**3GPP TSG SA WG4 Meeting #125 S4-231521**

**Gothenburg, Sweden, August 21–25, 2023 Revision of S4-231521**

**Source: Samsung Electronics, CO., LTD**

**Title: Revised WID on immersive Real-time Communication for WebRTC**

**Document for: Agreement**

**Agenda Item: 10.5**

3GPP™ Work Item Description

Information on Work Items can be found at <http://www.3gpp.org/Work-Items>
See also the [3GPP Working Procedures](http://www.3gpp.org/specifications-groups/working-procedures), article 39 and the TSG Working Methods in [3GPP TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm)

Title: immersive Real-time Communication for WebRTC

Acronym: iRTCW

Unique identifier: 950014

Potential target Release: Rel-18

# 1 Impacts

*{For Normative work, identify the anticipated impacts. For a Study, identify the scope of the study}*

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| **Affects:** | **UICC apps** | **ME** | **AN** | **CN** | **Others (specify)** |
| **Yes** |  | X |  |  |  |
| **No** | X |  | X | X |  |
| **Don't know** |  |  |  |  | X |

# 2 Classification of the Work Item and linked work items

## 2.1 Primary classification

### This work item is a …

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| X | **Feature** |
|  | **Building Block** |
|  | *Work Task* |
|  | **Study Item** |

## 2.2 Parent Work Item

For a brand-new topic, use “N/A” in the table below. Otherwise indicate the parent Work Item.

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| **Parent Work / Study Items**  |
| **Acronym** | **Working Group** | **Unique ID** | **Title (as in 3GPP Work Plan)** |
| FS\_5GSTAR | S4 | 880011 | Study on 5G Glass-type AR/MR Devices |
| GA4RTAR | S4 | 960044 | Generic architecture for RT and AR/MR |

### 2.3 Other related Work Items and dependencies

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| **Other related Work /Study Items (if any)** |
| **Unique ID** | **Title** | **Nature of relationship** |
| 770024 | EVS Codec Extension for Immersive Voice and Audio Services | Codec for spatial audio in conversational services |
| 810006 | Extended Reality (XR) in 5G | Initial study on AR/MR and key use cases |
| 830005 | Terminal Audio quality performance and Test methods for Immersive Audio Services | Terminal performance requirements for spatial audio |
| 850042 | Study on evolution of IMS multimedia telephony service | Feasibility study on AR call |
| 600040 | Study on Web Real Time Communication (WebRTC) access to IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS); Stage 2 | Architectural study of WebRTC access to IMS (SA2) |
| 630014 | Study on enhancements to Web Real Time Communication (WebRTC) access to IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS); Stage 2 | SA1/2/3 study to enhance WebRTC for accessing IMS |
| 950015 | Media Capabilities for Augmented Reality (MeCAR) | Media capabilities of AR devices |
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| 960046 | Real-time Transport Protocols Configurations (5G\_RTP) | RTP profile for WebRTC |
| 1000018 | 5G Media Streaming Protocols Phase 2 (5GMS\_Pro\_Ph2) | APIs for media session handling |

# 3 Justification

Beyond traditional 3GPP MTSI services, real-time transport of media over 5G systems is needed in new areas: the transport of immersive media for XR conferencing services, as often illustrated in the use cases regarding Metaverse, and the transport of media between 3rd party applications in the device and network. To support these new features and applications it is necessary to,

* Develop and enhance mechanisms to establish appropriate QoS, media handling and adaptation, cross-layer optimizations, and QoE reporting, to support the more demanding data rate, latency, error rate, and capacity requirements needed for the real-time transport of immersive media.
* Develop non-vertical / modularized components (e.g., transport, session negotiation, QoS establishment) of a real-time transport session to serve as enablers for other services, features, and flexible collaboration models with 3rd party service providers and application developers. Develop APIs to enable the use of these components by services, features, mobile operating systems, and applications.
* Develop WebRTC-based components that are integrated into, and optimized for, the 5G system.
* Extend the functional components of a terminal to support immersive media (e.g., 3D video and spatial audio) and enable wireless or wired tethering with devices external to the UE.

