**3GPP TSG-RAN WG3 Meeting #125bis** **R3-24xxxx**

**Hefei, China, 14th– 18th Oct, 2024**

**Title: [Draft] LS on PDCP SN gap report handling during UE mobility**

**Response to:**

**Release: Rel-18**

**Work Item: NR\_XR\_enh-Core**

**Source: Huawei (to be RAN3)**

**To: RAN2**

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**Attachments:** **-**

**1. Overall Description:**

For Rel-18 XR, PDCP SN gap report is supported by RAN2. However, how to handle the PDCP SN gap report during UE‘s mobility is unclear. Specifically, for uplink transmission, if the UE discards some packets before handover, it will send the PDCP SN gap report to the source gNB, but the target gNB is not aware of the discarding. This may result in unnecessary delay.

RAN3 discussed this issue and there are three solutions on table:

* Alternative 1: The source gNB forwards the SN gap report to the target gNB.
* Alternative 2: The source gNB indicates the discarded SDUs as received in the SN STATUS TRANSFER.
* Alternative 3: The UE sends the PDCP SN gap report again after connecting to the target gNB.

RAN3 believes Alternative 1 and 2 are network-based solution, while Alternative 3 is UE-based solution and should be within RAN2’s territory. RAN3 would like to kindly ask RAN2 if this issue can easily be solved by Alternative 3. Otherwise, RAN3 will discuss the network-based solutions.

**2. Actions:**

**To RAN2:**

**ACTION:** RAN3 kindly asks RAN2 to investigate the alternative 3 and provide feedback on its feasibility based on existing UE behavior.

**3. Date of Next RAN3 Meetings:**

RAN3#126 18th Nov – 22nd Nov 2024 Orlando, US

RAN3#127 17th Feb – 21st Feb 2024 Athens, GR