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25.921	047	-	Rel-5	Guideline on introducing additional SIB types	A	5.1.0	5.2.0	R2-031846	TEI

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10.4.3 Recommendations for extensions for further releases in RRC

10.4.3.1 General

When in RRC an information element group is to be extended, the extension cannot be done directly in that IE, but only in the top level of the message, in the extension IEs of the message structure shown in Example 1. For implementing the extension, it has therefore to be investigated, in which messages the element to be extended is included.

Depending on criticality of the extension, this will be done by using the criticalExtension CHOICE branch, or the nonCriticalExtension information element.

The following subclauses provide some recommendations on how to use these elements.

```

MessageA ::=
    CHOICE {
        r3
            messageA-r3
            nonCriticalExtensions
        },
        criticalExtensions
    }

MessageA-r3 ::=
    SEQUENCE {
        -- All messageA related information elements are included here.
    }

```

Example 1

10.4.3.2 Critical Extensions

When the extension is a critical one (i.e. the receiver has to reject the whole message, and handle according to the error procedures of the protocol), the criticalExtension branch of the top-level CHOICE in the message is used. In this case the message information elements can be updated similar to the tabular, providing a message structure for the new release's information elements, similar to the updated structure in the tabular description.

Example 2 shows the structure of MessageA presented above, how it would become after a critical extension in Release 4.

In this example, in the criticalExtensions branch a new information element is defined (MessageA-r4-IEs) which will contain all messageA specific elements for Release 4, including the extensions in the place they fit naturally according to the semantics.

Note that in the new structure additional nonCriticalExtensions and criticalExtensions information elements are defined to allow for further extensions in future releases.

```

MessageA ::= CHOICE {
    r3
        messageA-r3
        nonCriticalExtensions
    },
    later-than-r3
        rrc-TransactionIdentifier
        criticalExtensions
        r4
            messageA-r4
            nonCriticalExtensions
        },
        criticalExtensions
    }

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
        -- This is not changed compared to the above example. It includes all information
        -- elements used in Release '99 for messageA.
    }

MessageA-r4-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {

```

```

} -- Here, the updated information elements used for MessageA in Release 4 are included.
}

```

Example 2

10.4.3.3 Non-critical Extensions

For non-critical extensions (i.e. the receiver shall just ignore the extensions, and use the rest of the message as if the extensions were not present), the approach is to use the nonCriticalExtensions information element, which is encoded at the end of the message, allowing backward compatibility.

Before that Backward Compatibility is started for the following Release $N+1$, the non-critical extension information elements of the current Release N are added at the end of the message. At the point when Backward Compatibility is started for the following Release $N+1$, an optional BIT STRING container should be added before the information elements of the new release. In the case that further non-critical extension information elements need to be added to Release N they shall be placed within the BIT STRING container.

For example: As long as Backward Compatibility is not being enforced for Release 4, Release '99 extensions are added "normally" at the end of a message within a nonCriticalExtensions sequence. Once Backward Compatibility is started for Release 4, then new Release '99 specific extensions are introduced within an extension container. An extension container is a "normal" bit string field that encapsulates an extension structure. As a result:

- New extensions can be added **both** in Release '99 and Release 4 in a backward compatible way; and
- Release 4 systems are able to skip over unknown Release '99 extensions.

The extension container can be viewed as a specific type of non-critical extension and it is included in the same way. If the extension container is added to Release N before that Backward Compatibility has started for Release $N+1$, further non-critical extensions to Release N should not be included in the container, but should be placed after it, using the usual mechanism. In this way the extension container is not used until necessary, and therefore the corresponding length field overhead is not incurred unnecessarily.

The structure of the message of the example above is shown in Example 3 for Release '99 and 4 messages.

Examples for special non-critical extensions and MessageA-v440ext-IEs are given in the following subclauses.

```

-- This shows the message structure in Release '99 (including one non-critical extension)
-- before backward compatibility is started for Release 4.
MessageA ::= CHOICE {
  r3 SEQUENCE {
    messageA-r3 MessageA-r3-IEs,
    v380nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
      messageA-v380ext MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
      nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
    } OPTIONAL
  },
  criticalExtensions SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  -- This is not changed compared to the same IE in Release '99. It includes all information
  -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
  -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

-- This shows the Release '99 message structure once backward compatibility
-- has been started for Release 4.
MessageA ::= CHOICE {
  r3 SEQUENCE {
    messageA-r3 MessageA-r3-IEs,
    v380nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
      messageA-v380ext MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
      laterNonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
        -- Container for additional Release '99 extensions

```

```

        messageA-r3-add-ext          BIT STRING
        (CONTAINING MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs)          OPTIONAL,
        nonCriticalExtensions        SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
    } OPTIONAL
},
criticalExtensions                  SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                  SEQUENCE {
    -- This is not changed compared to the same IE in Release '99. It includes all information
    -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs after backward compatibility was started for Release 4.
}

-- This shows the structure of the Release 4 message
-- (including one Release 4 non-critical extension).
MessageA ::=                          CHOICE {
    r3                                  SEQUENCE {
        messageA-r3                    MessageA-r3-IEs,
        v380nonCriticalExtensions      SEQUENCE {
            messageA-v380ext            MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
            laterNonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
                -- Container for additional Release '99 extensions
                messageA-r3-add-ext     BIT STRING
                (CONTAINING MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs)          OPTIONAL,
                v440nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
                    messageA-v440ext    MessageA-v440ext-IEs,
                    nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
                } OPTIONAL
            } OPTIONAL
        } OPTIONAL
    },
    criticalExtensions                  SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                  SEQUENCE {
    -- This is not changed compared to the same IE in Release '99. It includes all information
    -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs after backward compatibility was started for Release 4.
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release 4 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs and MessageA-v380ext-IEs.
}

```

Example 3

10.4.3.4 Examples of non-critical extensions

10.4.3.4.1 Addition of a separate IE

If the extension is the addition of an information element (not inside a CHOICE, SEQUENCE OF, SET OF etc.), this new element can be directly included in MessageA-v440ext-IEs.

Example4 shows how the MessageA is extended to include a new element, "element3".