This work item defines a set of WebRTC-based component features to enable the transport of real-time media between UEs (including smartphones and standalone / tethered glass-type AR/MR devices) as outlined in the conclusions in clause 8.3 5G Real-time Communication of TR 26.998.

While identifying the codecs and formats for immersive media (e.g., as listed in TR 26.928) may be necessary to understand QoS, media handling and adaptation, and cross-layer enhancements, the specification of these codecs and formats will be handled in other specifications focused on the codec and formats (MeCAR) and the profiling of RTP real-time communications (5G\_RTP).

3GPP SA4 is working on the development of the EVS Codec Extension for Immersive Voice and Audio Services (IVAS) codec. It targets encoding/decoding/rendering of speech, music and generic sound, with low latency operation and support of high error robustness under various transmission conditions. The IVAS codec is expected to provide support for a range of service capabilities, e.g., from mono to stereo to fully immersive audio, implementable on a wide range of UEs. In the context of Release-18 under the Terminal Audio quality performance and Test methods for Immersive Audio Services (ATIAS) work item, 3GPP SA4 is working on the specification of test methods in 3GPP TS 26.260 and requirements in TS 26.261 for spatial audio.

To realize appropriate QoS for real-time communication using WebRTC-based session negotiation, this work also considers the architecture and C/U-Plane signalling requirements for possible use cases.

TS 26.506 specified the stage-2 architecture for real-time media communication (RTC) with support of WebRTC. In the specified RTC architecture, various interfaces and their functionalities are identified as stage-2 outcomes. While RTC mainly refers to bi-directional traffic for which media is delivered in both directions, it was also raised that there are commonalities with 5GMS where media is predominantly sent only in a single direction and consumed as it is received. Thus, it was required to execute generalized stage-3 media delivery framework especially and 5GMS\_Pro\_Ph2 is working on the development of consolidated the stage-3 specification of reference points especially for media session handling (as referred to C-plane).

Therefore, this work defines stage-3 protocol, procedures, and APIs of TS 26.506 for both media session handling and media content transport (as refereed to both C-/U-plane), while media session handling would primarily rely on the work in 5GMS\_Pro\_Ph2.

# 4 Objective

It is proposed to conduct the following work:

Objective 1: Specify stage-3 procedures, APIs and protocols for reference points and functions defined in TS26.506.

NOTE: Reference points for media session handling (RTC-1, RTC-3, RTC-5, and RTC-6) are based on TS 26.51x as developed in the 5GMS\_Pro\_Ph2 work.

Objective 2: Define a protocol stack for RTC client to support WebRTC-based real-time transport of media over 5G that,

* Identifies and integrates WebRTC components into the 5G system, leveraging the 5G\_RTP work on RTP optimization and integration.
* Develops APIs necessary to expose the functionality of these components to features, services, mobile operating systems and applications.

Objective 3: Describe reference RTC client model and its functional components based on the architecture specified in TS 26.506 to identify inputs into the described model and their required / recommended parameters, if any.

# 5 Expected Output and Time scale

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| **New specifications {One line per specification. Create/delete lines as needed}** |
| **Type**  | **TS/TR number** | **Title** | **For info at TSG#**  | **For approval at TSG#** | **Rapporteur** |
| *TS* | *26.113* | Real-Time Media Communication; Protocols and APIs | *SA#102 (December 2023)* | *SA#103 (March 2024)* | *Hakju Ryan Lee (hakju00.lee@samsung.com)* |
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| **Impacted existing TS/TR {One line per specification. Create/delete lines as needed}** |
| **TS/TR No.** | **Description of change**  | **Target completion plenary#** | **Remarks** |
| *TS 26.51x* | *Updates procedures and APIs for RTC features* | SA#103(Mar 24) |  |
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# 6 Work item Rapporteur(s)

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# 7 Work item leadership

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# 8 Aspects that involve other WGs

Coordination with other WGs, e.g., SA2, RAN1, and RAN2, may be necessary for the interworking of iRTC clients with 5G systems.

# 9 Supporting Individual Members

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| **Supporting IM name** |
| Meta Ireland |
| Dolby |
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