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Title: Liaison Statement on criteria for 3GPP T2 to consider approving a new classmark
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1. Overall Description:

In the report from the T#15 plenary, the following question was raised:

- T2 was asked to explain at the next meeting to present the criteria for approving a new Classmark.

Every proposition for a new classmark will be discussed on its own merit.
This LS gives guidelines which have no formal status and are subject to future change.

The proposing group must be a Member or Organizational Partner of 3GPP.

Proofs of concept or prototypes of the working technology must be demonstrated to T2.

The technology need not be finished in its development in order to be considered for MExE standardization.
This is so for two reasons:

- Early standardization of new execution environment technologies prior to broad market deployment is the best way to ensure broadest possible consistency of user experience.
- Some Network Operators and Manufacturers view MExE standardization as a requirement for new execution environment technology, prior to market deployment or even prior to early development and prototyping efforts. T2 therefore needs to be careful not to reduce market entry opportunities for companies by denying new technologies the chance for MExE consideration and standardization.

The proposed classmark must clearly offer significant new market value in the form of unique new functionality, and/or state-of-the-art functionality superior to functionality already defined within the MExE specification. Overlap in functionality within other existing Classmarks is acceptable, but not encouraged.

The proposed Classmark must have at least 4 supporting sponsor companies before it can be proposed for consideration in a WID. This criteria is 3GPP's test for measuring sufficient level of demand for the proposed technology.

Other requirements

- 3GPP should be able to liaise with source organizations for proposed technology. Source organisations should be on the list of liaison partners approved by the 3GPP Project Coordination Group (PCG).
- Specifications for the proposed technology and all underlying technologies necessary for implementation shall be publicly available under terms that meet 3GPP legal requirements.
- “Publicly available” means the material can be acquired by a member of the public, although not necessarily free of charge. In other words, the material may be licensed subject to certain usage conditions, so long as this conditional access doesn’t prevent the availability to the public.
- If the source organization proposing the technology is standardizing the technology outside of 3GPP, it is strongly recommended that there be liaison relationship and representatives established between T2 and the source organization.
- T2 strongly recommends minimizing the use of trademarks, logos, etc. within the MExE specification.
- The proposed technology and all dependent technologies must have completed a normative specification process resulting in a specification that meets 3GPP licensing requirements.
- Conformance tests for the standardized technology, if any are required by the technology usage license, must be publicly available.
- The technology usage license must guarantee the right to proprietary innovation over and above what is mandated by the standard, so that any 3rd party can add value of their own and thereby differentiate products that make use of the standard.

The proposed technology must be integrated into a new revision of the MExE specification in a consistent, conformant manner. All mandated MExE technical and security requirements, specified in 23.057, must be met as well.

It is additionally recommended that:

- Right for 3GPP organisational partners to hold copyright in the technology specification
- Right for 3GPP organisational partners to hold copyright in a copy of the technology specification
- Right for 3GPP organisational partners to distribute the technology specification

These rights assist 3GPP in maintaining and evolving the MExE specifications over time.

2. Date of Next T2 Meetings:

T2#18	12-16 Aug 2002	Velen, Germany
T2#19	18-22 Nov 2002	Korea