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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies non-3GPP access network discovery and selection procedures, the access authorization procedure used for accessing non-3GPP access networks. These non-3GPP access networks can be trusted non-3GPP access networks, untrusted non-3GPP access networks or wireline access networks.

The present document also specifies the security association management procedures used for establishing IKEv2 and IPsec security associations:

- between the UE and the N3IWF and the procedures for transporting messages between the UE and the N3IWF over the non-3GPP access networks; and
- between the UE and the TNGF and the procedures for transporting messages between the UE and the TNGF over the non-3GPP access networks.

The present document also specifies the EAP-5G procedures used for exchange of NAS messages via trusted non-3GPP access and wireline access network before the UE or the 5G-RG is authenticated and authorized to use the trusted non-3GPP access or the wireline access network.

The present document is applicable to the UE, the 5G-RG, the W-AGF acting on behalf of the FN-RG or the W-AGF acting on behalf of the N5GC device and the network. In this technical specification the network refers to the 3GPP 5GCN and the trusted non-3GPP access, untrusted non-3GPP access, or wireline access network.

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## 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].

**MTU:** Maximum transmission unit (MTU) is the largest PDU size which can be transmitted and received by a network entity in one single IP packet without any need for IP fragmentation.

**NWt:** NWt is the reference point between the UE and the TNGF for establishing secure tunnel(s) between the UE and the TNGF so that control-plane and user-plane exchanged between the UE and the 5G core network is transferred securely over trusted non-3GPP access.

**NWu:** NWu is the reference point between the UE and the N3IWF for establishing secure tunnel(s) between the UE and the N3IWF so that control-plane and user-plane exchanged between the UE and the 5G core network is transferred securely over untrusted non-3GPP access.

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2] apply:

**5G Access Network**

**5G Core Network**

**5G QoS flow**

**5G QoS identifier**

**5G System**

**Network identifier (NID)**

**PDU Session**

**Stand-alone Non-Public Network**

**TNGF**

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For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 23.003 [8] apply:

**Global Line Identifier (GLI)**

**Global Cable Identifier (GCI)NAI**

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 33.501 [5] apply:

**SUPI**

**SUCI**

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 24.302 [7] apply:

**S2a connectivity**

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4] apply:

**Non 5G capable over WLAN (N5CW) device**

**W-AGF acting on behalf of the N5GC device**

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 23.316 [40] apply:

**W-CP EAP connection**

**W-CP signalling connection**

## 3.2 Abbreviations

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

|        |                                               |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 5GCN   | 5G Core Network                               |
| 5GS    | 5G System                                     |
| 5G-AN  | 5G Access Network                             |
| 5QI    | 5G QoS Identifier                             |
| AMF    | Access and Mobility Management Function       |
| AN     | Access Network                                |
| ANDS   | Access Network Discovery and Selection        |
| ANDSP  | Access Network Discovery and Selection Policy |
| AUSF   | Authentication Server Function                |
| CP     | Control Plane                                 |
| CRG    | Cable Residential Gateway                     |
| DHCP   | Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol           |
| DL     | Downlink                                      |
| DNS    | Domain Name System                            |
| DSCP   | Differentiated Services Code Point            |
| ePDG   | Evolved Packet Data Gateway                   |
| ESP    | Encapsulating Security Payload                |
| FQDN   | Fully Qualified Domain Name                   |
| H-PCF  | A PCF in the HPLMN                            |
| IP     | Internet Protocol                             |
| IPsec  | Internet Protocol Security                    |
| N3AN   | Non-3GPP Access Network                       |
| N3IWF  | Non-3GPP InterWorking Function                |
| N5CW   | Non 5G Capable over WLAN                      |
| N5GC   | Non-5G Capable                                |
| NAI    | Network Access Identifier                     |
| NAS    | Non Access Stratum                            |
| NID    | Network Identifier                            |
| PCF    | Policy control Function                       |
| PDU    | Protocol Data Unit                            |
| QFI    | QoS Flow Identifier                           |
| RQI    | Reflective QoS Indicator                      |
| SA     | Security Association                          |
| SNPN   | Stand-alone Non-Public Network                |
| SPI    | Security Parameters Index                     |
| SUPI   | Subscription Permanent Identifier             |
| SUCI   | Subscription Concealed Identifier             |
| TCP    | Transmission Control Protocol                 |
| TNAN   | Trusted Non-3GPP Access Network               |
| TNAP   | Trusted Non-3GPP Access Point                 |
| TNGF   | Trusted Non-3GPP Gateway Function             |
| TWAN   | Trusted WLAN Access Network                   |
| TWAP   | Trusted WLAN Access Point                     |
| TWIF   | Trusted WLAN Interworking Function            |
| UL     | Uplink                                        |
| UP     | User Plane                                    |
| UPF    | User Plane Function                           |
| V-PCF  | A PCF in the VPLMN                            |
| WLAN   | Wireless Local Area Network                   |
| WLANSP | WLAN Selection Policy                         |

## 4 General

### 4.1 Overview

The 5G core network (5GCN) supports the connectivity of the UE via non-3GPP access networks. These non-3GPP access networks can be trusted non-3GPP access networks, untrusted non-3GPP access networks or wireline access networks. A trusted or untrusted non-3GPP access network can advertise the PLMNs for which it supports trusted connectivity and the type of supported trusted connectivity. Different types of trusted connectivity can be advertised so that the UE can discover the non-3GPP access networks that can provide trusted connectivity to one or more PLMNs:

- a) information about PLMN list with 5G connectivity using trusted non-3GPP access;
- b) information about PLMN list with 5G connectivity without NAS using trusted non-3GPP access; or
- c) information about PLMN list with S2a connectivity using trusted non-3GPP access (access via non-3GPP access to EPC).

