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Title: LS on Stage 3 work for Early UE handling
Response to: LS on Stage 3 work for Early UE handling (G2-030379 / S2-032154)
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Attachments: None.

1. Overall Description:

GERAN2 would like to thank SA2 for their answers and guidance in the preparation of the stage 3 CRs to the GERAN specifications for 'early UE handling'.

GERAN2 would like to inform SA2 and the other groups addressed in this Liaison Statement that GERAN2 has agreed what is considered to be the minimum set of changes for the GERAN handling of 'early UEs'. These changes are restricted to the A interface and relate to the addition of a new cause for the failure of the handover to UMTS procedure. This cause enables the BSC not to attempt further handovers to UMTS for the mobile station involved. Furthermore, at external handover, the old BSC notifies the new BSC of the MS condition, so that further handovers to UMTS in the new BSC can be prevented for the mobile station in question. The stage 3 CR containing these changes (modifications to BSSAP in 3GPP TS 48.008) has been agreed by GERAN2 and it will be submitted for approval by TSG GERAN #15 at the end of June.

Regarding whether or not the BSC should receive and use the UESBI, GERAN2 has not concluded on this issue as yet and hence the agreed changes described above do not include it. It is GERAN2's understanding that this is consistent with the assumptions in CN4 and that CN4 will include in their specifications the addition of the UESBI on the MAP-E interface for the case of GERAN to UTRAN handover. However, this issue will be discussed again at the next GERAN2 meeting at the end of June, collocated with TSG GERAN #15. GERAN2 will notify SA2, CN1 and CN4 if these changes are agreed at the next GERAN2 meeting, so that these groups can change their affected specifications, if any.

2. Actions

No actions needed.

3. Date of Next TSG-GERAN WG2 Meetings:

TSG-GERAN WG2 Meeting #15	24 th – 26 th June 2003	Fort Lauderdale, USA
TSG-GERAN WG2 Meeting #16	26 th – 28 th August 2003	New York, USA
TSG-GERAN WG2 Meeting #16bis	6 th – 10 th October 2003	Porto, Portugal