore seen as unnecessary; meetings will simply be TSG-N2 meetings, and documents will be N2 documents.

3.2 Liaison statements already sent

WG2 agreed to send a number of liaison statements to various bodies; the LSs are presented in Tdoc NP-99####.

3.3 Subgroup organisation

TSG-N2 worked in parallel subgroups for most of its last meeting. Subgroup A (chaired by Steffen Habermann) concentrated on CAMEL; subgroup B (chaired by Ian Park) dealt with non-CAMEL issues. Some further balancing of load between the subgroups may be appropriate; this will be discussed between the Chairman and vice-chairmen. The division of responsibilities between the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for chairing the subgroup meetings also needs to be resolved; this will be discussed during the week of 12 – 16 April in Sophia Antipolis.

3.4 Co-ordination with S2

TSG-S2 has appointed several liaison people to improve the co-ordination with other TSG working groups. The TSG-N2 chairman met Iain Sharp, the S2 liaison person for N2, on 6 April, and we agreed a list of actions to provide timely inputs to N2 for its work on Release 99 specifications.

4 Issues to be resolved**4.1 GSM specifications to be handled by TSG-N2**

Tdoc NP-99#### lists the GSM specifications which WG2 expects to handle; this list is the result of a review in the last TSG-N2 meeting of the list produced by the TSG-N chairman. TSG-N are asked to consider and ratify the material in this list which is relevant to WG2.