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SA3 thank CN1 for their recent liaison statement which considered as its main topic the transportation of session keys between the S-CSCF and the P-CSCF (N1-020154). A response on this main topic is given in a separate reply LS (**document number to be inserted once David’s LS is agreed by email**). In this LS SA3 would like to respond to the separate issue mentioned in N1-020154 of whether the number of authentication reattempts should be fixed or left as an operator option.

CN1 had originally fixed the number of authentication reattempts at three, but SA3 had requested that the number of reattempts is left as an operator option. In N1-020154 CN1 asked SA3 to reconsider this request and allow the number of authentication reattempts to remain fixed. SA3 have studied the detailed reasons given by CN1 in N1-020154 and can now accept the CN1 proposal to fix the number of authentication reattempts at three.