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The informal drafting break out session on 3GPP Rel 6 Priorities took place 7h30 to 9h 17.3. and was attended by around 30 delegates.

Written input contributions were identified : SP-040014.

Release 7 time line : The contributors of the document elaborated on their motivation. It was identified that the long duration of Rel 6 leads to a fear that Rel 7 will take a similar amount of time. This then increases pressure to include new work in Rel 6. Therefore the meeting agreed that Rel 7 should not take such a long time. It was recalled that 3GPP releases are defined by content and are expected "every 12 to 15 (or 18) months". It was felt that one main problem of Rel 6 was that Stage 1 requirements were frozen only after 15 month after Rel 6 start.

> The meeting recommends to 3GPP SA to set June 2005 as freezing date for Rel 7 stage 1 requirements

Release 6 freezing : Next discussion on when to freeze 3GPP Rel 6. Rapidly two main alternatives for freezing were identified, namely September 2004 and December 2004.

Arguments for freezing in **September 2004** included :

- Declaring December 2004 now increases risk of moving toward march 2005

- Declaring December 2004 now does not send a message of urgency toward the working groups

- As it is contribution driven and we must set ambitious goals

- The message toward 3GPP dependent work from other standardization bodies (e.g. IETF or OMA)

Arguments for freezing in **December 2004** included :

- Considering the status of the work this is more likely to stay

- Stage 2 on several essential features are not stable to date

- Some issues considered essential could benefit from December 2004

- Due to holiday season progress between June and September is usually less than during other three months periods

- Declaring September 2004 now would rather send message of panic to the working group

The discussion was non-conclusive. However, a show-of-hands indicated that a majority of delegations favoured to set September 2004 now as Rel 6 freezing target, granting deliberate exceptions at SA#25 on status of work.

Essential features on Rel-6

The general sentiment was that the essential features should rather be used as guidance within the individual companies and not formally in the WG's agenda and time allocation.

It is important that 3GPP Rel-6 is a *deployable release*. Several issues were mentioned beyond those identified in SP-040014 as essential. Due to lack of time this discussion was not comprehensive.

Tracking of work and work plan

It was mentioned that in each plenary we need to check more thoroughly the status of the release.

The freezing of the stages (stage 1 freezing, stage 2 freezing, stage 3 freezing) should be done more explicit and forward looking.

Alain Sultan, MCC technical coordinator, mentioned an initial list of issues that can be moved out of Rel 6 by consensus, which are

- FS on applicability of GALILEO for LCS
- PS domain and IMS impacts for support of IMS emergency calls

It is desired to extend this list after the presentation of the work plan