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Summary

TeleManagement Forum (TMF) is an international consortium of Telecom businesses with an interest in creating and promoting de facto solutions and standards in the area of Telecom Management. In fact many of the member companies of 3GPP are also TMF members. This document proposes that TSG SA should request that the PCG give SA5 the mandate to liaise with the TMF.

Telecom Operations Map (TOM)

The current versions of 3G TS 31.101 and 31.102 make reference to a "Telecom Operation Map" (TOM). That document was first written by TMF in 1994 and published in 1995 as the Service Management Business Process Model. It provides an operational view of core business processes involved in service fulfilment, service assurance and billing. It uses terms that are easily understood by people who actually operate the business, and shows the interrelationships among and between processes. It is based loosely on the TMN model, in that it expands the service management and network management layers.

The TOM has now been widely accepted in the Telecom Industry.

The TOM and TOM concepts have been referenced and used extensively in TS 32.101 "3G Telecom Management principles and high level requirements" and 32.102 "3G Telecom Management Architecture".

Liaison Request

3GPP TSG SA WG5 would like to request the permission and guidance of 3GPP TSG SA to allow it to liase directly with TMF. This would for example allow 3GPP TSG SA5 to comment on and request changes or improvements to the TOM specification.

In general it is felt that permission to liase with TMF would be useful to facilitate the free and proper exchange and use of documents between the TMF Mobile Management Team and 3GPP SA5.