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~~Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects~~ **TSGS#16(02)0387**  
~~Meeting #16, Marco Island, Florida, 10-13 June 2002~~

### Work Item Description

**Source** SA WG3 ~~(Modified by TSG SA #16)~~  
**Title** Network Domain Security; Authentication Framework  
(NDS/AF): ~~Feasibility Study~~

#### 1 3GPP Work Area

	Radio Access
X	Core Network
	Services

#### 2 Linked work items

- Network Domain Security; IP network layer security

#### 3 Justification

For 3GPP systems there is a need for truly scaleable entity authentication framework since an increasing number of network elements and interfaces are covered by security mechanisms. ~~The work item needs to be completed preferably in Release 6 time frame but no later than the Release\_7 (more specifically, early 2004) timeframe.~~

#### 4 Objective

The general objective ~~is to of the feasibility study is to study the impacts of~~ development of a highly scaleable entity authentication framework for 3GPP network nodes. The framework ~~will to be~~ developed ~~would be~~ in the context of the Network Domain Security work items. This effectively limits the scope to the control plane entities of the core network.

The primary objective is for the ~~studied~~ authentication framework to provide entity authentication for the nodes that are using NDS/IP. This means that the authentication is developed to replace the (not so scaleable) default IPsec/IKE use of pre-shared secrets to authenticate the network elements. The authentication framework will therefore be based on profiled X.509v3 type of digital certificates and of profiled public key infrastructure technology and standards.

~~The Feasibility Study (FS) shall indicate the domains to which the NDS/AF will apply. Furthermore, the FS will specifically show the benefits of applying NDS/AF to the current NDS/IP domain. The consequences and alternatives are to be presented along with the pro's and con's.~~ It is included into the ~~work study~~ how ~~actual~~ operator CA's are organized feasibly and what are the trust relationships between them. Thus, ~~feasible different~~ trust models and their effects are ~~studied~~ covered more closely.

Additionally the ~~work~~FS will present ~~high level~~ requirements for the used protocols and certificate profiles, so as it is possible for operator IPsec and PKI implementations to interoperate.

~~This work may later be extended to the development of the authentication framework itself depending on the results of the feasibility study.~~

The scope of this work item will be in accordance with and base on the Feasibility study on NDS/AF (TR 33.810).

~~This work might also later be extended to provide entity authentication services to non-control plane nodes.~~

**5 Service Aspects**

None identified yet.

**6 MMI-Aspects**

None identified.

**7 Charging Aspects**

None identified yet.

**8 Security Aspects**

The work item is a security item.

**9 Impacts**

Affects:	USIM	ME	AN	CN	Others
Yes				X	
No	X	X			
Don't know			X		X

**10 Expected Output and Time scale (to be updated at each plenary)**

Meeting	Date	Activity
SA3#26	<del>November, 2002</del> TBD	<del>Revised WID approved and work started. Work on NDS/AF general architecture and profiling of X509v3 certificates. Discussions on certificate distribution (and revocation) and the associated services and requirements. Work on profiling of digital certificates. Work on certificate distribution. Work on trust model, CA hierarchy and RA issues. Involve related 3GPP workgroups (if any).</del>
SA3#27	TBD	<u>Work on NDS/AF general architecture and profiling of X509v3</u>

	(February, March 2003?)	<u>certificates. Discussions on certificate distribution (and revocation) and the associated services and requirements. Broad agreement on TOC and scope of NDS/AF TS. Agree on all top-level principles for the NDS/AF TS.</u> <u>Work on trust model, CA hierarchy and RA issues</u> <u>Work on profiling of digital certificates.</u> <u>Work on certificate distribution (and revocation).</u> <u>Involve related 3GPP workgroups (if any). Continue work on actual specification. Finalize trust model.</u>
SA3#28	TBD, May, June 2003?	Progress work on NDS/AF TS:- <u>Work on trust model, CA hierarchy and RA issues</u> <u>Work on profiling of digital certificates.</u> <u>Work on certificate distribution (and revocation).</u> <u>Involve related 3GPP workgroups (if any).</u> <u>Finalize trust model.</u> <u>Finalize certificate profile(s).</u>
SA3#29	July TBD, Aug/Sept 2003?	<u>Finalize trust model.</u> <u>Finalize certificate profile(s).</u> Finalize certificate distribution. Prepare to submit NDS/AF TS to SA for information.
SA#21?	September, TBD, Oct. 2003	NDS/AF TS submitted for information to SA plenary. <u>Stage-3 work triggered in relevant groups (if needed).</u>
SA3#30	October TBD, Nov 2003	Resolve any remaining issues. Submit NDS/AF TS for approval.
SA#22?	December, 2003	NDS/AF TS submitted for approval to SA plenary.
SA/CN #23?	March, 2004	<u>First part of Stage-3 CR's approved. (if applicable) Stage-3 work approved</u>
SA/CN #24	June, 2004	<u>Remaining part of Stage-3 CR's approved.</u>

New specifications						
Spec No.	Title	Prime rsp. WG	2ndary rsp. WG(s)	Presented for information at plenary#	Approved at plenary#	Comments
33.xxx	NDS/AF	SA3		<u>SA#21</u>	<u>SA#22</u>	<u>Whether a new spec is created depends on the outcome of the FS.</u>
Affected existing specifications						
Spec No.	CR	Subject		Approved at plenary#	Comments	

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**12 Work item leadership**

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**13 Supporting Companies**

Nokia, Telenor, T-Mobile, Siemens, SSH Communications Security Corp

**14 Classification of the WI (if known)**

X	Feature (go to 14a)
	Building Block (go to 14b)
	Work Task (go to 14c)

14a The WI is a Feature: List of building blocks under this feature

**14b The WI is a Building Block:**