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| ***Reason for change:*** | A description of a potential solution for the usage of BDT for media session is provided. |
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### 5.6.6 Candidate Solutions

#### 5.6.6.1 Existing APIs to provision Background Data Transfer

The NEF offers the ResourceManagementOfBdt API, as defined in clause 5.4 of TS29.122 [?], to allow AF consumers to create, manage, and track Background Data Transfer (BDT) policies. The NEF also offers the ApplyingBdtPolicy API to request the application of a previously defined BDT policy for a particular UE or group of UEs.

The PCF offers the Npcf\_BDTPolicyControl API, as defined in clause 5 of TS29.554 [?], to allow consumers to create and update BDT policies. The NF consumer may subscribe to notifications about any changes to the network conditions that affect a BDT policy.

A BDT policy consists of multiple transfer policies, each bounded by a time window. The 5GMS AF will select one of the transfer policies to apply.

#### 5.6.6.2 Potential Solution

Background Data Transfer is a generic feature that may be used by an Application Service Provider to pre-load content during time periods recommended by the MNO onto a UE. This feature can be suitable for multimedia streaming services but was developed to support other use-cases (such as automotive).

In this potential solution, the support for background data transfer in 5GMS can be realized by the following procedures:

1. Provisioning by the 5GMS Application Provider to enable the usage of background data traffic and to define the background data transfer policy. The BDT policy may be part of the general QoS policy templates.

2. Creation, updating, and monitoring the usage of the background data transfer policy in collaboration with the PCF. This may be done using the procedures described in 5.6.6.1.

3. Communication of the background data transfer policy to the UE, e.g. as part of the access information.

4. Registration by the 5GMS-Aware Application (via the Media Sesssion Handler) with the 5GMS AF to use background data transfer.

5. Notification by the 5GMS AF to the Media Session Handler of an opportunity to perform background data transfer.

6. Activation of the background data transfer policy for the QoS flow, over which the transfer will happen.

Provisioning the background data transfer feature (step 1) is realized through an extension to the dynamic policy template as defined in clause 7.9.3 of TS 26.512 [?]. The dynamic policy template may, for example, be extended to include an additional property BdtReqData as defined in clause 5.6.2.3 of TS 29.554 [?].

The 5GMS AF uses the provisioning information to create or select a background data transfer policy within the PCF. For this purpose, it may use the Npcf\_BDTPolicyControl or the ResourceManagementOfBdt API.

Once the policy is created, future downlink media streaming sessions will be able to use the defined background data transfer policy. The 5GMS AF provides the information about the background data transfer policy to the UE as part of the Service Access Information at reference point M5.

The M6 interface is extended to allow the application to request background download of content from the Media Session Handler. As a result, the Media Session Handler registers with the 5GMS AF to receive notifications about the availablity of a background data transfer opportunity. Once a download opportunity manifests itself, the 5GMS AF notifies the Media Sesssion Handler about the time window available for background content download, and the Media Session Handler will either perform the download itself, or else invoke the application to download the content. In case the MSH performs the download, appropriate extensions to the M6 API would be required to manage the access to and notification about completed/aborted download operations.

NOTE: Integration of background data transfer with 5MBS is for future study. Alignment with the xMB API should be considered as part of this.