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# Foreword

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# 1 Scope

The present document is related to Study on NR Sidelink Relay with a scope as defined in [2].

The document describes NR enhancements to sidelink relay, which were analyzed as part of the study such as sidelink-based UE-to-network and UE-to-UE relay, and discovery model/procedure for sidelink relaying.

# 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 RP-193253 "New SID: Study on NR sidelink relay".

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# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Terms

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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].

Abbreviation format (EW)

<ABBREVIATION> <Expansion>

# 4 Sidelink-based UE-to-network Relay

## 4.1 Scenario, Assumption and Requirment

## 4.2 Discovery

## 4.3 Relay (re-)selection criterion and procedure

## 4.4 Relay/Remote UE authorization

## 4.5 Layer-2 Relay

### 4.5.1 Architecture and Protocol Stack

### 4.5.2 QoS

### 4.5.3 Security

### 4.5.4 Service Continuity

### 4.5.5 Control Plane Procedure

*Editor notes: This section is to describe CP procedure other than service continuity.*

## 4.6 Layer-3 Relay

### 4.6.1 Architecture and Protocol Stack

SA2 specified two user plane protocol stacks for L3 UE-to-NW relay in TR 23.752 (Figure 6.6.1-2 of solution#6 and Figure 6.23.2-3 of solution#23), which are illustrated in Figure 4.6-1 and Figure 4.6-2. No issues are identified to support them from RAN2 perspective, and RAN2 leaves future work to SA2.



Figure 4.6-1: user plane protocol stack of L3 UE-to-NW relay specified in solution#6 of [1]



Figure 4.6-2: user plane protocol stack of L3 UE-to-NW relay specified in solution#23 of [1]



Figure 4.6-3: basic connection setup procedure of L3 UE-to-NW relay based on Figure 6.6.2-1 of [1]

The basic connection setup procedure for the both SA2 specified protocol stacks is illustrated in Figure 4.6-3 which is based on Figure 6.6.2-1 in TS 23.752 [1]. Among them, the following procedures are identified with RAN2 impacts:

* Step 3: the discovery procedure, which are described in Section 4.2.
* Step 4: the relay (re)selection procedure, which are described in Section 4.3.
* Step 5: Rel-16 NR V2X PC5-RRC establishment procedure is reused to setup a secure unicast link between Remote UE and Relay UE before traffic relaying

Editor notes: whether new PC5-S signaling is introduced depends on SA2

RAN2 leaves design of control plane protocol stacks of L3 UE-to-NW relay to SA2.

### 4.6.2 QoS

The basic QoS support mechanism for L3 UE-to-NW relay is illustrated in Figure 4.6-4 from TR 23.752 [1].



Figure 4.6-4: basic QoS support meshanism of L3 UE-to-NW relay specified in [1]

SA2 specified two solutions for QoS support of L3 UE-to-NW relay:

1. PCF sets separate Uu QoS parameters and PC5 QoS parameters in solution#25 of [1].
2. End-to-End QoS support in solution#24 of [1], where relay can obtain a mapping between PQI and 5QI from SMF/PCF

No RAN2 impacts are identified.

### 4.6.3 Security

SA2 specified two solutions for security support of L3 UE-to-NW relay:

1. Hop-by-hop security (via legacy Uu security and PC5 security)
2. End-to-end security via N3IWF in solution #23 of TR 23.752

Editor notes: whether the SA2 specifeid solutions can satisfy the security requirement depends on SA3

### 4.6.4 Service Continuity

SA2 specified one solution for the service continuity of L3 UE-to-NW relay in upper layer via N3IWF (i.e. solution#23 in [1]). RAN2 didn’t identify RAN2 impact and thereby leave the evaluation of service continuity to SA2.

### 4.6.5 Control Plane Procedure

*Editor notes: This section is to describe CP procedure other than service continuity.*

# 5 Sidelink-based UE-to-UE Relay

## 5.1 Scenario, Assumption and Requirement

## 5.2 Discovery

*Editor notes: The need of discovery for UE-to-UE relay is FFS.*

## 5.3 Relay (re-)selection criterion and procedure

## 5.4 Relay/Remote UE authorization

## 5.5 Layer-2 Relay

### 5.5.1 Architecture and Protocol Stack

### 5.5.2 QoS

### 5.5.3 Security

### 5.5.4 Control Plane Procedure

## 5.6 Layer-3 Relay

### 5.6.1 Architecture and Protocol Stack

RAN2 leaves design of protocol stacks of L3 UE-to-UE relay to SA2.

### 5.6.2 QoS

### 5.6.3 Security

### 5.6.4 Control Plane Procedure

# 6 Comparison of Layer-2 and Layer-3 Relay

## 6.1 UE-to-Network Relay

## 6.2 UE-to-UE Relay

# 7 Conclusion

Annex A: Change history

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