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Background

At the Organizational Patners Meeting#1 held in Seoul on 27-28 May 1999, the Terms of Reference of the 3GPP were considered and the following points were made:

- The definition of the term "USIM" is inconsistent between TSGs. TSG SA should ensure that a consistent definition is used throughout.
- The use of the terms "User", "User Equipment", "Terminal" and "Terminal Equipment" is inconsistent throughout the Terms of Reference for the TSGs. TSG SA should co-ordinate the consistent use of these definitions.

Proposal

TSG RAN have dealt with the definition of the abbreviation "USIM" in their Terms of Reference, and agreed on the following, which is now consistent across the TSGs:

USIM: Universal Subscriber Identity Module

No further action is required on this point for the Terms of References. Specifications and Reports need to be aligned where necessary.

The definition and use of terms "User", "User Equipment", "Terminal" and "Terminal Equipment" needs to be examined in the TSG Terms of Reference and 3GPP specifications. It is proposed that TSG SA appoint a group to examine the definitions given in 3G Vocabulary documents (e.g. 25.990 "UTRAN Vocabulary") and create an overall Vocabulary/Terminology document containing the agreed abbreviations and definitions to be used in 3GPP specifications.