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## 1 Background

The scope and timing of Release 5 represents a key issue for decision at this set of TSG meetings.

**Timing** - The current high-level expectation is that Release 5 will be completed in December, however discussion during the last TSG meetings (June 2001) indicated that the completion of some aspects of the release will require additional time. In order to facilitate the decision making process during the TSG#13 meeting, the MCC was requested to review the Work Plan on the basis of information from TSG Working Groups, with a view to determining a realistic assessment for the completion dates of individual Work Items.

**Scope** – the current scope of Release 5 is described by the Work Items contained within the 3GPP Work Plan and reflects agreements reached during discussions at previous TSG meetings. A key feature of Release 5 is the initial set of specifications for the support of real-time IP based multi-media services (the IMS) which includes voice calls between IMS users and with the PSTN.

## 2 Actions During TSG#13 Meetings

It is understood that the MCC will be presenting an updated version of the 3GPP Work Plan to the TSG#13 meetings which reflects the latest assessment for the completion of Release 5 WIs. The plan will be used during the TSG SA meeting where it is anticipated that both the scope and timing of Release 5 will be decided on the basis of the expected completion of a viable/coherent set of specifications. This may result in some de-scoping of the Release as a result of the lack of maturity of some WIs.

## 3 Proposals

In order to ensure that TSG#SA receives authoritative information, it is essential that realistic and authoritative information is contained within the Work Plan – specifically the expected completion dates for individual WIs.

*It is proposed, therefore, that TSGs RAN, CN and T review the Work Plan and endorse the completion dates for each WI relating to Release 5. A revised version of the Work Plan should then be presented to TSG SA as the basis for further discussion.*

In view of the Release representing a coherent set of specifications from all of the TSGs, *it is proposed that TSGs RAN, CN and T avoid discussion about the overall timing of Release 5, with a view to focusing that discussion within TSG SA.*

In view of the previous discussion and agreements within the 3GPP TSGs regarding the currently planned scope of Release 5 (i.e. as contained within the 3GPP Work Plan), *it is proposed that a reduction in the scope should only be considered if specific WIs are agreed to be insufficiently mature.*

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