

Agenda Item: 6.2

Source: TSG RAN WG2 Convenor

Title: Status report of TSG RAN WG2

Document for: Approval

TSG RAN WG2 has had only a 2 day meeting until in order to produce a first series of 3GPP permanent documents based on the available contributions from the 3GPP SDOs. Note that a 3 day meeting was planned, but work could be completed in 2 days only!

Documents were presented for consideration coming from ARIB, TTC and ETSI. Several contributions from individual members made a thorough analysis of the differences between these submitted documents.

The meeting spent two days reviewing all the differences between the submitted documents, and agreed on a case by case basis on the best way to address that difference (basically either select one proposal or keep the point FFS, while capturing the text so that available material is not lost).

After two very dense days of work, WG2 finally completed the first round of merging process and was capable of producing a first set of permanent documents, which are detailed in document RAN 141/99.

In terms of organisation, the meeting agreed to select flexible working procedures that would allow parallel work to be performed, both allowing work by e-mails or specific ad-hoc sessions on a specific subject when felt necessary. As a summary, a subject identified as being not well suited to the WG2 meeting (e.g. the work is too slow or very specific expertise is needed) can become a "work package" that can be treated either during separate ad-hoc sessions or by e-mail. Ad-hoc sessions can meet during the WG2 week (WG2 being), or outside the meeting. Reports must be made to WG2 where decisions are taken.

Several e-mail groups were formed and are ongoing on Uplink Shared Channel, Protocol Methodology, and the RLC protocol.

In most of the WG2 documents, essential principles and mechanism are stable, the area being less complete is on the RLC protocol.

A Work plan was agreed at the last meeting, with a detailed milestone plan. This is presented in RAN 141/99.

The documents which are presented to TSG RAN #2 for information are the result of the last meeting, and should be presented next week in WG2 for approval. They should therefore be considered as the latest documents as produced by the editors and also taking into account comments made until last week.

The next meeting should carry on with the appointment of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. One candidate is known currently for each of these positions. Also, the official editors for the permanent documents should be selected at the next meeting.

Last, some liaison have been sent to WG1, and some liaison have been received in the meantime from WG1, WG3 and WG4. Some overlap in work may need to be more precisely clarified, based on document S2.02 regarding interactions with WG1, and S2.03 for interaction with WG3. Exact requirements from WG4 on WG2 can be considered as requiring some more clarifications.