O-RAN TOC Subcommittees

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Background

The Technical Oversight Committee (TOC) is being setup and should decide
if and which subcommittees to launch. An action was taken at last call.

This input is the result of the action. It is a proposal to the TOC to be discussed by the TOC.

Discussion & considerations

Subcommittees are a means to offload the TOC from specific considerations
            especially at early stage, when TOC has a lot to do

At the same time:

Once setup, experience shows it is hard to close a subcommittee

Resources are scarce

Proliferation of committees sometimes do not help (consistency etc…)

Conclusion:

- a balance should be found in the number of subcommittees

Discussion & considerations

Sub-committees' scope must be well defined

     - otherwise we may end up without knowing who does what

Sub-committees are consultative

     - TOC has the final say

Sub-committees must embark considerations from the O-RAN Alliance

Proposal

1. Setup 1 subcommittee to make a proposal to TOC for

    •   **use cases & requirements** of the O-RAN Software Community releases
        The subcommittee will embark any **software architecture & security** considerations as needed.

2. The sub-committee must work in close cooperation with O-RAN alliance,

    ▪   use cases from WG1, architecture complying with WG1, WG8…

Should we find other sub-committees are needed, we could setup at a later stage
(let's be driven by needs)

•   could be decided by TOC

•   could be proposed by Req subcommittee (e.g. if they would like to split)

•   Alternatively, Req subcommittee may also propose to expand their scope (if they would like to expand)