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Draft Liaison statement to 3GPP concerning Global Certification or Type Approval

Background

The UMTS Forum General Assembly (GA) at its July meeting in Salzburg discussed the request from 3GPP TSG SA to the Forum to investigate the problem concerning certification or type approval on a global scale of 3GPP terminals. The GA asked the Regulatory Aspects Group (RAG) to provide guidance to 3GPP concerning the requirements for global circulation of 3GPP terminals.

Discussion

The RAG has at its meeting in August discussed the subject area. There is agreement on the great benefits of a single global certification procedure, but the views differ on how this should be achieved.

RAG agreed that the question should be approached in two steps. The first step will be to arrive at a single set of test requirements. In a second step a resolution must be found how these requirements will be tested.

RAG has presently only discussed the first step. At the next RAG meeting work on the second step will be discussed.

Recommendations to 3GPP TSG SA, T, and RAN

The test specifications for the 3G specifications should be worked out according to the following principles:

- There should be only one set of test requirements for each 3GPP core specification worldwide,
- All relevant demands, including operator and regulator demands, should be incorporated, so that no additional specific requirements are needed (except such horizontal demands as EMC requirements and user safety requirements),
- Handover situations with other standards must be covered,
- Test requirements must be produced as soon as possible after the specification is finished so they can be taken into account in the industrial development process.

The regulatory requirements should be a subset of the total test requirements.

It is not the task of 3GPP to decide how much of the test requirements that should be regulatory requirements. To arrive at such a decision there must be consultations between regulatory bodies.