



**Liaison Statement**

<b>GSM Association Terminals Working Group (TWG)</b>	<b>From</b>
<b>3GPP CN</b>	<b>To</b>
<b>3GPP SA, 3GPP S1</b>	<b>Copy</b>
<b>8 September 2000</b>	<b>Dated</b>
<b>IMEI Numbering and Format</b>	<b>Re:</b>

During the GSMA TWG meeting #30 held in Israel a review of the on-going IMEI numbering format and allocation issues was discussed at length.

TWG wish to inform 3GPP/CN that the whole subject of IMEI is regarded as so important to the GSM Industry that an Independent Strategic study of the current and future IMEI numbering scheme and allocating process will be undertaken with the utmost priority.

The GSMA TWG requests that any proposals to change standards relating to IMEI be suspended until this Independent Study is completed and a considered action plan involving all parties is constructed.

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