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1. Introduction

ARIB requested 3GPP to approve the initial draft specification in April 1999 to enable ARIB to produce the first version of standards for the commercial launch of IMT-2000 in Japan (See Doc.TSGR#2(99)070).

Taking into consideration the progress of 3GPP and other factors, ARIB has revisited its schedule of the approval of the first standards, though the targeted date of commercial service launch has by no means changed.

This paper presents the reviewed result of the ARIB schedule and action plan.

2. Reviewed Time Schedule

It was expected that the most of the deliverable from TSGs, especially from TSG RAN, would become Version 2 and would be endorsed by April 1999. Version 2 means that the contents are stable more than 80% and major technologies are agreed. However, the many parts of specifications have not reached 80 % stable. Considering this situation and opinions of ARIB members, ARIB International Specification Development Sub-Committee (ISD) has decided the following process and actions:

- (1) It is not appropriate to produce the first version of ARIB air-interface specifications for IMT-2000 in April 1999,
- (2) ARIB ISD encourages individual members of 3GPP from ARIB to more actively participate and contribute to the work of 3GPP in order to produce stable 3GPP specifications as soon as possible, and
- (3) ARIB will define ARIB standards based on the Release 99 of 3GPP at the end of 1999 by conducting preparation in parallel with the 3GPP development activities.

3. Conclusion

In order to avoid any confusion among 3GPP Organizational Partners, this review result is submitted to the TSG SA and RAN meeting as well as May 1999 OP meeting for information.
