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## **Discussion**

At SA#25 we commented

" that the February 2005 meeting [remark : of CN WG's] is in Australia and the perceived tendency for 3GPP groups to hold meetings in the southern hemisphere causes difficulties in meeting attendance due to the long travelling times for most delegates and it was requested that these venues were avoided."

We now reiterate the comment and request endorsement by TSG SA in its role in coordination and project management between TSGs.

Ease of reach for three main regions of the 3GPP partners (Europe, East Asia, North America) is a key factor for choosing meeting locations. Places as South America, Australia, South Africa clearly disqualify the "ease of reach" consideration especially for the respective two regions not on the same longitude.

Arguments are travel time, time out of office, travel costs.

There are exceptional aspects to have meetings in places not in ease of reach, e.g. to show market presence or to show good-will to potential new partner organizations. We think to consider these aspects is more appropriate to the PCG meeting and shall not be left to the discretion of WG's or TSGs.

Also, PCG/OP meetings may be the right body to accept such invitations.

## **Recommendations**

- Meeting places should be in "ease of reach" for the three regions of the 3GPP, Europe, East Asia, North America
- Places as South America, Australia, South Africa are clearly not in "ease of reach"
- By preference, exceptional meetings not in "ease of reach" to show market presence or to satisfy other relationship aspects should be covered by PCG/OP Meetings

## **Proposal**

The recommendations are endorsed and forwarded to all TSGs and WG's