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Title: Notes of the joint TSG T/TSG RAN session

A joint session TSG T / TSG RAN took place the afternoon of Thursday 9th, the following issues were discussed:

Renaming of TSG T WG1 as TSG RAN WG5

It was agreed that TSG T WG1 will become TSG RAN WG5. However, for some time, the group will be dubbed "RAN WG5 (formerly know as T WG1)".

Giovanni Romano (TIM) asked if WG5 and WG4 could be merged. This wasn't found feasible for the time being, given the work load of these groups. Giovanni also asked about the merging of WG1 and WG4. This is a point for long term evolution in RAN and has to be discussed carefully.

Niels Andersen (Motorola) reminded also of the long term goal of merging RAN and GERAN, explaining that the current GERAN structure has one single group equivalent to RAN WG1 and WG4, but has a separate group for terminal testing. Having this in mind, the second proposal will help to align RAN and GERAN, but not the second. Also, experts in the WG1 & WG4 areas tend to be the same in the companies. Testing is a different field, where some of the companies do not participate in the rest of the WGs.

However, no reorganization can be precluded. Today, only the joining of TSG RAN/TSG T is to be discussed.

In principle, the new TSG RAN will have its first meeting in June. It is however proposed that at the end of the next RAN meeting a short meeting of the "new" RAN is hold to discuss the organizational issues. This was agreed.

A long debate took place on how to discuss this re-organization and to what aspects can be solved before and after June, but no agreement wasn't reached on any other issue. It was found preferable to delay to March any further debate on re-organization.

3 vice-chairmen per TSG

No discussions, it was agreed to go for 3 vice chairs for the new RAN.

New TSG RAN Terms of Reference

RP-040532 New TSG RAN Terms of Reference (TSG RAN/TSG T Officials)

RP-040533 Draft New TSG RAN Terms of Reference (TIM)

Both documents were presented and discussed. The final revision of the Terms of Reference was produced on line.

It is suggested to remove the background section, it was useful at the beginning of the project but it is not useful now. This was supported, but it is noted also that the other TSGs also have a Background section.

It is proposed to remove the list of UTRAN interfaces, given that in the future new interfaces can be defined.

The section on the specific responsibility is to be left as it was, but FDD and TDD are to be removed.

Concerning the UE testing, after a long debate it is preferred not to specify what aspects of UTRA UEs are in the scope, the following expression should be used: "Conformance test specification for aspects of UTRA UEs".

Editorial corrections were accepted also. The final version is available in the document below.

RP-040547 TSG RAN Terms of Reference (TSG RAN/TSG T)

ToR produced and endorsed by the joint TSG T/TSG RAN meeting, its approval will take place in 3GPP OP.

Elections in the WGs

It is agreed that they are postponed after the new TSG RAN elections have taken place. For RAN WG5, they will take place in April; for the current 4 RAN WGs, elections will take place in the collocated meetings in May. At this point, it is not clear if the WGs can be considered new or not. This depends of the discussions to take place in the plenaries in March about current RAN organization.