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                SEQUENCE {
    element1                      Element1,
    element2                      Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    element3                      Element3-r4
}

```

Example 4

10.4.3.4.2 Addition of an IE to a structured group

If the extension is the addition of an information element inside a CHOICE, SEQUENCE OF, etc. (meaning that the information element can be absent or present more than once, depending on some condition), the structure of the original message should be duplicated in MessageA-v440ext-IEs using only the elements relevant to the extension (usually the CHOICES, SEQUENCE OFs, etc.), and a comment should be included to indicate that the two structures should be used consistently (e.g. when a CHOICE is duplicated, the same branch should be followed in both places, when a SEQUENCE OF is duplicated, the number of occurrences should be the same etc.).

This is illustrated in Example5, where a new element, "element1a-3", has to be included inside the "choice1b" branch of the "choice1" CHOICE. Here "choice1" is included again in MessageA-v440ext-IEs, and "element1a-3" is included there in the appropriate branch.

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                SEQUENCE {
-- For the "choice1b" branch of "choice1", an additional information element is
-- defined in MessageA-v440ext-IEs ("element1a-3").
    choice1                       CHOICE {
        choice1a                  SEQUENCE {
            element1a-1          Element1a-1
        },
        choice1b                  SEQUENCE {
            element1a-2          Element1a-2
        }
    }
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
-- In the following CHOICE the same branch shall be used as in choice1 in MessageA-r3-IEs.
    choice1                       CHOICE {
        choice1a                  NULL,
        choice1b                  SEQUENCE {
            element1a-3          Element1a-3-r4
        }
    }
}

```

Example 5

10.4.3.4.3 Addition of a new CHOICE group

If the extension consists of moving some existing information elements inside a newly created CHOICE, the new branches of the created CHOICE should be included in MessageA-v440ext-IEs, and the CHOICE marked OPTIONAL, where absence means that the old elements are used. If the CHOICE is present, the old elements should be set to some default values, in order for older equipment to be understood, and new equipment should ignore the information therein.

This is illustrated in Example 6, where "element1" is to be moved inside the branch "choice1a" of a new CHOICE ("choice1").

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
-- The contents of "element1" shall be ignored, if in "MessageA-v440ext-IEs" the branch
-- "choice1b" of the CHOICE "choice1" is used.
  element1                                     Element1,
  element2                                     Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
  choice1                                     CHOICE {
    choice1a                                 SEQUENCE {},
    choice1b                                 SEQUENCE {
      element3                               Element3-r4
    }
  }
}

```

Example 6

10.4.3.4.4 Extension of value range

If the value range of an element is to be extended, an element including the new values should be defined in MessageA-v440ext-IEs. If one of the new values is to be used, the already existing element from Release '99 should be set to some defined value (or be absent if it was OPTIONAL), in order for older equipment to work properly, and the new value should be signalled in the new information element.

In Example 7, "element1" is extended to have a range (0..15).

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
-- "element1" shall be ignored if "element1" in MessageA-v440ext-IEs is present, and the
-- value of that element used instead.
  element1                                     INTEGER (0..7)
  element2                                     Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
  element1                                     INTEGER (0..15)          OPTIONAL
}

```

Example 7

10.4.3.4.5 Replacement of a spare value with a new element

If a new value is to be included in an IE of type ENUMERATED, for which spare values were defined in the previous version, those spare values can be replaced with the new values.

If more new values are needed, than spare values included in the previous version, one spare value can be replaced by a special extension value (called e-new in example 8). If that value is used, a new element in the nonCriticalExtension part (element1-new) will define the new values, as shown in Example 8.

```

-- In the previous version, MessageA-r3-IEs was defined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    element1
    SEQUENCE {
        ENUMERATED { e1, e2, spare1, spare2 }
    }

-- Now three new values are needed for element1: e3, e4 and e5. MessageA-r3-IEs is redefined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- If the following has the value e-new, the actual value of element1 is defined in
-- element1-new included in MessageA-r4-ext-IEs
        element1
        ENUMERATED { e1, e2, e3, e-new }
    }

MessageA-r4-ext-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- the following shall be present, if element1 in MessageA-r3-IEs has the value e-new.
        element1-new
        ENUMERATED { e4, e5, spare1, spare2 } OPTIONAL
    }

```

Example 8

If a spare value is included in a CHOICE, and that has to be replaced with a new information element and an appropriate type in the new version, the name of the element replaces the spare name in the CHOICE, but the type cannot be replaced, because that would lead to incompatibilities. Instead, the new type is included in the nonCriticalExtension part of the message, as shown in Example 9.

```

-- In the previous version, MessageA-r3-IEs was defined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    element1
    CHOICE {
        e1
        e2
        spare
        E1,
        E2,
        NULL
    }
}

-- Now a new option is needed for the element1 CHOICE: e3 with type E3.
-- MessageA-r3-IEs is redefined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- If element1 has the value e3, the value of e3 is specified in the element e3
-- included in MessageA-r4-ext-IEs.
        element1
        CHOICE {
            e1
            e2
            e3
            E1,
            E2,
            NULL
        }
    }

MessageA-r4-ext-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- the following shall be present, if element1 in MessageA-r3-IEs has the value e3.
        e3
        E3
        OPTIONAL
    }
}

```

Example 9

[10.4.3.4.6 Introducing new System Information Block Types](#)

[In general new message types are introduced by replacing a spare value as described in 10.4.3.4.5. That subclause also shows that in case there are insufficient spare values available, the last spare value can be replaced by a special extension value. If that value is used, an additional message type extension IE is included to distinguish between the additional message types, as shown in Example 10.](#)

```

DL-CCCH-Message ::= SEQUENCE {
    integrityCheckInfo IntegrityCheckInfo OPTIONAL,
    message DL-CCCH-MessageType
}

DL-CCCH-MessageType ::= CHOICE {
    cellUpdateConfirm CellUpdateConfirm-CCCH,
    rrcConnectionReject RRCCConnectionReject,
    rrcConnectionRelease RRCCConnectionRelease-CCCH,
    rrcConnectionSetup RRCCConnectionSetup,
    uraUpdateConfirm URAUpdateConfirm-CCCH,
    ext1 Ext1Message-CCCH,
}

```

```

    ext2                               Ext2Message-CCCH,
    extension                           DL-CCCH-MessageTypeExt
}

DL-CCCH-MessageTypeExt ::= CHOICE {
    Ext3                               Ext3Message-CCCH,
    spare3                             NULL,
    spare2                             NULL,
    spare1                             NULL
}

```

Example 10

For system information block types, the “SIB type” information element is also included in each of the segments. If in this case there are insufficient spare values, the last value can again be used to indicate “extension”. If that value is used, an additional SIB type extension IE is included to distinguish between the additional SIB types. This additional IE is not included in the segments; it is only included in the scheduling information included in the MIB and/ or the SBs.

