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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 support 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

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Abbreviation format (EW)

<ABBREVIATION> <Expansion>

# 4 Sidelink-based UE-to-network Relay

## 4.1 Scenarios, Assumptions and Requirments

## 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: Service continuity related CP procedure is captured in 4.5.4.*

## 4.6 Layer-3 Relay

### 4.6.1 Architecture and Protocol Stack

### 4.6.2 QoS

### 4.6.3 Security

### 4.6.4 Service Continuity

### 4.6.5 Control Plane Procedure

*Editor notes: Service continuity related CP procedure is captured in 4.6.5.*

# 5 Sidelink-based UE-to-UE Relay

## 5.1 Scenario, Assumption and Requirement

## 5.2 Discovery

## 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

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

## 6.1 UE-to-Network Relay

## 6.2 UE-to-UE Relay

# 7 Conclusion

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