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Dear SA3,

I am glad to inform you that SA3 matters were handled smoothly at the SA#25 plenary meeting in Palm Springs, USA 13-16 September 2004. The main points with impact to SA3 are listed in the following:

1. All our CR's were approved *except one*: the CR "Forwards compatibility to TLS based access security" to 33.203 (S3-040639) was rejected because it introduces architectural and service restrictions that should be first checked by SA1 and SA2. We already sent an LS from Acapulco to SA2 (and to CN groups), see S3-040684, but I also told SA that we have a chance for a second look on the CR before next SA1/SA2 meetings.
2. There was also a complaint that another CR "Splitting the Roaming CA into a SEG CA and an Interconnection CA" to 33.310 (S3-040643) contained revisions against revisions (some text was first inserted and then deleted), which of course should not be there.
3. T3 have sent an LS to SA3/SA1 (SP-040491) about USIM support by 2G terminals of Rel-99 and Rel-4. It turned out that the reason for the confusion was a small error in implementation of our CR from two years ago (SP-020700). I asked Maurice to prepare a corrective CR, which was approved (SP-040627). T3 chairman confirmed that the issue is now solved.
4. Both TS 33.246 and TR 33.919 were approved and they are now under change control. One consequence of this is that these documents are progressed from now on by CR's instead of pseudo-CR's.
5. Our proposed WID "Security for early IMS" caused again some discussion (including a company contribution SP-040628) but the WID was finally approved in modified form (SP-040691). The main change implies that no stage 3 changes to CN specs can be done under this WI. Instead, we have to progress our TR further before SA plenary consider giving green light for changes in normative specifications. As a side effect, our TR is now allocated to 33.8xx series. The SA chairman pointed out that it is possible to move the report later to 33.9xx series in case SA endorses the need for stage 3 work in CN groups.
6. Issues of interest in SA1 area:
 - The proposed CR about MBMS key management that we saw in S3-040598 was revised and the outcome (SP-040696) is now in line with our spec 33.246.
7. Issues of interest in SA2 area:
 - A new WID "System enhancements for fixed broadband access to IMS" (SP-040686) was approved after vivid discussions. This WI relates to ETSI/TISPAN work in NGN and, as we already know, there may be non-trivial security issues that we have to deal with.
8. Issues of interest in SA5 area:
 - The TS 32.371-200 "Security Management Concept and Requirements" was approved.
9. Issues of interest in CN area:

- A new release 7 WID "Enhancements of VGCS in public networks for communication of public authority officials" (NP-040435) was approved in CN plenary. This work includes end-to-end speech encryption in voice group calls.
- CN chairman Stephen Hayes reminded us to inform him whenever any changes on the IETF dependency list are needed as a result of changes in SA3 specifications.

10. Issues of interest in GERAN area:

- There are security issues around TS 43.129 Packet Switched Handover for GERAN A/Gb mode, Stage 2, v0.6.0 on which they plan to consult with us.
- GERAN have done a feasibility study on "Generic Access to A/Gb interface" (TR 43.901, see SP-040540). They consider adopting SA3 defined solutions for WLAN inter-working and, therefore, they request review by SA3.

11. Issues of interest in OMA area:

- A new work item has recently started in OMA on Mobile Broadcast. The corresponding group is called Mobile Broadcast Services sub working group of Browser and Content working group – abbreviated as BAC-BCAST. The group has sent an LS to SA1/SA2/SA4 in order to co-ordinate their work with MBMS work in 3GPP.

Best regards,

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