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Liaison Statement

To: SMG9, TSG-T

From: TSG-T3

Subject: Communication and Participation of non-ETSI members in SMG9 Generics work

During the third meeting of the TSG-T3 (USIM) working party, it was proposed to create a further "generic" document covering the Logical Model, Security Issues and Generalised Commands. This proposal was agreed to by TSG-T3, but "ownership" of this document caused some concern. (The remaining issues of Files and Application Protocols will remain as TSG-T3 specific items.)

It is to be noted that there already exists a Generics document covering the Electrical and Physical interface of the UICC/USIM, which is currently "owned" by SMG9 Generics, and which is relevant to both SMG9 and TSG-T3.

Considering the relative urgency of the UICC/USIM specification work, there was considerable concern that specifications "owned" by SMG9 Generics could not be influenced or altered with sufficient haste in response to requests from 3GPP TSG-T3, or, further, that non-ETSI 3GPP members do not have an official right to participate in, or influence, SMG9 Generics.

TSG-T3 came to the conclusion to retain ownership of this new document themselves for the time being in order to overcome these concerns and progress the work quickly. However, in order to prevent divergence between this new document and its source (GSM 11.11), it is recognised that a single generic document, which can be referred to by both GSM and 3GPP specifications, is preferred.

It would appear that in order to formalise the relationship between 3GPP and SMG9 Generics, it might be that the best solution is for there to be a specific Terms of Reference for the SMG9 Generics Working Party, that permits individual members of 3GPP and 3GPP2 to participate in the SMG9 Generics work and meetings, and which permits SMG9 Generics' liaison with non-ETSI organisations and individual members of 3GPP.

SMG9 is invited to draft SMG9 Generics' Terms of Reference to accommodate the identified needs of TSG-T3, and TSG-T3 look forward to receiving these Terms of Reference.

TSG-T3 ask TSG-T for a view on this issue.