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# Foreword

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In the present document, modal verbs have the following meanings:

**shall** indicates a mandatory requirement to do something

**shall not** indicates an interdiction (prohibition) to do something

The constructions "shall" and "shall not" are confined to the context of normative provisions, and do not appear in Technical Reports.

The constructions "must" and "must not" are not used as substitutes for "shall" and "shall not". Their use is avoided insofar as possible, and they are not used in a normative context except in a direct citation from an external, referenced, non-3GPP document, or so as to maintain continuity of style when extending or modifying the provisions of such a referenced document.

**should** indicates a recommendation to do something

**should not** indicates a recommendation not to do something

**may** indicates permission to do something

**need not** indicates permission not to do something

The construction "may not" is ambiguous and is not used in normative elements. The unambiguous constructions "might not" or "shall not" are used instead, depending upon the meaning intended.

**can** indicates that something is possible

**cannot** indicates that something is impossible

The constructions "can" and "cannot" are not substitutes for "may" and "need not".

**will** indicates that something is certain or expected to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**will not** indicates that something is certain or expected not to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might** indicates a likelihood that something will happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might not** indicates a likelihood that something will not happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

In addition:

**is** (or any other verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

**is not** (or any other negative verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

The constructions "is" and "is not" do not indicate requirements.

# 1 Scope

The scope of present document is based on the requirements for SNA (TS 22.261 clause 6.10.2) [xx] and on the Study on application enablement aspects for subscriber-aware northbound API access (TR 23.700-95) [yy].

The objective of this study is to:

1. Identify potential new security requirements related to API invocation (such as user authorization) and define potential solutions to fulfil these requirements. This encompasses:

- Whether and how CAPIF functions can determine the resource owner upon CAPIF invocation

- Whether and how CAPIF can support obtaining authorization from the resource owner

- Whether and how CAPIF can support revocation of authorization by the resource owner

- Whether and how CAPIF can support security procedures with the aim to reduce authorization inquiries for a nested API invocation

The study is not exclusively tailored to CAPIF, but should align with widely deployed authorization frameworks.

2. Identify potential security requirements for APIs used in SNAAPP and define potential solutions to fulfil these requirements.

This objective includes UE-originated API invocation.

# 2 References

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

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non‑specific.

- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

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

[2] 3GPP TS 22.261: "Service requirements for the 5G system".

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It is preferred that the reference to 21.905 be the first in the list.

# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

This clause and its three subclauses are mandatory. The contents shall be shown as "void" if the TS/TR does not define any terms, symbols, or abbreviations.

## 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms 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].

Definition format (Normal)

**<defined term>:** <definition>.

**example:** text used to clarify abstract rules by applying them literally.

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

Symbol format (EW)

<symbol> <Explanation>

## 3.3 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].

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<ABBREVIATION> <Expansion>

# 4 Assumptions

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## 4.1 Architectural assumptions

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# 5 Key issues

## 5.1 Key Issue #1: Authentication and authorization of UE in UE originated API invocation

### 5.1.1 Key issue details

One of the objectives of the study on SNAAPP security is to address the security aspects of UE originated API invocation. Corresponding stage 1 requirement, in TS 22.261 [2] clause 6.10.2, states that “*provide a UE with secure access to APIs (e.g. triggered by an application that is not visible to the 5G system), by authenticating and authorizing the UE*”. From this requirement, it is understood that the applications running on the UE are not visible to 3GPP system and the UE needs to be authenticated and authorized.

In addition to authentication and authorization of the invoker UE, the communication needs to be secured.

This KI is to investigate the invoker UE authentication and authorization and communication security for the UE originated API invocation procedure.

Editor’s Note: This key issue needs to be finalized after alignment with SA6 and possibly SA1.

### 5.1.2 Threats

If the API invoker UE is not authenticated and authorized, then unauthorized entities can impersonate authorized entities to learn sensitive data about the target UE from the 3GPP network or to affect service experience of the target UE negatively.

If the communication is not secured, then sensitive information leakage to unauthorized entities can be possible or the data in transfer can be altered so that the target UE is negatively affected.

### 5.1.3 Potential security requirements

The API invoker UE shall be authenticated and authorized, and the communication shall be protected against confidentiality, integrity and replay attacks.

## 5.X Key issue #X: <Title>

### 5.X.1 Key issue details

### 5.X.2 Threats

### 5.X.3 Potential security requirements

# 6 Proposed solutions

## 6.0 Mapping of solutions to key issues

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## 6.Y Solution #Y: <Title>

### 6.Y.1 Introduction

### 6.Y.2 Solution details

### 6.Y.3 Evaluation

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