**3GPP TSG-SA5 Meeting #141-e *S5-221448***

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Source: Lenovo, Motorola Mobility

Title: New R18 SID on MP-CP Conflict management and coordination

Document for: Approval

Agenda Item: 6.2

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:

New SID on Enablers for conflict management and coordination in management and control plane closed loops

Acronym: FS\_COMCO

Unique identifier:

{A number to be provided by MCC at the plenary}

Potential target Release: *Rel-18*

# 1 Impacts

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

# 2 Classification of the Work Item and linked work items

## 2.1 Primary classification

### This work is a study item

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|  | Feature |
|  | Building Block |
|  | Work Task |
| x | Study Item |

## 2.2 Parent Work Item

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| Parent Work / Study Items | | | |
| Acronym | Working Group | Unique ID | Title (as in 3GPP Work Plan) |
| N/A |  |  |  |

### 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 |
| 850026  820020 | Closed loop SLS Assurance  Stage 2 of eNA | Specification of closed loops in management plane  NWDAF stage2 that yields NWDAF assisted closed loops |

Dependency on non-3GPP (draft) specification:

# 3 Justification

Automation is a key ongoing topic for telco networks. In R17 SA5 has worked on eCOSLA, MDAS, 5GSON and intent driven management while SA2 has created NWDAF assisted closed loops. Having multiple closed loops and/or automation functions in a system is likely to result in conflicting actions in some cases, e.g. where multiple closed loops may react to the same issue and solve it in conflicting or sub-optimal manner. For example: The NWDAF may determine that a NSI is above a certain load threshold – this may cause different NFs or OAM to take different conflicting/or sub optimal actions.

Conflicts include multiple aspects such as:

* issuing contradictory actions. Example two different closed loops configuring the same entity to achieve conflicting goals.
* configurations to managed entities that result in a sub-optimal network behaviour example: multiple entities responding to an analytics output performing various actions, all of which may not be necessary.
* oscillating configurations such as thrashing

There are scenarios in which the OAM closed loops will conflict and therefore need coordination with the control plane closed loops. For example: an NSI load level info from the NWDAF indicating that the load level is beyond a certain threshold could trigger following reactions from the different NFs

* NSSF: map the NSSAI to a new NSI ID
* AMF: Reject UEs registering for the slice

The 3GPP management system should ensure that both such actions are not simultaneously executed as only the management system has to entire network view to be able to correctly detect and possible avoid or resolve such conflicts.

# 4 Objective

The key objectives would be

* Identifications of scenarios that result in possible conflicts between closed loops in the management plane or in the control plane (NWDAF assisted closed loops) and requirements towards possible resolutions
* Document Mechanisms for coordinating various aspects, such as but not limited to:
* Features of network functions, management functions and closed loops, that enable each entity to identify and notify the authorized consumers of the conflicts
* Features and services that enable management functions to coordinate the configuration of the goals of closed loops in management and control plane
* Features and services that enable the coordination of closed loops before and after execution of their desired actions
* Features and services that enable management functions to coordinate the execution of NF actions
* Features and services that enable NF to coordinate their executions among each other
* Features that enable network and management functions to assess the impact of specific conflicts on one another

The study will propose potential solutions based on the enablers that can assist in conflict detection and coordination mechanism across management and control planes. The work will coordinate with other related R18 studies or work items in SA5 such as eCOSLA and with SA2 work on eNA.

# 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 |
| TR | 28.xxx | Study on conflict management and coordination | Mar 2022  SA#94e | Dec 2022  SA#97 | Vaishnavi, Ishan  ivaishnavi@lenovo.com |
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# 6 Work item Rapporteur(s)

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# 7 Work item leadership

SA5

# 8 Aspects that involve other WGs

Conflicts and coordination aspects related to the control or user plane may involve discussion with SA2

Conflicts and coordination aspects related to the radio networks may involve discussion with RAN groups, primarily, RAN3

# 9 Supporting Individual Members

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| Supporting IM name |
| Lenovo |
| Motorola Mobility |
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