3GPP TSG SA WG3 Security — S3#22   **S3-020154**

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Source:	**S3**
To:	**RAN2**
Title:	**DRAFT Reply LS on Removal of Tr mode DCCH**

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S3 thanks RAN2 for their LS R2-012774 (=S3-020009).

The following action was requested from S3:

" RAN2 asks SA3 group to remove "TRANSPORT FORMAT COMBINATION CONTROL (TM DCCH only)" from the list of messages in section 6.5.1 of TS 33.102 (for R'99 only). Moreover, RAN2 asks SA3 group to consider the possibility to remove the list of messages from section 6.5.1 of TS 33.102 and to replace it with a reference to TS 25.331 (for all releases). "

S3 has prepared a CR to TS 33.102 (R'99) which removes the "TRANSPORT FORMAT COMBINATION CONTROL (TM DCCH only)" from the referred list.

S3 has also considered the proposal to replace the whole list with a reference to the RAN2 spec. Although S3 acknowledges that the proposal would make the maintenance of the specifications easier, S3 cannot accept the proposal. The exception list is an essential ingredient in the 3G security architecture. If the list is not included explicitly in TS 33.102, the visibility and control of it by S3 is weakened.