NOTE One could include this additional IE in the segments e.g. by changing the SIB-type into a choice as shown in example 11. This option should not be used since it involves additional overhead (more scarce BCH bits are needed to indicate the SIB type) and complicates the scheduling (more different SIB data sizes are to be considered).

```

FirstSegment ::= SEQUENCE {
    -- Other information elements
    sib-Type          SIB-Type,
    seg-Count        SegCount,
    sib-Data-fixed   SIB-Data-fixed
}

SIB-Type ::= CHOICE {
    MasterInformationBlock          NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType1    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType2    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType3    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType4    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType5    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType6    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType7    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType8    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType9    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType10   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType11   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType12   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-1 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-2 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-3 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-4 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType14   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-1 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-2 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-3 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType16   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType17   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-4 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType18   NULL,
    schedulingBlock1               NULL,
    schedulingBlock2               NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-5 NULL,
    ext1                           NULL,
    extension                       SIB-TypeExt
}

SIB-TypeExt ::= CHOICE {
    ext2          NULL,
    spare7       NULL,
    spare6       NULL,
    spare5       NULL,
    spare4       NULL,
    spare3       NULL,
    spare2       NULL,
    spare1       NULL
}

```

}

Example 11 – Not recommended

The addition of new SIB types to the scheduling information is illustrated by example 12. The example shows the extension of the choice. The example also shows that the information applicable for the extended choice values is appended at the end of the SIB (in this case the MIB), as a non critical extension.

NOTE In this example only the number of SIB types is increased; the number of SIBs that can be scheduled (as reflected in the size of the list in the scheduling information) is not extended.

```

MasterInformationBlock ::= SEQUENCE {
  mib-ValueTag MIB-ValueTag,
  -- TABULAR: The PLMN identity and ANSI-41 core network information
  -- are included in PLMN-Type.
  plmn-Type PLMN-Type,
  sibSb-ReferenceList SIBSb-ReferenceList,
  vxy0NonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
    masterInformationBlock-vxy0ext MasterInformationBlock-vxy0ext-IEs,
    nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
  } OPTIONAL
}

SIBSb-ReferenceList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSIB)) OF
  SchedulingInformationSIBSb

SchedulingInformationSIBSb ::= SEQUENCE {
  sibSb-Type SIBSb-TypeAndTag,
  scheduling SchedulingInformation
}

SIBSb-TypeAndTag ::= CHOICE {
  sysInfoType1 PLMN-ValueTag,
  sysInfoType2 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType3 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType4 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType5 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType6 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType7 NULL,
  sysInfoType8 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType9 NULL,
  sysInfoType10 NULL,
  sysInfoType11 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType12 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-1 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-2 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-3 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-4 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType14 NULL,
  sysInfoType15 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType16 PredefinedConfigIdentityAndValueTag,
  sysInfoType17 NULL,
  sysInfoTypeSB1 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoTypeSB2 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-1 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-2 SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-3 SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-4 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType18 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-5 CellValueTag,
  ext1 NULL,
  ext2 NULL,
  extension NULL
}

SIBSb-TypeAndTagExt ::= CHOICE {
  ext3 NULL,
  spare7 NULL,
  spare6 NULL,
  spare5 NULL,
  spare4 NULL,
  spare3 NULL,
  spare2 NULL,
  spare1 NULL
}

```

```

}
MasterInformationBlock-vxy0ext-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  extSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List  ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List  OPTIONAL
}
-- For each extended SIB type the value tag information is added at the end
ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSIB)) OF
  ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo
ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List ::= SEQUENCE {
  schedulingInfoListIndex  INTEGER (1..maxSIB),
  valueTagInfo             ValueTagInfo
}
ValueTagInfo ::= CHOICE {
  None                     NULL,
  sysInfoType2            CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType1            PLMN-ValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-3        SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag
}

```

Example 12 – Recommended method

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10.4.3 Recommendations for extensions for further releases in RRC

10.4.3.1 General

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Depending on criticality of the extension, this will be done by using the criticalExtension CHOICE branch, or the nonCriticalExtension information element.

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```

MessageA ::=
    CHOICE {
        r3
            messageA-r3
            nonCriticalExtensions
        },
        criticalExtensions
    }

MessageA-r3 ::=
    SEQUENCE {
        -- All messageA related information elements are included here.
    }

```

Example 1

10.4.3.2 Critical Extensions

When the extension is a critical one (i.e. the receiver has to reject the whole message, and handle according to the error procedures of the protocol), the criticalExtension branch of the top-level CHOICE in the message is used. In this case the message information elements can be updated similar to the tabular, providing a message structure for the new release's information elements, similar to the updated structure in the tabular description.

Example 2 shows the structure of MessageA presented above, how it would become after a critical extension in Release 4.

In this example, in the criticalExtensions branch a new information element is defined (MessageA-r4-IEs) which will contain all messageA specific elements for Release 4, including the extensions in the place they fit naturally according to the semantics.

Note that in the new structure additional nonCriticalExtensions and criticalExtensions information elements are defined to allow for further extensions in future releases.

