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3GPP has the objective of producing the first specification for UMTS by the end of 1999. This work is undertaken within the various groups in 3GPP and there is naturally an interdependency of the tasks within these groups. The Architecture group will need specifications from the Services group and the Radio and Core Network groups will need specifications from the Architecture group.

It is BT's view that the latter two groups will require input from the Architecture group by the end of July and that to achieve this target the Architecture group will need a core set of service requirements by the end of April 99. It is noted that two of the essential documents 22.15 v1.3.1( Charging and Billing) and 22.hov0.05 ( Handover requirements between UMTS and GSM or other radio systems ) are still in early , unapproved drafts.

To achieve this timescale the throughput of Working Group 1 in the initial four months will have to be exceptionally high. To attain this throughput the group will need well defined project planning and control and a high frequency of meetings in the initial period.

BT believes that to have a gap from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> July between meetings at this crucial stage will prevent the group from achieving its objectives. It is proposed that there should be an additional meeting in April to approve a core set of service specifications and a further meeting in May to deal with any feedback from the other groups.

To conclude:

BT proposes that the work is undertaken within a well managed project plan and that there should be additional meetings in April and May 99 to complete the initial stage of the work and provide the other groups with a set of specifications to base their work on.