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1 Introduction

The Funding and Finance Group (FFG) has met twice since the last PCG/OP meeting. The meetings took place in Seoul, Korea on 6 June, and in Palm Springs, US, on 14 September. Both meetings were held in conjunction with TSG meetings. The following representatives took part in the meetings:

Seoul, 4 June 2004

Hisashi Sakaguchi	TTC (Chair)
Yasuo Maruyama	TTC
Tetsu Tanaka	ARIB
Kari Lang	ETSI
Adrian Scrase	MCC
Byoung-Moon Chin	TTA
Asok Chatterjee	ATIS (Note taker)

Palm Springs, 14 September 2004

Sakaguchi-san	Chairman
Kari Lang	ETSI
Sun-Hye Choi	TTA
Yasuo Maruyama	TTC
Tetsu Tanaka	ARIB
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FFG has monitored 3GPP expenditure for 2004 based on reports received from MCC, and has prepared a draft budget for 2005. These issues are addressed in the next two sections.

2 Year 2004 Expenditure to June

FFG received and reviewed a comprehensive status report of the expenditure incurred by the Mobile Competence Centre for the first half of 2004. For completeness, the status report has been submitted to this OP meeting for information [3GPP/OP#12(04)06].

FFG concluded that expenditure is being well controlled and that the year end prediction shows 3GPP closing within its prescribed budget.

3 Year 2005 draft Budget

FFG has prepared a draft budget for 2005 which can be found in document **3GPP/OP#12(04)07**.

3.1 2005 Project Support

The 3GPP Project Support expenditure has shown a decreasing trend over recent years and the proposed Budget for 2005 aims to continue that trend.

Further reductions have been made during 2004, over and above those demanded by OP#10, with human resources being trimmed in some areas. This leads to an estimated 2004 Project Support expenditure which is well within the prescribed budget.

With the reductions that have been made in 2004, MCC is now at a level where any further reductions would directly impact on the support provided to the TSGs. A 2005 budget is therefore proposed which maintains the Team at its current size (which is of course a net reduction over the agreed 2004 budget).

Any restructuring of the TSGs (which is for discussion during PCG#13) has not been taken into account at this stage.

FFG recommends that the proposed allocations for Project Support in 2005 be approved by the Organizational Partners.

Recommendation 1: FFG recommends that the Partners approve the proposed allocations for Project Support for 2005 [**3GPP/OP#12(04)07**].

3.2 2005 Specific Tasks

FFG was made aware of two requests for funding of specific tasks in 2005.

There is a request for the continuation of TTCN development by TSG-T. It had originally been assumed that the magnitude of that request would be the same as in 2004 and a preliminary budget had been prepared on those lines. However, subsequent to the preparation of the draft budget, TSG-T informed of an increased demand, and justified that demand as documented in **3GPP#12(04)09**. The Partners should examine the impact of both proposals and determine which is appropriate.

A request has also been received from TSG GERAN for the development of TTCN to cover the specific case of 2G to 3G handover, and this request has been included in the proposed budget.

Recommendation 2: FFG recommends that the Partners approve the funding of TTCN development as requested by TSG T and TSG GERAN, and determine the magnitude of resource to be allocated in the case of TSG T. [**3GPP/OP#12(04)07**].

4 FFG future activity

FFG has planned the following future meetings:

2-3 March 2005	Japan
7 June 2005	Canada (conjoint with TSGs)