```

MessageA ::= CHOICE {
    r3
        messageA-r3
        nonCriticalExtensions
    },
    later-than-r3
        rrc-TransactionIdentifier
        criticalExtensions
        r4
            messageA-r4
            nonCriticalExtensions
        },
        criticalExtensions
    }

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
        -- This is not changed compared to the above example. It includes all information
        -- elements used in Release '99 for messageA.
    }

MessageA-r4-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {

```

```

} -- Here, the updated information elements used for MessageA in Release 4 are included.
}

```

Example 2

10.4.3.3 Non-critical Extensions

For non-critical extensions (i.e. the receiver shall just ignore the extensions, and use the rest of the message as if the extensions were not present), the approach is to use the nonCriticalExtensions information element, which is encoded at the end of the message, allowing backward compatibility.

Before that Backward Compatibility is started for the following Release $N+1$, the non-critical extension information elements of the current Release N are added at the end of the message. At the point when Backward Compatibility is started for the following Release $N+1$, an optional BIT STRING container should be added before the information elements of the new release. In the case that further non-critical extension information elements need to be added to Release N they shall be placed within the BIT STRING container.

For example: As long as Backward Compatibility is not being enforced for Release 4, Release '99 extensions are added "normally" at the end of a message within a nonCriticalExtensions sequence. Once Backward Compatibility is started for Release 4, then new Release '99 specific extensions are introduced within an extension container. An extension container is a "normal" bit string field that encapsulates an extension structure. As a result:

- New extensions can be added **both** in Release '99 and Release 4 in a backward compatible way; and
- Release 4 systems are able to skip over unknown Release '99 extensions.

The extension container can be viewed as a specific type of non-critical extension and it is included in the same way. If the extension container is added to Release N before that Backward Compatibility has started for Release $N+1$, further non-critical extensions to Release N should not be included in the container, but should be placed after it, using the usual mechanism. In this way the extension container is not used until necessary, and therefore the corresponding length field overhead is not incurred unnecessarily.

The structure of the message of the example above is shown in Example 3 for Release '99 and 4 messages.

Examples for special non-critical extensions and MessageA-v440ext-IEs are given in the following subclauses.

```

-- This shows the message structure in Release '99 (including one non-critical extension)
-- before backward compatibility is started for Release 4.
MessageA ::= CHOICE {
  r3 SEQUENCE {
    messageA-r3 MessageA-r3-IEs,
    v380nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
      messageA-v380ext MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
      nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
    } OPTIONAL
  },
  criticalExtensions SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  -- This is not changed compared to the same IE in Release '99. It includes all information
  -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
  -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

-- This shows the Release '99 message structure once backward compatibility
-- has been started for Release 4.
MessageA ::= CHOICE {
  r3 SEQUENCE {
    messageA-r3 MessageA-r3-IEs,
    v380nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
      messageA-v380ext MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
      laterNonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
        -- Container for additional Release '99 extensions

```

```

        messageA-r3-add-ext          BIT STRING
        (CONTAINING MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs)          OPTIONAL,
        nonCriticalExtensions        SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
    } OPTIONAL
},
criticalExtensions                  SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                  SEQUENCE {
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    -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs after backward compatibility was started for Release 4.
}

-- This shows the structure of the Release 4 message
-- (including one Release 4 non-critical extension).
MessageA ::=                          CHOICE {
    r3                                  SEQUENCE {
        messageA-r3                    MessageA-r3-IEs,
        v380nonCriticalExtensions      SEQUENCE {
            messageA-v380ext            MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
            laterNonCriticalExtensions  SEQUENCE {
                -- Container for additional Release '99 extensions
                messageA-r3-add-ext     BIT STRING
                (CONTAINING MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs)          OPTIONAL,
                v440nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
                    messageA-v440ext    MessageA-v440ext-IEs,
                    nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
                } OPTIONAL
            } OPTIONAL
        } OPTIONAL
    },
    criticalExtensions                SEQUENCE {}
}

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    -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs after backward compatibility was started for Release 4.
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release 4 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs and MessageA-v380ext-IEs.
}

```

Example 3

10.4.3.4 Examples of non-critical extensions

10.4.3.4.1 Addition of a separate IE

If the extension is the addition of an information element (not inside a CHOICE, SEQUENCE OF, SET OF etc.), this new element can be directly included in MessageA-v440ext-IEs.

Example4 shows how the MessageA is extended to include a new element, "element3".

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                SEQUENCE {
    element1                      Element1,
    element2                      Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    element3                      Element3-r4
}

```

Example 4

10.4.3.4.2 Addition of an IE to a structured group

If the extension is the addition of an information element inside a CHOICE, SEQUENCE OF, etc. (meaning that the information element can be absent or present more than once, depending on some condition), the structure of the original message should be duplicated in MessageA-v440ext-IEs using only the elements relevant to the extension (usually the CHOICES, SEQUENCE OFs, etc.), and a comment should be included to indicate that the two structures should be used consistently (e.g. when a CHOICE is duplicated, the same branch should be followed in both places, when a SEQUENCE OF is duplicated, the number of occurrences should be the same etc.).

This is illustrated in Example5, where a new element, "element1a-3", has to be included inside the "choice1b" branch of the "choice1" CHOICE. Here "choice1" is included again in MessageA-v440ext-IEs, and "element1a-3" is included there in the appropriate branch.

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                SEQUENCE {
-- For the "choice1b" branch of "choice1", an additional information element is
-- defined in MessageA-v440ext-IEs ("element1a-3").
    choice1                      CHOICE {
        choice1a                 SEQUENCE {
            element1a-1          Element1a-1
        },
        choice1b                 SEQUENCE {
            element1a-2          Element1a-2
        }
    }
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
-- In the following CHOICE the same branch shall be used as in choice1 in MessageA-r3-IEs.
    choice1                      CHOICE {
        choice1a                 NULL,
        choice1b                 SEQUENCE {
            element1a-3          Element1a-3-r4
        }
    }
}

```

Example 5

10.4.3.4.3 Addition of a new CHOICE group

If the extension consists of moving some existing information elements inside a newly created CHOICE, the new branches of the created CHOICE should be included in MessageA-v440ext-IEs, and the CHOICE marked OPTIONAL, where absence means that the old elements are used. If the CHOICE is present, the old elements should be set to some default values, in order for older equipment to be understood, and new equipment should ignore the information therein.

This is illustrated in Example 6, where "element1" is to be moved inside the branch "choice1a" of a new CHOICE ("choice1").

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
-- The contents of "element1" shall be ignored, if in "MessageA-v440ext-IEs" the branch
-- "choice1b" of the CHOICE "choice1" is used.
  element1                                     Element1,
  element2                                     Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
  choice1                                     CHOICE {
    choice1a                                 SEQUENCE {},
    choice1b                                 SEQUENCE {
      element3                               Element3-r4
    }
  }
}

```

Example 6

10.4.3.4.4 Extension of value range

If the value range of an element is to be extended, an element including the new values should be defined in MessageA-v440ext-IEs. If one of the new values is to be used, the already existing element from Release '99 should be set to some defined value (or be absent if it was OPTIONAL), in order for older equipment to work properly, and the new value should be signalled in the new information element.

