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Ownership of GPRS stage2 specification (03.60 and 23.060)  
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TSG\_CN currently experiences formal problems with the approval of CRs to 03.60 respectively 23.060 due to unclear allocation of responsibility for this specification which is linked to the approval authority.

The S2 approach to take responsibility for 23.060 but leave 03.60 to TSG\_CN is inconsistent and needs refinement.

For the purpose of future clean specification maintenance and evolution it is urgently needed to clarify the ownership of both specifications since at present discussions consume time which are about whether this or that CR is on architectural or protocol level and hence has to be treated in this or that group. Such discussion absorb non neglectable meeting time.

TSG\_CN's position is that the CN working groups do corrections to 03.60 currently on a subcontracting basis for S2.

Irrespective of this the final specification responsibility is with S2/SA.

CN sees the responsibility with S2 since this group was mandated with the responsibility for architectural issues.

**TSG\_SA is invited to consider:**

- The specification responsibility for GSM 03.60 and 23.060 have to be kept together in one group.
- TSG\_SA working group S2 is responsible for both specifications.
- The CN working groups are willing to assist S2 by refining the more detailed part of the specifications, ie. to be subcontracted.  
It is recommended that S2 produces along a table of content a "section specific responsibility list" to prevent further "competence/responsibility conflicts".
- TSG\_CN is informed that 23.060 might have undergone severe modifications on the recent ad-hoc meeting. This may have consequences for work on specifications in TSG\_CN domain for R99.

But since 23.060 now seems to be under modification anyhow S2 may consider either to split the specification in two distinct parts or two separate specifications to cater for future clean responsibility allocation.

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Due to time constraints the document was not presented to CN plenary and therefore can't be presented as TSG\_CN Liaison but the content of the document covers the position of TSG\_CN.

