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**Title:** Committee T1 Position for 3GPP discussions on the A5/3 Development

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Committee T1 has considered the funding and ownership of the proposed new algorithm known as A5/3 and has drawn the following conclusions:

1. The GSM Association (GSMA) should be allowed to contribute all or part of the cost of developing the new algorithm, which is called A5/3. If they do, Committee T1 feels that the Organizational Partners (OPs) and GSMA should be joint owners of the algorithm.
2. Unlike other 2nd generation work in 3GPP, management of the A5/3 project should be shared by all the OPs and participation in it should be open to all Individual Members. The rationale for this position is that the work is not being funded by the two partners who are interested in the 2nd generation work; it is being funded by an outside party. The OPs that are not currently funding and participating in the 2nd generation work are encouraged to become participants in GERAN at any time. We believe that there are compelling reasons, e.g., roaming and billing, for all OPs to be interested in standards related to GSM.
3. GSMA and all of the OPs would have nonexclusive rights to distribute the A5/3 algorithm.
4. The A5/3 algorithm would be distributed to any and all interested parties on a non-discriminatory basis under reasonable terms and conditions. Note that the use of the word 'reasonable' does not imply that a license fee would be imposed; but also note that the 3GPP algorithm is distributed at a fee that is designed to recover OP distribution costs.