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T1 signalling experts elaborate the conformance test specifications for the core protocol specifications. They work as much as possible in parallel with the groups elaborating the core specifications. However, the test specifications (prose descriptions) will normally not be ready for release until some time after the release of the core specifications, The TTCN test descriptions will normally be released even later.

Current status:

At the moment, both the lack of resources and the unstable core specifications hamper the elaboration of the test cases.

Result:

Release '99 will contain no test case descriptions. Later releases will contain test case descriptions no covering all core specifications in the release (and thereby only have a limited value!).

## **Decision to be made:**

**Is it acceptable that test specifications for a release are not released until the following release?**

If not, TSG-T has a proposal regarding postponing of the test specification release.

In short: the general release of test specifications should happen at a later time than the release of the core specifications. Each test case release should be coupled directly to a core release. E.g. release '00 of the core specifications is tested by the release'00 of the test specifications. This will be presented in a separate LS.

A possible postponing of the test specification release would make it physical possible to release test specifications, which match the core release. However, without sufficient amount of resources a timely full release of the test specifications matching a core release will not be possible.

Can 3GPP members allocate sufficient resources to the T1 work (mainly driven by ETSI and ARIB members only!). **Can the other 3GPP members allocate more resources?**

**If not, should a part of the test specifications be implemented by a 3GPP funded project team?**