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Several expressions have been made over the development of the IM Subsystem functionality and features. We fully support the position that the main goal for the IM Subsystem must be to enable new services. With “new services” we mean services that are not available in current platforms.

In addition to that, a basic voice service inter-working capability is required from users in a full IM/PS environment towards users in networks incapable of supporting real time PS services. Adaptations of current service mechanisms in the CS environment should be focused on reducing the impact from legacy services rather than redeveloping them in the IM subsystem.

We are unsure about the possibility to adapt current service platforms such as CAMEL to the requirements of the new IM Subsystem. For this new service execution environment we need to consider also other service control mechanisms.

The aim of CAMEL is to enable services executed in the visited network to be controlled by the home network. The new mechanisms we need should aim at enable services executed in the home environment to be controlled or influenced by service applications in other environments, e.g. the visited network.

We must also learn from the current IN experience, where implementations are very vendor specific. The aim for new interfaces must be to keep them as simple as possible, thus minimising possibilities for vendor specific flavours.

Conclusion

In our opinion, we must:

- Focus on new services for the IM Subsystem
- Ensure basic voice inter-working capability between users in PS and CS networks
- Make interfaces as simple as possible, thus minimising vendor specific versions