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1. Migration principle

It is important to consider the service continuity and the durability of the investments when defining future releases. Backward compatibility and migration principles are very important for next releases. The problem is really to have an evolution from release 99 to future releases and not a revolution. If not completely backward compatible a migration path should be defined from one release to the following one. This migration should guarantee service continuity and minimize the impact on the network.

2. Proposal

The impact of any new feature and architecture on the backward compatibility should be studied. Consequently, **we propose that a feasibility study of the backward compatibility is made each time a new concept is introduced**. **Moreover, a migration path should be defined if the backward compatibility is not possible.**

France Télécom welcomes the study of IP networking. In order to make possible the implementation of it, such migration and compatibility matters should be part of the feasibility study of IP networking for UMTS.