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*Abstract: Conclusion for KI#2.*

# 1. Introduction

Based on the evaluation in S2-2406553, this pCR provides a conclusion for KI#2.

# 2. Text Proposal

It is proposed to capture the following changes vs. TR 23.700-29.

\* \* \* \* First change (all new) \* \* \* \*

## 8.2 Conclusion for KI#2 Store and Forward

The following is agreed for supporting Store and Forward operation with a full CN onboard the satellite with the following (informative) principles:

- The whole CN including eNB, MME, SGW, PGW, HSS, E-SMLC etc are on board. An implementation specific proxy is deployed on the satellite and the ground for application traffic, including support of MT traffic, MO traffic, SMS, etc. as described in solution #19.

(e.g. SMS, MO and MT data etc)

NOTE 1: MT traffic is delivered to the UE when it performs an ATTACH.

- The MT data to a UE is stored in the ground proxy transferred to a proxy onboard the satellite and MT traffic is stored on the satellite proxy and transferred to the ground when the feeder link is available. All types of data traffic (e.g. IP etc) can be supported and transferred using the existing user plane and control plane procedures defined in EPS.

On MT transactions, the UE could simply attach to every visible satellite and then wait for possible MO transactions from the user or applications on the UE or for MT transactions from the satellite this could be highly inefficient. A smarter UE could first wait for an indication from the user or from an application on the UE of a pending MO transaction or could wait based on knowledge of when MT transactions may arrive, before performing an attach. This is implementation dependent.

- Depending on the deployment and implementation (i.e. outside the scope of 3GPP in this release), the HSS may only be populated with subscription data for the UEs that may access the satellite while the feeder link is unavailable. The synchronisation of subscription data is implementation specific and during the synchronisation time stamping of the UE location maybe required to ensure the latest UE location is always known (e.g. to ensure that the latest location is not overwritten when a satellite obtains a feeder link and when the UE attached to the satellite was earlier).

NOTE 2: The solution does not support the roaming architectures defined in TS 23.501 [2] or TS 23.401 [5].

NOTE 3: The security issues (if any) of this solution are in the scope of SA3.

and with the following normative impacts:

- The UE and the MME negotiate a S&F monitoring list of satellites IDs. The UE uses the satellites in the S&F monitoring list for data/signalling with the CN. The S&F monitoring list can be determination by the CN based on e.g. location of the NTN gateways, satellite ephemeris, etc. How network determines the S&F monitoring list is out side the scope of 3GPP in this release of specification.

- The UE needs to be aware that a satellite is operating in S&F mode.

NOTE 4: How the UE is aware that a satellite supports S&F mode of operation depends on RAN.

- A UE may be rejected if the satellite cannot support the UE at this time (e.g. the satellite is not able to authenticate the UE, no UE context at network etc.). The attach/TAU reject provides a reason code for the rejection, a timer until it should attempt to attach/TAU again and S&F monitoring list which the UE can attempt attach again.

\* \* \* \* End of changes \* \* \* \*