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Introduction

This contribution addresses the approval process and completion of the Release 99 specifications within the 3GPP and proposes an approach and specific actions that need to be taken by TSG SA.

General

The specifications for Release 99 are being progressed within the 3GPP TSGs with an objective of approving them during the TSG#6 meetings (December 1999).

It has been previously agreed that the Release 99 specifications should be a consistent set, i.e. the service, capability, architecture and other "requirement" descriptions contained within the specifications from SA (principally SA1 and SA2) should reflect the actual capabilities that are contained in the interface and protocol specifications from the other TSGs.

As a consequence of the meeting structure and sequence, TSG SA #6 is expected to be presented with a set of approved specifications from the other TSGs (CN, RAN and T meeting immediately before SA) together with accompanying statements assessing the status of the service and capability requirements that they will support (exception statements to TSG SA requirements).

It has also been recognised that whilst the Release 99 specifications will be approved during the TSG#6 meetings, further work will be required to refine and harmonise the specifications during the early part of 2000. Additionally some of the Release 99 requirements that cannot be completed within the Release 99 timeframe need to be "carried over" into Release 00.

Thus, the above implies that within TSG SA there is a need to:

1. Analyse the exception statements from TSGs CN, RAN and T with a view to determining the status of Release 99 service and capability requirements that are:
 - Supported or are planned to be fully supported by Release 99 Specifications;
 - Carried forward for Release 00.
 - Not supported by Release 99 Specifications and not carried over to Release 00;
2. Develop a 3GPP work plan to complete the Release 99 Specifications during the early part of 2000;
3. Edit and update the SA Requirements specifications to reflect the above analysis and decisions.

The current TSG#6 meeting schedule and availability of technical experts and editors, however, militates against completing all of the above actions during this SA#6 meeting; it is clearly inappropriate for the meeting to make and agree detailed changes to specifications. In order to make best use of the available meeting time and resources the following plan is proposed.

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Proposal

It is proposed that during this TSG SA#6 meeting:

- 1. The scope of Release 99 (in terms of services and capabilities) is finalised** following a high-level analysis of the exception statements from TSGs CN, RAN and T;
- 2. The Release 99 Specifications proposed for approval from SA working groups (SA1 to SA5) are approved** by SA (to at least v3.0.0) with only minor editorial changes allowed during this process;
- 3. A work plan for the refinement of Release 99** specifications during the early part of 2000 is agreed by the meeting;
- 4. SA working groups are requested to produce change requests** for their Release 99 specifications to TSGSA#7, following a detailed analysis of the exception documents.

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