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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME |  | Radio Access Network |  | Core Network | **X** |

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| ***Title:*** | Support of UE-Satellite-UE communication in IMS | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | NTT DOCOMO, CATT, Samsung, China Telecom | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | S2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | 5GSAT\_Ph3\_ARCH | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2024-08-22 |
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| ***Category:*** | **B** |  | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-19 |
|  | *Use one of the following categories:* ***F*** *(correction)* ***A*** *(mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)* ***B*** *(addition of feature),* ***C*** *(functional modification of feature)* ***D*** *(editorial modification)*  Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP [TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm). | | | | | | | | *Use one of the following releases: Rel-8 (Release 8) Rel-9 (Release 9) Rel-10 (Release 10) Rel-11 (Release 11) … Rel-16 (Release 16) Rel-17 (Release 17) Rel-18 (Release 18) Rel-19 (Release 19)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | According to the approved 5GSAT\_Ph3\_ARCH work item and the conclusion of FS\_5GSAT\_Ph3\_ARCH captured in clause 8.3 of TR 23.700-29, this CR adds description on Support of UE-Satellite-UE communication in IMS. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | Addition of Support of UE-Satellite-UE communication in IMS. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | An objective of the 5GSAT\_Ph3\_ARCH work item is not achieved. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | Annex AX (new) | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | |  | **X** | Other core specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
| ***affected:*** | |  | **X** | Test specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
| ***(show related CRs)*** | |  | **X** | O&M Specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
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| ***Other comments:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

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Annex AX (normative):  
Support of UE-Satellite-UE communication in IMS

# AX.1 General

This annex describes IMS architecture enhancements to support UE-Satellite-UE communication in IMS.

The 5GS architecture for UE-Satellite-UE communication is defined in TS 23.501 [93]. IP-CAN for it is realized by 5GS with functionalities defined in clause x.x of TS 23.501 [93]. The optimized media routing described in this annex refers to a routing of media between UEs under the coverage of one or more serving satellites, using this IP-CAN without the media transiting through the ground segment. The ground fallback routing refers to the case with the media transiting through the ground segment.

P-CSCFs in the MO side and in the MT side exchange the identifier of a satellite serving the MO UE and the MT UE, respectively, and enable the IP-CAN of the MO side and of the MT side in coordination to provide a media routing path with or without the media transiting through the ground segment. P-CSCF also establish IMS AGW either on ground or on satellite accordingly.

In this Release of the specification, this feature is supported only for IMS voice/video service and for UEs belonging to the same HPLMN and in the non-roaming scenario.

# AX.2 Architecture and functional entities

## AX.2.1 Architecture

## AX.2.2 Functional entities

### AX.2.2.1 P-CSCF

P-CSCF used for this feature is enhanced to support the following functionalities:

- P-CSCF determines the activation of optimized media routing and interacts with 5GS, as described in Annex AX.3.

- P-CSCF controls IMS AGW relocation, as described in Annex AX.4.

# AX.3 Optimized media routing activation

## AX.3.1 At call setup

When the P-CSCF receives the identifier of a satellite serving the UE from PCF and finds the identifier of a satellite serving the remote UE in a SIP message received from the remote network, the P-CSCF shall determine the activation of optimized media routing based on those satellite identifiers.

Editor's note: Whether and how P-CSCF determines activation of optimized media routing based on satellite identifiers is FFS.

Editor's note: Whether and how to take UE subscription aspect into account for this activation is FFS.

If P-CSCF determines activation of optimized media routing, P-CSCF shall send Npcf\_PolicyAuthorization request as per TS 23.502 [94] to PCF, so that the PCF proceeds to establish a path for optimized media routing.

Editor's note: FFS if Npcf\_PolicyAuthorization\_Create request or Npcf\_PolicyAuthorization\_Update request.

## AX.3.2 At change of satellite

When P-CSCF receives from PCF the identifier of a satellite that is about to serve the local UE, the P-CSCF shall determine that optimized media routing continues to be possible between the satellite and the satellite serving the remote UE based on identifiers of those satellites.

Editor's note: How P-CSCF determines activation of optimized media routing based on satellite identifiers continues is FFS.

If P-CSCF determines that optimized media routing continues at change of satellite, P-CSCF shall send a message to PCF as defined in TS 23.502 [94], so that the PCF proceeds to establish a path on the target satellite for optimized media routing.

Editor's note: A message used by P-CSCF to inform to PCF is defined in 23.501/502/503 CR. FFS.

When P-CSCF receives from the remote network a SIP re-INVITE without satellite identifier, the P-CSCF shall determine that optimized media routing becomes not possible and execute the procedure defined in clause AX.4 to relocate path of the session for ground fallback routing.

If P-CSCF determines that optimized media routing becomes not possible e.g. at change of satellite, P-CSCF shall send a message to PCF, so that the PCF proceeds to establish a path for ground fallback routing.

Editor's note: A message used by P-CSCF to inform to PCF is defined in 23.501/502/503 CR. FFS.

# AX.4 IMS AGW relocation

## AX.4.1 At call setup

P-CSCF shall establish an IMS AGW on ground at call setup according to TS 23.334 [74], as long as the P-CSCF does not determine the activation of optimized media routing. After the P-CSCF determines the activation of optimized media routing, the P-CSCF shall release the IMS AGW on ground and establish an IMS AGW on satellite according to TS 23.334 [74].

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