



5. *Q: Is tight coupling with 3GPP systems required (e.g. mobility based on approaches transparent to the UE such as GTP or PMIP, because the multimode 3GPP/ WiMAX technology terminal to be used in the intersystem operation is expected to be single radio), or is a loosely coupled approach to intersystem mobility sufficient?*

A: Regarding the optimal nature of the coupling, we refer you to the 802.21 Working Group.

6. *Q: What is the expected interruption time for handover between the technologies?*

A: In 802.16, we intend to minimize handover time to address real-time applications. We have not set specific targets. For intertechnology handover targets, we would again refer you to the 802.21 Working Group.

In regard to your request that IEEE 802.16 consider the required interworking scenarios between WiMAX and 3GPP systems and provide this input to 3GPP TSG SA WG1 together with the expected timeline, we refer you to 802.21 for response on this matter.

Please inform us, and the 802.21 Working Group, of your deliberations and progress on this issue.

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