In Example 7, "element1" is extended to have a range (0..15).

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
-- "element1" shall be ignored if "element1" in MessageA-v440ext-IEs is present, and the
-- value of that element used instead.
  element1                                     INTEGER (0..7)
  element2                                     Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
  element1                                     INTEGER (0..15)          OPTIONAL
}

```

Example 7

10.4.3.4.5 Replacement of a spare value with a new element

If a new value is to be included in an IE of type ENUMERATED, for which spare values were defined in the previous version, those spare values can be replaced with the new values.

If more new values are needed, than spare values included in the previous version, one spare value can be replaced by a special extension value (called e-new in example 8). If that value is used, a new element in the nonCriticalExtension part (element1-new) will define the new values, as shown in Example 8.

```

-- In the previous version, MessageA-r3-IEs was defined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    element1
    SEQUENCE {
        ENUMERATED { e1, e2, spare1, spare2 }
    }

-- Now three new values are needed for element1: e3, e4 and e5. MessageA-r3-IEs is redefined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- If the following has the value e-new, the actual value of element1 is defined in
-- element1-new included in MessageA-r4-ext-IEs
        element1
        ENUMERATED { e1, e2, e3, e-new }
    }

MessageA-r4-ext-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- the following shall be present, if element1 in MessageA-r3-IEs has the value e-new.
        element1-new
        ENUMERATED { e4, e5, spare1, spare2 } OPTIONAL
    }

```

Example 8

If a spare value is included in a CHOICE, and that has to be replaced with a new information element and an appropriate type in the new version, the name of the element replaces the spare name in the CHOICE, but the type cannot be replaced, because that would lead to incompatibilities. Instead, the new type is included in the nonCriticalExtension part of the message, as shown in Example 9.

```

-- In the previous version, MessageA-r3-IEs was defined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    element1
    CHOICE {
        e1
        e2
        spare
        E1,
        E2,
        NULL
    }
}

-- Now a new option is needed for the element1 CHOICE: e3 with type E3.
-- MessageA-r3-IEs is redefined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- If element1 has the value e3, the value of e3 is specified in the element e3
-- included in MessageA-r4-ext-IEs.
        element1
        CHOICE {
            e1
            e2
            e3
            E1,
            E2,
            NULL
        }
    }

MessageA-r4-ext-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- the following shall be present, if element1 in MessageA-r3-IEs has the value e3.
        e3
        E3
        OPTIONAL
    }

```

Example 9

[10.4.3.4.6 Introducing new System Information Block Types](#)

[In general new message types are introduced by replacing a spare value as described in 10.4.3.4.5. That subclause also shows that in case there are insufficient spare values available, the last spare value can be replaced by a special extension value. If that value is used, an additional message type extension IE is included to distinguish between the additional message types, as shown in Example 10.](#)

```

DL-CCCH-Message ::= SEQUENCE {
    integrityCheckInfo IntegrityCheckInfo OPTIONAL,
    message DL-CCCH-MessageType
}

DL-CCCH-MessageType ::= CHOICE {
    cellUpdateConfirm CellUpdateConfirm-CCCH,
    rrcConnectionReject RRCCConnectionReject,
    rrcConnectionRelease RRCCConnectionRelease-CCCH,
    rrcConnectionSetup RRCCConnectionSetup,
    uraUpdateConfirm URAUpdateConfirm-CCCH,
    ext1 Ext1Message-CCCH,
}

```

```

    ext2                               Ext2Message-CCCH,
    extension                           DL-CCCH-MessageTypeExt
}

DL-CCCH-MessageTypeExt ::= CHOICE {
    Ext3                               Ext3Message-CCCH,
    spare3                             NULL,
    spare2                             NULL,
    spare1                             NULL
}

```

Example 10

For system information block types, the “SIB type” information element is also included in each of the segments. If in this case there are insufficient spare values, the last value can again be used to indicate “extension”. If that value is used, an additional SIB type extension IE is included to distinguish between the additional SIB types. This additional IE is not included in the segments; it is only included in the scheduling information included in the MIB and/ or the SBs.

NOTE One could include this additional IE in the segments e.g. by changing the SIB-type into a choice as shown in example 11. This option should not be used since it involves additional overhead (more scarce BCH bits are needed to indicate the SIB type) and complicates the scheduling (more different SIB data sizes are to be considered).

```

FirstSegment ::= SEQUENCE {
    -- Other information elements
    sib-Type          SIB-Type,
    seg-Count        SegCount,
    sib-Data-fixed   SIB-Data-fixed
}

SIB-Type ::= CHOICE {
    MasterInformationBlock          NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType1    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType2    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType3    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType4    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType5    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType6    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType7    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType8    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType9    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType10   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType11   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType12   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-1 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-2 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-3 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-4 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType14   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-1 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-2 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-3 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType16   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType17   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-4 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType18   NULL,
    schedulingBlock1               NULL,
    schedulingBlock2               NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-5 NULL,
    ext1                           NULL,
    extension                       SIB-TypeExt
}

SIB-TypeExt ::= CHOICE {
    ext2          NULL,
    spare7        NULL,
    spare6        NULL,
    spare5        NULL,
    spare4        NULL,
    spare3        NULL,
    spare2        NULL,
    spare1        NULL
}

```

}

Example 11 – Not recommended

The addition of new SIB types to the scheduling information is illustrated by example 12. The example shows the extension of the choice. The example also shows that the information applicable for the extended choice values is appended at the end of the SIB (in this case the MIB), as a non critical extension.

NOTE In this example only the number of SIB types is increased; the number of SIBs that can be scheduled (as reflected in the size of the list in the scheduling information) is not extended.

