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0 Introduction

OP#5 created an MRP Review Group under the leadership of Dr Eylert. The draft Report of OP#5 described in some detail the task to be performed by the group and this is extracted below for convenience:

0.1 Task and Policy for handling of future MRP applications

“The number of requests received for MRP status in 3GPP had been a subject for debate at previous OP meetings and since the number was still growing disproportionately to the number of OPs it was proposed that the matter be reviewed in depth. For this purpose it was agreed to create an Ad Hoc Group which should complete its work in time for the next OP meeting at which their recommendations may be considered. Dr Eylert agreed to lead this Ad Hoc Group.

Decision OP5/7: MRP Review Ad Hoc Group created under the leadership of Dr Eylert.

Action OP5/4: MRP Review Ad Hoc Group to complete their work in time for recommendations to be considered by the next OP meeting.

In considering the task to be performed by the Ad Hoc Group it was necessary to reach some basic agreements on matters of principle. The agreements reached are summarised below:

- i) 3GPP must remain an open and inclusive organization that allows appropriate access to the work by those demonstrating a legitimate interest.
- ii) The growing number of MRP requests need to be treated in a reasonable way that builds on the “inclusive” nature of 3GPP without putting at risk the role being performed by the Organizational Partners.
- iii) 3GPP is a young and developing organization.
- iv) Any new rules proposed for future MRP applicants should be applicable to the existing MRPs as well.

Concerning the composition of the group, it was agreed that all Partners should be invited to take part, but for practical reasons the representation should be limited to two representatives per Partner.

It was also agreed that the treatment of all future applications for MRP status in 3GPP should be postponed until the review process has been completed.”

Decision OP5/8: The treatment of all future applications for MRP status in 3GPP postponed until the completion of the MPR review.

1 Problems with the Current Arrangements

1.1 The growth and influence of the 3GPP “brand” is attracting organisations to apply for MRP membership whose main interest may be the brand or “reputation by association”, rather than a willingness and ability to contribute to the core objectives of MRP’s.

1.2 It must be recognised that some organisations promoting technologies or standards which are not fully consistent with the IMT 2000 framework may wish to join for other motives.

2 Proposed Criteria for MRP membership:

2.1 Business interests and activities of MRP members must contribute directly or indirectly to the evolution of 3G networks and services.

2.2 MRP applicants must have an understanding of 3G market requirements.

2.3 MRP applicants or its coalition of members being represented must have achieved recognition in their field of interest.

2.4 MRP applicants must be willing to commit resources to agreed MRP projects (e.g. people, deliverables).

2.5 MRP applicants must not have interests and goals conflicting with those of 3GPP.

2.6 MRP applicants must fully support 3GPP objectives and goals.

3 Qualification for MRP Membership

Evidence of meeting these criteria shall be available. Examples could be taken from:

3.1 Current Charter, Mission Statement, Articles of Association, Policy Statements and Publicity Material including web site.

3.2 Composition of current membership.

3.3 Actions already taken, proposed or under way, e.g. projects, new initiatives, new proposals, etc.

3.4 Formal co-operation agreements, proposed Memorandum of Understandings or activities with bodies already qualified as MRP’s.

3.5 The absence of published material expressing support for activities inconsistent with 3GPP and the IMT 2000 Framework.

4. Amendment to the 3GPP Working Procedures

The MRP Review Group makes the following recommendation for changes to 3GPP OP:

Article 7:

- A MRP has the responsibility to offer market advice to 3GPP.
- MRP applicants should have a bona fide intention to make positive contributions to the work scope of 3GPP incl. through inputs directly into TSGs.
- MRPs should be represented in PCG or OP by one representative per MRP in general.
- OPs have the right to review and were appropriate terminate participation of a MRP based on non-compliance with the undertakings set out in the 3GPP Agreement.

Article 20: The TSGs shall prepare and maintain the 3GPP TSs and TRs guided by, inter alia, market views and requirements submitted by MRPs individually.

If these changes are agreed by OP#6, the Working Procedures ad hoc group should be requested to prepare suitable text for inclusion within the Working Procedures.

5 Organisation

The MRPs agreed that the current working arrangements for the (informal) MRP CG were adequate and should be maintained.