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**Title:** Release 2000 Scope and Timescales

The development and evolution of 3GPP specifications is based upon the annual release of complete system specifications, and following the successful completion of Release 99, work in the 3GPP is now focused upon Release 2000, currently scheduled for completion in December 2000.

Release 2000 will represent an evolution of Release 99 and the development of specifications is primarily directed towards the support of real time IP multi-media services over the Packet Switched domain. To date the work on R2000 has concentrated upon the identification of service requirements, the overall system architecture and the establishment of initial Work Items and Project Plans. This work is expected to be reviewed and subsequently endorsed at this set of TSG#8 meetings (June).

**The review of the Release 2000 Project Plan** is seen to be of particular importance and will need to consider:

- **the planned scope of Release 2000** - the high-level capabilities that we are intending to deliver;
- **the very limited remaining specification development time** - 5 months;
- **the schedule of TSG and WG meetings** - TSG#9 meetings (September) will represent the last opportunity to discuss and make any changes to the currently planned schedule and scope of Release 2000;

**It is proposed**, therefore, that as part of the review of the Release 2000 Project Plan each TSG:

- assesses the set of Release 2000 Work Items for which it is responsible and provides a *realistic* assessment regarding:
  - ⇒ the feasibility of completing the work by December (the current plan);
  - ⇒ an assessment of when the work is likely to be completed.
- and provides this information to TSG SA as part of its overall report at this TSG#8 meeting.

**It is further proposed** that within TSG SA the overall Project Plan is reviewed in order to determine a realistic assessment of:

- the scope of Release 2000 assuming its completion in December;
- the likely date for the completion of all planned Release 2000 Work Items.

This assessment should be finalised at the TSG#9 meetings, leading to the agreement of realistic plans for the completion of Release 2000.

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