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1 Scope

The present document specifies the radio network layer signalling procedures of the control plane between NG-RAN nodes in NG-RAN. XnAP supports the functions of the Xn interface by signalling procedures defined in this document. XnAP is developed in accordance to the general principles stated in TS 38.401 [2] and TS 38.420 [3].

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

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[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] 3GPP TS 38.401: "NG-RAN; Architecture Description".

[3] 3GPP TS 38.420: "NG-RAN; Xn General Aspects and Principles".

[4] 3GPP TS 38.422: "NG-RAN; Xn Signalling Transport".

[5] 3GPP TS 38.413: "NG-RAN; NG Application Protocol (NGAP) ".

[6] 3GPP TS 25.921: "Guidelines and principles for protocol description and error handling".

[7] 3GPP TS 23.501: "System Architecture for the 5G System".

[8] 3GPP TS 37.340: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA) and NR; Multi-connectivity; Stage 2".

[9] 3GPP TS 38.300: "NR; NR and NG-RAN Overall Description; Stage 2".

[10] 3GPP TS 38.331: "NR; Radio Resource Control (RRC) Protocol specification".

[11] 3GPP TS 38.323: "NR; Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) specification".

[12] 3GPP TS 36.300: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA) and Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); Overall description; Stage 2".

[13] 3GPP TS 23.502: "Procedures for the 5G System; Stage 2".

[14] 3GPP TS 36.331: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Radio Resource Control (RRC) protocol specification".

[15] ITU-T Recommendation X.691 (2002-07): "Information technology - ASN.1 encoding rules - Specification of Packed Encoding Rules (PER) ".

[16] ITU-T Recommendation X.680 (2002-07): "Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation".

[17] ITU-T Recommendation X.681 (2002-07): "Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Information object specification".

[18] 3GPP TS 29.281: "General Packet Radio Service (GPRS); Tunnelling Protocol User Plane (GTPv1-U)".

[19] 3GPP TS 38.424: "NG-RAN; Xn data transport".

[20] 3GPP TS 38.414: "NG-RAN; NG data transport".

[21] 3GPP TS 38.412: "NG-RAN; NG Signalling Transport".

[22] 3GPP TS 23.003: "Numbering, Addressing and Identification".

[23] 3GPP TS 32.422: "Trace control and configuration management".

[24] 3GPP TS 38.104: "NR; Base Station (BS) radio transmission and reception".

[25] 3GPP TS 36.104: "Base Station (BS) radio transmission and reception ".

[26] 3GPP TS 36.211: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Physical Channels and Modulation".

[27] 3GPP TS 36.101: "User Equipment (UE) radio transmission and reception".

[28] 3GPP TS 33.501: "Security architecture and procedures for 5G System".

[29] 3GPP TS 33.401: "3GPP System Architecture Evolution (SAE); Security architecture".

[30] 3GPP TS 24.501: "Non-Access-Stratum (NAS) protocol for 5G System (5GS); Stage 3".

[31] 3GPP TS 36.413: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); S1 Application Protocol (S1AP)".

[32] 3GPP TS 25.413: "UTRAN Iu interface RANAP signalling".

[33] 3GPP TS 38.304: "NR; User Equipment (UE) procedures in Idle mode and RRC Inactive state".

[34] 3GPP TS 36.304: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); User Equipment (UE) procedures in idle mode".

[35] 3GPP TS 38.321: "NR; Medium Access Control (MAC) protocol specification".

[36] 3GPP TS 36.321: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Medium Access Control (MAC) protocol specification".

[37] IETF RFC 5905: "Network Time Protocol Version 4: Protocol and Algorithms Specification".

3 Definitions, symbols 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].

Elementary Procedure: XnAP protocol consists of Elementary Procedures (EPs). An XnAP Elementary Procedure is a unit of interaction between two NG-RAN nodes. An EP consists of an initiating message and possibly a response message. Two kinds of EPs are used:

- **Class 1**: Elementary Procedures with response (success or failure),
- **Class 2**: Elementary Procedures without response.

NG-RAN node: as defined in TS 38.300 [9].

PDU Session Resource: As defined in TS 38.401 [2].

PDU session split: as defined in TS 37.340 [8].