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TSG RAN#16 [1] addressed the Release 4 protocol backwards compatibility and RAN#17 started the backwards compatibility for the Rel'4 protocols excluding RRC. Following the progress it would be beneficial to consider the backwards compatibility from Release 4 RRC point of view as well.

- The Rel'99 number of RRC CRs is reducing and thus it seems feasible to considerer the backwards compatibility for Release'4 RRC as well.

Thus the proposed action is:

- TSG RAN to give guidance to TSG RAN WG2 to start the use of backwards compatibility mechanisms with Release 4 RRC.

References

[1] RP-020375. Rel-4 Protocols backwards compatibility, Nokia, June 2002.