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During the last 3GPP Organisational Partners (OP) meeting held in May 27-28, 99 Seoul (Korea), there was an agreed resolution between all parties on the issue of global circulation and global roaming. Below is the exact extract (from the official meeting minutes) of this agreed resolution:

“If a technical item is found to be out of scope of 3GPP:

- 3GPP should define whether the proposed technical item is out of scope of 3GPP and justify its decision.
- If the work item is outside of the scope of 3GPP, and where a common global solution is desired, 3GPP should recommend how that can be achieved.
- If the proposed technical item has no impact on global roaming and circulation of terminals, or has no adverse impact on the future development of the standard, such a technical item can be defined by the interested SDO not by 3GPP.
- The above definitions should be applied by the 3GPP TSGs on a case by case basis”.

The discussion and outcome of the OP meeting shows the great importance that the Organisational Partners put on the issue of global roaming between different 3GPP operators and the possibility to have global circulation of terminals between different countries.

There are different interpretations of “global roaming” and “global circulation”

There is no common consensus on the interpretation of the above terms.

Thus T2 would like to inform T of this issue.