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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 before the UE is authenticated and authorized to use the trusted non-3GPP access.

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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Global Line Identifier (GLI)
Global Cable Identifier (GCI)NAI

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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
SNPN access operation mode
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:

Wireline access control plane protocol (W-CP)
Wireline access user plane protocol (W-UP)

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

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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

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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 operation 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.

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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:

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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.