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# 1   Introduction

This document is a report of the discussion made on the reflector regarding the use of a single RAB Assignment procedure for setup, release and modification of Radio Access Bearers or separated procedures. In the ETSI documents, there is a single procedure while in the TTC/ARIB documents, there are separate setup and release procedures.

# 2   Discussion

The discussion mainly dealt with three main topics
1.   Complexity implementation of a combined procedure versus separated procedures
2.   Complexity of message encoding of a combined procedure versus separated procedures
3.   Benefits brought by a combined procedure versus separated procedure

Out of those topics, only the second one seems to have reached a certain level of consensus : There is no significant difference in terms of message encoding between the two solutions.

Concerning the tradeoffs between complexity and advantage, the discussion is still ongoing, but it looks more as a 3GPP discussion (all active participants being ETSI members) than a discussion related to the TTC/ARIB-ETSI merging process.

# 3   Conclusion

The study Item has not reach an agreed conclusion.