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### **Introduction**

The specification work in TSG-N and other 3GPP TSGs has been going on for several months. The target is Release 99, a full set of specifications describing the 3GPP systems. To follow the progress of the work, to keep the development coherent across all 3GPP TSGs, and to help TSG-S to perform its role of 3GPP project co-ordination, regular progress reporting to TSG-S is essential. This practise has been started in 3GPP recently.

The only commonly agreed milestone in 3GPP, so far, is the Release 99. In addition to that, all other 3GPP TSG, with the exception of TSG-N, have agreed to produce an April pre-release.

Among other things, TSG-N has done the following

- agreed that GSM Release 98 will be the basis for Release 99 in TSG-N
- prepared a list of documents under its responsibility
- agreed on split of both GSM 04.08 and GSM 07.60 (some other specifications may need to be split)
- agreed to assume the responsibility of some GSM/UMTS work items, and created some new ones

Putting all of this together constitutes a well defined coherent baseline for TSG-N work, and could be called the TSG-N April pre-release.

Another issue is the GSM Release 98 work items whose completion is planned for SMG#29 (June 1999). They modify the agreed Release 98 baseline. They cannot be ignored by 3GPP.

As a separate point, existing resources and remaining time should be taken into account. It is likely that not all agreed work can be completed in time for Release 99. Therefore, work items should be assigned to relevant yearly 3GPP releases. The main criteria is coherence across 3GPP TSGs

### **Proposal**

Nokia suggests that TSG-N defines an official April baseline, i.e., pre-release, so that other 3GPP TSGs have a TSG-N reference for their own specification work. Such a baseline facilitates inter-TSG co-operation and reduces the need for LSs between TSGs. The agreed baseline should be communicated to other 3GPP TSGs officially, during April.

The ideal 3GPP April pre-release would be coherent across all 3GPP TSGs but achieving that may be asking for too much. Different 3GPP TSGs progress at different rates. Recording and communicating the April status in each TSG is the first step towards the successful completion of the full Release 99.

Also, a plan of on how to progress the work for Release 99 and beyond should be produced.