3GPP TSG-RAN #90e RP-20xxxx

Electronic Meeting, 7 - 11 December 2020

**Agenda item:**

**Source:**

**Title: Email discussion on Improving TEI visibility/traceability**

**Document for: Discussion**

# 1 Introduction

At RAN#88e [1] and RAN#89e [2] email discussions were held on TEI issues.

In [3], MCC brought up problems of (in particular) cross-RAN WG TEI CRs. In general, many companies felt that RAN WGs and their Chairmen are well able to cope pragmatically with TEI issues on the basis of [4]. Also, TEI is seen as an important tool and RAN WG s need to have the flexibility to continue using TEI in a pragmatic way, without too many artificial restrictions.

Nevertheless, it was identified that there is scope for improvement on TEI visibility/traceability.

It was decided to have an email discussion on this between RAN#89e and RAN#90e, to allow the involvement of RAN WG Chairs (and MCC).

The target of this discussion is then to **identify pragmatic, workable ways to improve visibility/traceability of TEI**.

# 2 Structuring of the discussion

The first step will be to collect practical ideas/proposals on improving the visibility/traceability. To this end, proponents should provide the following information, structured in a table format (see template in section 3).

Although a fully-fleshed out proposal will be the most useful for later review, it is also allowed to provide a rough idea that may need further refinement.

The template requires information on the following 6 points.

(1) Proponent. *E.g. Company A, RAN WGx Chairman, TSG RAN Vice-Chairman, MCC, ...*

(2) Short identifier of the idea/proposal. *E.g. "TEI unique ID"*

(3) One-sentence abstract of the idea/proposal that gives an immediate indication of what is intended. *E.g. "Each different TEI topic gets a unique ID number allocated by <tbd> that allows tracing of that particular TEI on the cover sheets of CRs in all (RAN) WGs"*.

(4) Full description of the idea/proposal and how it is foreseen to work in a practical manner. Please be as precise as possible, identify which formal documents would be affected (*e.g. CR cover sheet, Status Report, RAN WG Chairman report, MCC minutes, new formal document required, ...*) and how (*e.g. the box xyz, a new tick box, standardized wording in RAN WG Chairman's report, ...*).

(5) Foreseen advantages/what problems does it solve.

(6) Foreseen disadvantages/problems and other issues that may require fine-tuning.

At a later stage, RAN WG officials, MCC and companies may review and comment on the proposals. It will also be possible to come with improved or new proposals, which may result from the discussion and exchange of views.

# 3 Proposals

For each proposal/idea, please fill out a separate table according to the following template

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[...] <copy further templates as needed>

# 4 Review and discussion

Format to be specified after collecting initial ideas.

# 5 Summary

To be provided later.

# 6 References

[1] RP-201330 Summary of email discussion [TEI\_Handling] on TEI Handling (NEC (Moderator))

[2] RP-202074 Moderator's summary for email discussion [89E][05][RAN\_TEI] Intermediate round (NEC)

[3] RP-201123 Problems of cross-WG TEI CRs (MCC)

[4] RP-191602 Handling of TEI & Contribution Submission in RAN WGs for NR & LTE (3GPP RAN TSG and WG1/2/3/4 Chairmen)