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Title:	**Response to LS on clarification of USIM-based access to IMS**
Response to:	**S2-031741 (S3-030275)**
Release:	**Rel-5 and future releases**

Source:	**SA 2**
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1. Overall Description:

SA2 thanks SA3 for their LS regarding the issue of "USIM-based access to IMS".

SA2 has reviewed their specifications and it is in compliance with interpretation 3, which states that

"UICCs with USIMs based on any USIM release from R'99 onwards can be used for IMS access in case no ISIM application is present."

This is also the agreed interpretation from SA plenary#20 in draft report version 004, which states:

"After discussion and consideration **it was agreed that interpretation 3 was the favoured way forward and other groups should check the impacts of this on their specifications**."

SA2 would like to clarify one point in regards to the approved CR in SA3 (S3-030276), which states:

" For the purposes of this document the ISIM is a term that indicates the collection of IMS security data and functions on a UICC. The following implementation options are permitted:

-        Use of a distinct ISIM application on a UICC which does not share security functions with the USIM;
-        Use of a distinct ISIM application on a UICC which does share security functions with the USIM;
-        Use of a ~~R99/Rel 4~~ USIM application on a UICC.
   NOTE: For later releases other implementations of ISIM are foreseen to be permitted.

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by removing the relation to R99/Rel-4, the last point may lead to different interpretation. It is SA2 understanding that the last bullet represents the following case:

- Use of a USIM application on a UICC without ISIM.

3. Actions:

SA2 kindly asks SA3 to consider the possible clarification to their specification.

4. Date of Next SA2 Meetings:

SA2#34   18-22 August 2003   Brussels, Belgium