```

MasterInformationBlock ::= SEQUENCE {
  mib-ValueTag MIB-ValueTag,
  -- TABULAR: The PLMN identity and ANSI-41 core network information
  -- are included in PLMN-Type.
  plmn-Type PLMN-Type,
  sibSb-ReferenceList SIBSb-ReferenceList,
  vxy0NonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
    masterInformationBlock-vxy0ext MasterInformationBlock-vxy0ext-IEs,
    nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
  } OPTIONAL
}

SIBSb-ReferenceList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSIB)) OF
  SchedulingInformationSIBSb

SchedulingInformationSIBSb ::= SEQUENCE {
  sibSb-Type SIBSb-TypeAndTag,
  scheduling SchedulingInformation
}

SIBSb-TypeAndTag ::= CHOICE {
  sysInfoType1 PLMN-ValueTag,
  sysInfoType2 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType3 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType4 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType5 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType6 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType7 NULL,
  sysInfoType8 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType9 NULL,
  sysInfoType10 NULL,
  sysInfoType11 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType12 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-1 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-2 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-3 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType13-4 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType14 NULL,
  sysInfoType15 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType16 PredefinedConfigIdentityAndValueTag,
  sysInfoType17 NULL,
  sysInfoTypeSB1 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoTypeSB2 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-1 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-2 SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-3 SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-4 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType18 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-5 CellValueTag,
  ext1 NULL,
  ext2 NULL,
  extension NULL
}

SIBSb-TypeAndTagExt ::= CHOICE {
  ext3 NULL,
  spare7 NULL,
  spare6 NULL,
  spare5 NULL,
  spare4 NULL,
  spare3 NULL,
  spare2 NULL,
  spare1 NULL
}

```

```

}
MasterInformationBlock-vxy0ext-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  extSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List  ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List  OPTIONAL
}
-- For each extended SIB type the value tag information is added at the end
ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSIB)) OF
  ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo

ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List ::= SEQUENCE {
  schedulingInfoListIndex  INTEGER (1..maxSIB),
  valueTagInfo             ValueTagInfo
}

ValueTagInfo ::= CHOICE {
  None                    NULL,
  sysInfoType2           CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType1           PLMN-ValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-3       SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag
}

```

Example 12 – Recommended method

CHANGE REQUEST

25.921 CR 047 # rev **-** # Current version: **5.1.0**

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```

```

} -- Here, the updated information elements used for MessageA in Release 4 are included.
}

```

Example 2

10.4.3.3 Non-critical Extensions

For non-critical extensions (i.e. the receiver shall just ignore the extensions, and use the rest of the message as if the extensions were not present), the approach is to use the nonCriticalExtensions information element, which is encoded at the end of the message, allowing backward compatibility.

Before that Backward Compatibility is started for the following Release $N+1$, the non-critical extension information elements of the current Release N are added at the end of the message. At the point when Backward Compatibility is started for the following Release $N+1$, an optional BIT STRING container should be added before the information elements of the new release. In the case that further non-critical extension information elements need to be added to Release N they shall be placed within the BIT STRING container.

For example: As long as Backward Compatibility is not being enforced for Release 4, Release '99 extensions are added "normally" at the end of a message within a nonCriticalExtensions sequence. Once Backward Compatibility is started for Release 4, then new Release '99 specific extensions are introduced within an extension container. An extension container is a "normal" bit string field that encapsulates an extension structure. As a result:

- New extensions can be added **both** in Release '99 and Release 4 in a backward compatible way; and
- Release 4 systems are able to skip over unknown Release '99 extensions.

The extension container can be viewed as a specific type of non-critical extension and it is included in the same way. If the extension container is added to Release N before that Backward Compatibility has started for Release $N+1$, further non-critical extensions to Release N should not be included in the container, but should be placed after it, using the usual mechanism. In this way the extension container is not used until necessary, and therefore the corresponding length field overhead is not incurred unnecessarily.

The structure of the message of the example above is shown in Example 3 for Release '99 and 4 messages.

Examples for special non-critical extensions and MessageA-v440ext-IEs are given in the following subclauses.

```

-- This shows the message structure in Release '99 (including one non-critical extension)
-- before backward compatibility is started for Release 4.
MessageA ::= CHOICE {
  r3 SEQUENCE {
    messageA-r3 MessageA-r3-IEs,
    v380nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
      messageA-v380ext MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
      nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
    } OPTIONAL
  },
  criticalExtensions SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  -- This is not changed compared to the same IE in Release '99. It includes all information
  -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
  -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

-- This shows the Release '99 message structure once backward compatibility
-- has been started for Release 4.
MessageA ::= CHOICE {
  r3 SEQUENCE {
    messageA-r3 MessageA-r3-IEs,
    v380nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
      messageA-v380ext MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
      laterNonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
        -- Container for additional Release '99 extensions

```

```

        messageA-r3-add-ext          BIT STRING
        (CONTAINING MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs)          OPTIONAL,
        nonCriticalExtensions        SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
    } OPTIONAL
},
criticalExtensions                  SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                  SEQUENCE {
    -- This is not changed compared to the same IE in Release '99. It includes all information
    -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs after backward compatibility was started for Release 4.
}

-- This shows the structure of the Release 4 message
-- (including one Release 4 non-critical extension).
MessageA ::=                          CHOICE {
    r3                                  SEQUENCE {
        messageA-r3                    MessageA-r3-IEs,
        v380nonCriticalExtensions      SEQUENCE {
            messageA-v380ext            MessageA-v380ext-IEs,
            laterNonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
                -- Container for additional Release '99 extensions
                messageA-r3-add-ext     BIT STRING
                (CONTAINING MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs)          OPTIONAL,
                v440nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
                    messageA-v440ext    MessageA-v440ext-IEs,
                    nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
                } OPTIONAL
            } OPTIONAL
        } OPTIONAL
    },
    criticalExtensions                  SEQUENCE {}
}

