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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the security architecture, procedures and information flows needed to protect the mission critical service (MCX). The architecture includes mechanisms to protect the Common Functional Architecture and security mechanisms for mission critical applications. This includes Push-To-Talk (MCPTT), Video (MCVideo) and Data (MCData). Additionally, security mechanisms relating to on-network use, off-network use, roaming, migration, interconnection, interworking and multiple security domains are described.

This specification complements the Common Functional Architecture defined in TS 23.280 [36], the functional architecture for MCPTT defined in 3GPP TS 23.379 [2], the functional architecture for MCVideo defined in 3GPP TS 23.281 [37] and the functional architecture for MCData defined in 3GPP TS 23.282 [38].

The MC service can be used for public safety applications and also for general commercial applications e.g. utility companies and railways. As the security model is based on the public safety environment, some MC security features may not be applicable for commercial purposes.

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

**Authorised Identity:** An application identity given to an authorised user or network entity (e.g. MC Service ID) containing authorisation information.

**External KMS:** The KMS which is the root of trust for a specific External Security Domain.

**External Security Domain:** A security domain that the user is not a member of, but with which the user may communicate.

**Floor:** Floor(x) is the largest integer smaller than or equal to x.

**Home KMS:** The KMS that is the root of trust of the Home Security Domain.

**Home Security Domain:** The MCX user's primary security domain.

**Identity Management Domain:** The MC clients and MC functions that share an Identity Management Server (IdMS). To be specific, the MC clients request access tokens from the same primary IdMS, and the MC functions accept access tokens from this IdMS.

**KMS Certificate:** A certificate containing the security parameters for a security domain. This is required to support identity-based cryptography and differs from X.509 certificates used for traditional PKI. See Annex D.3.1 for details.

**KMS URI:** A unique identifier for a security domain, or equivalently, a logical KMS.

**MCX:** Mission critical services where "MCX" may be substituted with the term "MCPTT", "MCVideo", "MCDATA", or any combination thereof.

**Partner domain:** A secondary MC domain which may support MC services for MC users who are home to a different MC domain. See also External Security Domain.

**Primary domain:** The "home" MC domain where MC users receive their primary identity management and MC services. See also Home Security Domain.

**Security Domain:** A security domain is a group of MCX users who share common security requirements and policies for their communications. From a technical perspective, users within a security domain share a KMS and KMS certificate. MCX users may be members of one or more security domains.