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3GPP TSG RAN working group 2 has received the "Liaison statement on registration areas and on hierarchical tracking concept specification status in SA WG2" and would like to clarify the current assumptions in RAN2 regarding the described concepts.

The presented concepts are in line with the RAN2 assumptions, with one exception.

If, e.g. based on the UE activity, UTRAN or the CN decides to release the RRC connection the normal RRC connection release procedure can be used. The actual trigger in the network for initiating the release is not specified in the UE-UTRAN protocols. However, a traffic measurement trigger for releasing the RRC connection does not contradict how the release procedure is specified. Therefore the concept of "RRC connection release timer" is not needed from the RAN2 point of view. Whether such a mechanism needs to be specified for the Iu interface is not clear, but is anyway not the scope of RAN2.