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                  SEQUENCE {
    -- This is not changed compared to the same IE in Release '99. It includes all information
    -- elements used in Release '99 for MessageA.
}

MessageA-v380ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs.
}

MessageA-r3-add-ext-IEs ::=          SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release '99 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs after backward compatibility was started for Release 4.
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=             SEQUENCE {
    -- Here are information elements added to Release 4 as extensions to the information
    -- contained in MessageA-r3-IEs and MessageA-v380ext-IEs.
}

```

Example 3

10.4.3.4 Examples of non-critical extensions

10.4.3.4.1 Addition of a separate IE

If the extension is the addition of an information element (not inside a CHOICE, SEQUENCE OF, SET OF etc.), this new element can be directly included in MessageA-v440ext-IEs.

Example4 shows how the MessageA is extended to include a new element, "element3".

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
  element1                                         Element1,
  element2                                         Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
  element3                                         Element3-r4
}

```

Example 4

10.4.3.4.2 Addition of an IE to a structured group

If the extension is the addition of an information element inside a CHOICE, SEQUENCE OF, etc. (meaning that the information element can be absent or present more than once, depending on some condition), the structure of the original message should be duplicated in MessageA-v440ext-IEs using only the elements relevant to the extension (usually the CHOICES, SEQUENCE OFs, etc.), and a comment should be included to indicate that the two structures should be used consistently (e.g. when a CHOICE is duplicated, the same branch should be followed in both places, when a SEQUENCE OF is duplicated, the number of occurrences should be the same etc.).

This is illustrated in Example5, where a new element, "element1a-3", has to be included inside the "choice1b" branch of the "choice1" CHOICE. Here "choice1" is included again in MessageA-v440ext-IEs, and "element1a-3" is included there in the appropriate branch.

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
-- For the "choice1b" branch of "choice1", an additional information element is
-- defined in MessageA-v440ext-IEs ("element1a-3").
  choice1                                         CHOICE {
    choice1a                                       SEQUENCE {
      element1a-1                                  Element1a-1
    },
    choice1b                                       SEQUENCE {
      element1a-2                                  Element1a-2
    }
  }
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
-- In the following CHOICE the same branch shall be used as in choice1 in MessageA-r3-IEs.
  choice1                                         CHOICE {
    choice1a                                       NULL,
    choice1b                                       SEQUENCE {
      element1a-3                                  Element1a-3-r4
    }
  }
}

```

Example 5

10.4.3.4.3 Addition of a new CHOICE group

If the extension consists of moving some existing information elements inside a newly created CHOICE, the new branches of the created CHOICE should be included in MessageA-v440ext-IEs, and the CHOICE marked OPTIONAL, where absence means that the old elements are used. If the CHOICE is present, the old elements should be set to some default values, in order for older equipment to be understood, and new equipment should ignore the information therein.

This is illustrated in Example 6, where "element1" is to be moved inside the branch "choice1a" of a new CHOICE ("choice1").

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
-- The contents of "element1" shall be ignored, if in "MessageA-v440ext-IEs" the branch
-- "choice1b" of the CHOICE "choice1" is used.
  element1                                     Element1,
  element2                                     Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
  choice1                                     CHOICE {
    choice1a                                 SEQUENCE {},
    choice1b                                 SEQUENCE {
      element3                               Element3-r4
    }
  }
}

```

Example 6

10.4.3.4.4 Extension of value range

If the value range of an element is to be extended, an element including the new values should be defined in MessageA-v440ext-IEs. If one of the new values is to be used, the already existing element from Release '99 should be set to some defined value (or be absent if it was OPTIONAL), in order for older equipment to work properly, and the new value should be signalled in the new information element.

In Example 7, "element1" is extended to have a range (0..15).

```

MessageA-r3-IEs ::=                               SEQUENCE {
-- "element1" shall be ignored if "element1" in MessageA-v440ext-IEs is present, and the
-- value of that element used instead.
  element1                                     INTEGER (0..7)
  element2                                     Element2
}

MessageA-v440ext-IEs ::=                          SEQUENCE {
  element1                                     INTEGER (0..15)          OPTIONAL
}

```

Example 7

10.4.3.4.5 Replacement of a spare value with a new element

If a new value is to be included in an IE of type ENUMERATED, for which spare values were defined in the previous version, those spare values can be replaced with the new values.

If more new values are needed, than spare values included in the previous version, one spare value can be replaced by a special extension value (called e-new in example 8). If that value is used, a new element in the nonCriticalExtension part (element1-new) will define the new values, as shown in Example 8.

```

-- In the previous version, MessageA-r3-IEs was defined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    element1
    SEQUENCE {
        ENUMERATED { e1, e2, spare1, spare2 }
    }

-- Now three new values are needed for element1: e3, e4 and e5. MessageA-r3-IEs is redefined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- If the following has the value e-new, the actual value of element1 is defined in
-- element1-new included in MessageA-r4-ext-IEs
        element1
        ENUMERATED { e1, e2, e3, e-new }
    }

MessageA-r4-ext-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- the following shall be present, if element1 in MessageA-r3-IEs has the value e-new.
        element1-new
        ENUMERATED { e4, e5, spare1, spare2 } OPTIONAL
    }

```

Example 8

If a spare value is included in a CHOICE, and that has to be replaced with a new information element and an appropriate type in the new version, the name of the element replaces the spare name in the CHOICE, but the type cannot be replaced, because that would lead to incompatibilities. Instead, the new type is included in the nonCriticalExtension part of the message, as shown in Example 9.

```

-- In the previous version, MessageA-r3-IEs was defined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    element1
    CHOICE {
        e1
        e2
        spare
        E1,
        E2,
        NULL
    }
}

-- Now a new option is needed for the element1 CHOICE: e3 with type E3.
-- MessageA-r3-IEs is redefined:
MessageA-r3-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- If element1 has the value e3, the value of e3 is specified in the element e3
-- included in MessageA-r4-ext-IEs.
        element1
        CHOICE {
            e1
            e2
            e3
            E1,
            E2,
            NULL
        }
    }

MessageA-r4-ext-IEs ::=
    SEQUENCE {
-- the following shall be present, if element1 in MessageA-r3-IEs has the value e3.
        e3
        E3
        OPTIONAL
    }
}

