Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects **TSGS#23(04)0044**
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Source: TSG SA WG2 (S2-041045)
Title: WID on "**Combining CS bearers with IMS"**
Agenda Item: 7.2.3

Work Item Description

Title: Combining CS bearers with IMS

1 3GPP Work Area

	Radio Access
X	Core Network
X	Services

2 Linked work items

none identified

3 Justification

Many operators regard IMS as a key feature. However, there remain issues with the efficiency of transferring Voice over IP over the radio interface, and, with the capability of the GSM radio interface to handle VoIP. Additionally, operators are interested in techniques to smooth the rollout and accelerate the take-up of IMS.

As a result of this, some companies have discussed using the existing CS infrastructure to transport the voice traffic; the PS domain to carry IMS signaling and 'non real time' user data; the IMS infrastructure to provide 'advanced services'; and "something" to combine them all together. These discussions have tended to show that there are many different techniques for combining the CS and IMS parts together. However, leaving mobile vendors, infrastructure vendors and operators to develop these different techniques in isolation is likely to lead to interoperability problems and fragmented, small markets.

Hence it is proposed to study the techniques for combining CS real time bearers with IMS and to specify a single solution.

4 Objective

The primary objective is to standardise one method for combining the CS real time bearers within IMS to better satisfy the existing requirements in TS 22.228. The first step towards this is to conduct a feasibility study on the architectural requirements; architectural solutions; and their tradeoffs.

Subsequent steps (eg the production of a TS; stage 3 CRs; and any work in IETF) should be identified during the concluding phases of the feasibility study.

5 Service Aspects

None identified. The intention is to meet existing IMS stage 1 requirements but with improved radio efficiency and/or utilisation of the existing GSM RAN.

6 MMI-Aspects

No specification is expected.

7 Charging Aspects

Inter-operator accounting and roaming charging aspects need to be considered for the CS bearer and its relationship with any IMS session.

8 Security Aspects

None anticipated.

9 Impacts

Affects:	UICC apps	ME	AN	CN	Others
Yes		X		X	
No					X
Don't know	X		X		

10 Expected Output and Time scale (to be updated at each plenary)

New specifications						
Spec No.	Title	Prime rsp. WG	2ndary rsp. WG(s)	Presented for information at plenary#	Approved at plenary#	Comments
TR 23.8bc	Report on Alternative Architectures for Combining CS Bearers with IMS	SA 2		#24	#26	

Affected existing specifications				
Spec No.	CR	Subject	Approved at plenary#	Comments
?		This list should be completed when (and if) any stage 2 TS is presented to SA “for information”	#26	

11 Work item raporteurs

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12 Work item leadership

SA 2

13 Supporting Companies

Cingular, Ericsson, Lucent, Nortel Networks, Qualcomm, TeliaSonera, TIM, Vodafone Group.

14 Classification of the WI (if known)

X	Feature (go to 14a)
	Building Block (go to 14b)
	Work Task (go to 14c)

14a The WI is a Feature: List of building blocks under this feature

Building Blocks and Work Tasks are anticipated to be identified when the stage 2 is presented “for information”.

14b The WI is a Building Block: parent Feature

(one Work Item identified as a feature)

14c The WI is a Work Task: parent Building Block

(one Work Item identified as a building block)

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2002-07-04: "USIM" box changed to "UICC apps"