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Attention   Agenda Item 7

Purpose   For Discussion/ Decission

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To: TSG_CN

Title: Work organisation within TSG_CN especially WG2

Introduction

TSG_CN was initiated with the 3 well known subgroups:

> WG1   Iu-Interface issues (call related)
> WG2   MAP CAMEL
> WG3   Interworking

Especially for the working group2 some modifications are proposed to cater for a flat hierarchy and to cater for SMG#28 recommendations.

Subgroup on CAMEL / SS / VHE

During the initial meeting of working group N2 it turned out that the workload within this group is too much for one group and the creation of subgroups was endorsed.

One subgroup treating with Basic call handling, CAMEL and Services in general and the other subgroup concentrating on MAP, GPRS etc.

This is also due to the fact that SMG3 WP-B was proposed to be closed since no counter-group was created in 3GPP TSG_CN. Therefore SMG3 proposed to assign the remaining work to WG2, this means an additional workload for WG2 subgroup CAMEL

Looking to the current work in the SMG3 CAMEL group it is visible that this (sub-)group is sufficiently employed with the production of the CAMEL specifications. Furthermore the currently work igroup is concentrating on the sole CAMEL Phase3 "functionality" and keeps outside their work the application of the CAMEL modules to built new features. A group is currently missing in SMG3 which analysis how CAMEL Phase xyz can cooperate with other features (eg. SIM toolkit) to form new "3G" services.

From current experience the additional acceptance of all other specs in this group means additional work and will more endanger the completion of the CAMEL Phase3 specifications in due time.

On the other hand SMG#28 expressed that they prefer to keep SMG3 WP-B alive for future services and to cater in the new environment for the VHE development.

> ∗ " to recommend to TSG-N to creating a new dedicated group as mirror group for SMG3 WPB, in charge of the supplementary services and of future UMTS work items such as the VHE, which should typically meet jointly with SMG3 WPB."

To cover both issues Siemens proposes to separate the services specifications and future work items for services from the CAMEL group and creates a new working group within TSG_CN.

Scope of this new working group would be as already mentioned:
- maintenance / new supplementary services;
- application of CAMEL in conjunction with other tools to for new services
- "VHE"

This proposal will relief the CAMEL group from unpleasant workload,
it will focus/streamline the work in the CAMEL group and
it caters for SMG#28 recommendations in general.

The allocation of WI's and specifications to this group can very easily be done.

Reporting

It is acknowledged that the two subgroups in WG2 should work closely together ad therefore have "collocated" meetings if possible. Nevertheless Siemens sees sufficient independence of the topics of the two subgroups to recommend direct reporting of both subgroups to the TSG_CN plenary. The function of a WG2 plenary is seen as an unnecessary work to be done by WG2 prior to TSG_CN plenary meeting. In the spirit of lean management unnecessary hierarchy should be prevented.

Summary

1) Cancel the proposed merge of SMG3 WP-B and WP-C to CN WG2 and instead have a new group dealing with the above outlined topics.
2) Prevent unnecessary hierarchy and have reporting of all groups directly to the plenary.

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