NOTE: A wireline access network does not indicate PLMNs for which it supports connectivity.

### 4.2 Untrusted access

For an untrusted non-3GPP access network, the communication between the UE and the 5GCN is not trusted to be secure.

For an untrusted non-3GPP access network, to secure communication between the UE and the 5GCN, a UE establishes secure connection to the 5G core network over untrusted non-3GPP access via the N3IWF. The UE performs registration to the 5G core network during the IKEv2 SA establishment procedure as specified in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4] and IETF RFC 7296 [6]. After the registration, the UE supports NAS signalling with 5GCN using the N1 reference point as specified in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4]. The N3IWF interfaces the 5GCN CP function via the N2 interface to the AMF and the 5GCN UP functions via N3 interface to the UPF as described in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2].

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### 4.3 Identities

#### 4.3.1 User identities

When the UE accesses the 5GCN over non-3GPP access networks, the same permanent identities for 3GPP access are used to identify the subscriber for non-3GPP access authentication, authorization and accounting services.

The Subscription Permanent Identifier (SUPI) is defined in 3GPP TS 33.501 [5]. The SUPI can contain an IMSI, a network specific identifier, a GCI or a GLI as specified in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2]. A SUPI containing an IMSI is defined in 3GPP TS 23.003 [8]. A SUPI containing a network specific identifier, a GCI or a GLI always takes the form of a NAI as defined in 3GPP TS 23.003 [8].

The Subscription Concealed Identifier (SUCI) is a privacy preserving identifier containing the concealed SUPI as specified in 3GPP TS 33.501 [5]. SUCI is calculated from SUPI. When the SUPI contains an IMSI, the corresponding SUCI is derived as specified in 3GPP TS 23.003 [8]. When the SUPI contains a network specific identifier, a GCI or a GLI, the corresponding SUCI in NAI format is derived as specified in 3GPP TS 23.003 [8].

User identification in non-3GPP accesses can require additional identities that are out of the scope of 3GPP.

#### 4.3.2 FQDN for N3IWF Selection

An N3IWF FQDN is either provisioned by the home operator or constructed by the UE in either the Operator Identifier FQDN format or the Tracking Area Identity FQDN format as specified in 3GPP TS 23.003 [8].

The N3IWF FQDN is used as input to the DNS mechanism for N3IWF selection.

In order to access PLMN services via an SNPN, a UE operating in SNPN access mode registered to an SNPN has the following restrictions on N3IWF FQDN:

- a) the UE shall only use TAIs from a PLMN to construct a Tracking Area Identity based N3IWF FQDN; and
- b) the UE shall not consider an N3IWF FQDN for N3IWF selection configured by an SNPN.

## 4.4 Quality of service support

### 4.4.1 General

When the UE accesses the 3GPP 5G System (5GS) via non-3GPP access networks, the same QoS flow based 5G QoS model and principles are followed as described in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2]. For PDU sessions that were established over non-3GPP access, the QoS flow remains to be the finest granularity of QoS differentiation in the PDU Session.

### 4.4.2 QoS differentiation in non-3GPP access

#### 4.4.2.1 General

For untrusted non-3GPP access, the N3IWF is the access network node that provides QoS signalling to support QoS differentiation and mapping of QoS flows to non-3GPP access resources.

For trusted non-3GPP access, the TNGF is the access network node that provides QoS signalling to support QoS differentiation and mapping of QoS flows to non-3GPP access resources.

For wireline access, the W-AGF serving the 5G-RG is the access network node that provides QoS signalling to support QoS differentiation and mapping of QoS flows to non-3GPP access resources.

#### 4.4.2.2 QoS signalling

A QoS flow is controlled by the SMF and can be preconfigured, or established via the UE requested PDU Session establishment via non-3GPP access procedure, the UE or network requested PDU session modification via non-3GPP access procedure (see 3GPP TS 23.502 [3]).

During PDU session establishment, based on local policies, pre-configuration and the QoS profiles received:

- a) the N3IWF or the TNGF (depending on whether the UE is connected to untrusted non-3GPP access or trusted non-3GPP access, respectively):
  - 1) shall determine the number of IPsec child SAs to establish and the QoS profiles associated with each IPsec child SA; and
  - 2) shall then initiate IPsec SA creation procedure to establish child SAs associating to the QoS flows of the PDU session; or
- b) the W-AGF serving the 5G-RG:
  - 1) shall determine the number of W-UP resources to establish and the QoS profiles associated with each W-UP resource; and
  - 2) shall initiate creation of one or more W-UP resources using means out of scope of the present document. The W-AGF serving the 5G-RG shall associate each W-UP resource with a PDU session, zero or more QFIs, and optionally an indication of whether the W-UP resource is the default W-UP resource. For each W-UP resource, the 5G-RG becomes aware using means out of scope of the present document about association of the W-UP resource and the PDU session, the zero or more QFIs, and optionally the indication of whether the W-UP resource is the default W-UP resource.

