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Title: Proposal on how to handle approval of MS Conformance Test Specifications coupled to a certain 3GPP release

Agenda item: 6.1

Document for: Discussion/Approval

Introduction

During the development of the TSG-T1 MS Conformance Test Specifications, it has become evident that these specifications by their nature have to be finalised later than the Core Specifications they are to provide conformance tests for.

Although the work on conformance tests can start and indeed was started before the existence of any frozen versions of applicable Core Specifications, it is a necessity to allow TSG-T1 to do their work against reasonably stable Core Specifications. As a consequence, a large portion of the TSG-T1 work can not be completed and approved until significantly later than the approval of the coupled Core Specification release.

The MS Conformance Test Specifications are tightly coupled to a certain release and it is generally recognised that these specifications must be available as early as ever possible to allow conformant terminals to be developed and introduced in time for a successful launch of 3GPP based systems.

On the issue of Release '99 MS Conformance Test Specifications, it is therefore our proposal that TSG-T allows the approval of these specifications to be delayed until the point in time indicated in the TSG-T1 report contained in tp-99167. The delay of the approval of these specifications must of course be minimised. TSG-T1 is therefore invited to reconfirm the approval dates previously indicated.

The definition of what is part of Release '99 MS Conformance Test Specifications is dependent on what Core Specifications that are decided to be part of Release '99. We propose that all existing MS Conformance Test Specifications covering the Core Specifications confirmed to be part of Release '99 are by definition themselves part of Release '99 and thus treated according to the proposal above.

It is further noted that at TSG-SA #4 (SP-99345) there was a discussion on the need to allow the TSG-SA5 O&M specifications to lag behind the Core Specifications. The allowed slip in time was assumed to be maximum 3 months. It is proposed that this maximum time slip be extended for the Release '99 MS Conformance Test Specifications as indicated in tp-99167. Such a slip in time would also be in line with what has previously been accepted for the corresponding GSM specifications.

A further observation is that the above discussion possibly is valid also for other 3GPP Conformance Test Specifications. We therefore also propose that TSG-T informs TSG-SA and TSG_RAN and invites them to carry out a similar review of any Conformance Test Specifications under their responsibility.

The discussion above outlines a principle that we propose should be adopted as a general rule for the development and approval of Conformance Test Specifications also for subsequent 3GPP releases.

As this paper also clearly is a work programme management issue, a concluding proposal is to ask TSG-SA to endorse/approve this paper.

Proposal

We propose:

- That TSG-T allows the approval of the Release '99 MS Conformance Test Specifications to be delayed until the point in time indicated in the TSG-T1 report contained in tp-99167.
- That TSG-T1 is asked to reconfirm the approval dates indicated in tp-99167.
- That all existing MS Conformance Test Specifications covering the Core Specifications confirmed to be part of Release '99 are by definition part of Release '99.
- That TSG-T informs TSG-SA and TSG_RAN and invites them to carry out a similar review of any Conformance Test Specifications under their responsibility.
- That the sentiment of the above proposals should be considered as a general rule to be applicable also to subsequent releases of 3GPP Conformance Test Specifications.
- That TSG-T asks TSG-SA to endorse and/or approve this paper as they see fit.