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1. Introduction

We need an effective mechanism to work on 3GPP Release 2000 work items for new technical specifications without this activity being de-prioritised by Release 1999 change requests etc.

2. Discussion

The delivery of 3GPP Release 2000 specifications by December 2000 represents a significant challenge to the 3GPP as a result of the very limited time available (9months), to complete this years work programme.

This has to be seen against the broad technical scope, new technical work areas and new innovative architectural platform concepts as well as the complicated structure of the present established of the organisation.

It therefore makes little sense to implement radical changes to the present working arrangements however it is essential that we re-position the focus of 3GPP TSG CN work between the conclusion of 3GPP TSG CN#7 and the start of CN#8 in July 2000.

3. Proposal

It is proposed that either a new All-IP WG or a new Ad-Hoc All-IP WG is set up to focus on & progress the following high level objectives before the next TSG CN#8 meeting.

That this new WG be managed & led by a team constituted from the present elected vice chairs of the present CN1, CN2 and CN3 working groups to ensure continuity of purpose & close co-ordination back into the present structure.

That the new WG meets contiguously with (or in parallel) with the present schedule of meetings as appropriate to minimise disruption and maximise participation of experts.

- Agree the high-level scope for Release 2000;
- Establish high-level work plan-meeting schedule with milestones-leading to completion of work by December 2000;
- Ensure new R00 WI's are established (to support the scope);
- Review & make recommendations to the TSG CN organisation and allocation of WI's - not just business as usual;
- Establish links as necessary with other bodies-e.g.IETF, ITU, SDO's, forums etc., with a view to directing/shaping our work.
- Ensure that the results of the SA & CN All-IP R00 workshops are reviewed.

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