In order to support QoS differentiation in case of access to PLMN services via an SNPN and access to SNPN services via a PLMN, the N3IWF is preconfigured with one or more QoS profiles requiring a dedicated IPsec child SA which can be associated with a DSCP value.

#### 4.4.2.3 QoS differentiation in user plane

For uplink of trusted and untrusted non-3GPP accesses, the UE associates an uplink user data packet with a QFI as specified in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4]. In both cases of untrusted non-3GPP access and trusted non-3GPP access, the UE shall then encapsulate the uplink user data packet and the QFI associated with the uplink user data packet in the GRE header and select IPsec child SA based on PDU session and QFI associated with the uplink user data packet as specified in subclause 8.3. In case of trusted non-3GPP access, the UE shall reserve non-3GPP access network QoS resources for the IPsec child SA according to the received Additional QoS Information when the selected IPsec child SA is established. In case of untrusted non-3GPP access, the UE may receive an Additional QoS Information from the N3IWF during IPsec child SA establishment. If the UE receives the Additional QoS Information from the N3IWF, the UE may reserve non-3GPP access network QoS resources for the IPsec child SA according to the received Additional QoS Information when the selected IPsec child SA is established.

For uplink of wireline access, the 5G-RG associates an uplink user data packet with a QFI as specified in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4], shall select a W-UP resource based on the PDU session and the QFI associated with the uplink user data as specified in subclause 8.3 and shall transport the uplink user data packet via the selected W-UP resource using means out of scope of the present specification.

For downlink of trusted and untrusted non-3GPP accesses, the UPF maps the user data packet to a QoS flow. In case of untrusted non-3GPP access, the N3IWF shall determine the IPsec child SA to use for sending of the downlink user data packet over NWu based on mapping of the QoS flow to the IPsec child SA based on QFI of the QoS flow of the user data packet and the identity of the PDU session of the user data packet. In case of trusted non-3GPP access, the TNGF shall determine the IPsec child SA to use for sending of the downlink user data packet over NWt based on mapping of the QoS flow to the IPsec child SA based on QFI of the QoS flow of the user data packet and the identity of the PDU session of the user data packet. Furthermore, TNGF may reserve non-3GPP access network QoS resources for the IPsec child SA.

For downlink of wireline access, the UPF maps the user data packet to a QoS flow. In case of wireline access, the W-AGF serving the 5G-RG shall select a W-UP resource for a downlink user data packet based on mapping of the QoS flow to the W-UP resources, based on QFI of the QoS flow of the user data packet and the identity of the PDU session of the user data packet, and shall transport the downlink user data packet and the QFI associated with the downlink user data packet via the selected W-UP resource using means out of scope of the present specification.

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#### 4.4.2.4 Reflective QoS

Reflective QoS is also supported when the UE accesses the 5GCN via non-3GPP access network as specified in 3GPP TS 23.502 [3]. If the N3IWF for untrusted non-3GPP access or the TNGF for trusted non-3GPP access receives a downlink user packet associated with Reflective QoS Indicator (RQI), the N3IWF or the TNGF shall set the RQI in the GRE header when encapsulating the downlink user data packet into a GRE encapsulated user data packet as specified in subclause 8.3. If the W-AGF serving the 5G-RG receives a downlink user packet associated with Reflective QoS Indicator (RQI), the W-AGF shall transport the RQI together with the downlink user data packet and the QFI associated with the downlink user data packet via the selected W-UP resource over NWu, as described in subclause 4.4.2.3.

#### 4.4.2.5 QoS enforcement

If the UE is provided with maximum flow bit rate (MFBR) for UL for a QFI as specified in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4], the UE should send user data packets associated with the QFI with a bitrate lower than or equal to the maximum flow bit rate (MFBR) for UL.

### 4.5 Trusted access

For a trusted non-3GPP access network, the communication between the UE and the 5GCN is secure. A trusted non-3GPP access network is connected to the 5GCN via a trusted non-3GPP gateway function (TNGF) as specified in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2]. The TNGF interfaces the 5GCN CP function via the N2 interface to the AMF and the 5GCN UP functions via N3 interface to the UPF as described in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2].

For a trusted non-3GPP access network, the UE establishes secure connection to the 5GCN over trusted non-3GPP access to the TNGF. The UE uses 3GPP-based authentication for connecting to a non-3GPP access and establishes an IPsec Security Association (SA) with the TNGF in order to register to the 5GCN by using the registration procedure as specified in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4]. After the registration, the UE supports NAS signalling with the 5GCN using the N1 reference point as specified in 3GPP TS 24.501 [4].