```

Example 9

[10.4.3.4.6 Introducing new System Information Block Types](#)

[In general new message types are introduced by replacing a spare value as described in 10.4.3.4.5. That subclause also shows that in case there are insufficient spare values available, the last spare value can be replaced by a special extension value. If that value is used, an additional message type extension IE is included to distinguish between the additional message types, as shown in Example 10.](#)

```

DL-CCCH-Message ::= SEQUENCE {
    integrityCheckInfo IntegrityCheckInfo OPTIONAL,
    message DL-CCCH-MessageType
}

DL-CCCH-MessageType ::= CHOICE {
    cellUpdateConfirm CellUpdateConfirm-CCCH,
    rrcConnectionReject RRCCConnectionReject,
    rrcConnectionRelease RRCCConnectionRelease-CCCH,
    rrcConnectionSetup RRCCConnectionSetup,
    uraUpdateConfirm URAUpdateConfirm-CCCH,
    ext1 Ext1Message-CCCH,
}

```

```

    ext2                               Ext2Message-CCCH,
    extension                           DL-CCCH-MessageTypeExt
}

DL-CCCH-MessageTypeExt ::= CHOICE {
    Ext3                               Ext3Message-CCCH,
    spare3                             NULL,
    spare2                             NULL,
    spare1                             NULL
}

```

Example 10

For system information block types, the “SIB type” information element is also included in each of the segments. If in this case there are insufficient spare values, the last value can again be used to indicate “extension”. If that value is used, an additional SIB type extension IE is included to distinguish between the additional SIB types. This additional IE is not included in the segments; it is only included in the scheduling information included in the MIB and/ or the SBs.

NOTE One could include this additional IE in the segments e.g. by changing the SIB-type into a choice as shown in example 11. This option should not be used since it involves additional overhead (more scarce BCH bits are needed to indicate the SIB type) and complicates the scheduling (more different SIB data sizes are to be considered).

```

FirstSegment ::= SEQUENCE {
    -- Other information elements
    sib-Type          SIB-Type,
    seg-Count        SegCount,
    sib-Data-fixed   SIB-Data-fixed
}

SIB-Type ::= CHOICE {
    MasterInformationBlock          NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType1    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType2    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType3    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType4    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType5    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType6    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType7    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType8    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType9    NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType10   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType11   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType12   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-1 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-2 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-3 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType13-4 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType14   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-1 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-2 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-3 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType16   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType17   NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-4 NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType18   NULL,
    schedulingBlock1               NULL,
    schedulingBlock2               NULL,
    systemInformationBlockType15-5 NULL,
    ext1                           NULL,
    extension                       SIB-TypeExt
}

SIB-TypeExt ::= CHOICE {
    ext2          NULL,
    spare7        NULL,
    spare6        NULL,
    spare5        NULL,
    spare4        NULL,
    spare3        NULL,
    spare2        NULL,
    spare1        NULL
}

```

}

Example 11 – Not recommended

The addition of new SIB types to the scheduling information is illustrated by example 12. The example shows the extension of the choice. The example also shows that the information applicable for the extended choice values is appended at the end of the SIB (in this case the MIB), as a non critical extension.

NOTE In this example only the number of SIB types is increased; the number of SIBs that can be scheduled (as reflected in the size of the list in the scheduling information) is not extended.

```

MasterInformationBlock ::= SEQUENCE {
    mib-ValueTag MIB-ValueTag,
    -- TABULAR: The PLMN identity and ANSI-41 core network information
    -- are included in PLMN-Type.
    plmn-Type PLMN-Type,
    sibSb-ReferenceList SIBSb-ReferenceList,
    vxy0NonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {
        masterInformationBlock-vxy0ext MasterInformationBlock-vxy0ext-IEs,
        nonCriticalExtensions SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL
    } OPTIONAL
}

SIBSb-ReferenceList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSIB)) OF
    SchedulingInformationSIBSb

SchedulingInformationSIBSb ::= SEQUENCE {
    sibSb-Type SIBSb-TypeAndTag,
    scheduling SchedulingInformation
}

SIBSb-TypeAndTag ::= CHOICE {
    sysInfoType1 PLMN-ValueTag,
    sysInfoType2 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType3 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType4 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType5 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType6 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType7 NULL,
    sysInfoType8 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType9 NULL,
    sysInfoType10 NULL,
    sysInfoType11 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType12 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType13 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType13-1 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType13-2 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType13-3 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType13-4 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType14 NULL,
    sysInfoType15 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType16 PredefinedConfigIdentityAndValueTag,
    sysInfoType17 NULL,
    sysInfoTypeSB1 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoTypeSB2 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType15-1 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType15-2 SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag,
    sysInfoType15-3 SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag,
    sysInfoType15-4 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType18 CellValueTag,
    sysInfoType15-5 CellValueTag,
    ext1 NULL,
    ext2 NULL,
    extension NULL
}

SIBSb-TypeAndTagExt ::= CHOICE {
    ext3 NULL,
    spare7 NULL,
    spare6 NULL,
    spare5 NULL,
    spare4 NULL,
    spare3 NULL,
    spare2 NULL,
    spare1 NULL
}

```

```

}
MasterInformationBlock-vxy0ext-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {
  extSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List      ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List  OPTIONAL
}
-- For each extended SIB type the value tag information is added at the end
ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSIB)) OF
  ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo

ExtSIBTypeInfoSchedulingInfo-List ::= SEQUENCE {
  schedulingInfoListIndex      INTEGER (1..maxSIB),
  valueTagInfo                 ValueTagInfo
}

ValueTagInfo ::= CHOICE {
  None                          NULL,
  sysInfoType2                 CellValueTag,
  sysInfoType1                 PLMN-ValueTag,
  sysInfoType15-3              SIBOccurrenceIdentityAndValueTag
}

```

Example 12 – Recommended method