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Foreword

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2 presented to TSG for approval;

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z the third digit is incremented when editorial only changes have been incorporated in the document.

In the present document, modal verbs have the following meanings:

**shall** indicates a mandatory requirement to do something

**shall not** indicates an interdiction (prohibition) to do something

The constructions "shall" and "shall not" are confined to the context of normative provisions, and do not appear in Technical Reports.

The constructions "must" and "must not" are not used as substitutes for "shall" and "shall not". Their use is avoided insofar as possible, and they are not used in a normative context except in a direct citation from an external, referenced, non-3GPP document, or so as to maintain continuity of style when extending or modifying the provisions of such a referenced document.

**should** indicates a recommendation to do something

**should not** indicates a recommendation not to do something

**may** indicates permission to do something

**need not** indicates permission not to do something

The construction "may not" is ambiguous and is not used in normative elements. The unambiguous constructions "might not" or "shall not" are used instead, depending upon the meaning intended.

**can** indicates that something is possible

**cannot** indicates that something is impossible

The constructions "can" and "cannot" are not substitutes for "may" and "need not".

**will** indicates that something is certain or expected to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**will not** indicates that something is certain or expected not to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might** indicates a likelihood that something will happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might not** indicates a likelihood that something will not happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

In addition:

**is** (or any other verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

**is not** (or any other negative verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

The constructions "is" and "is not" do not indicate requirements.

1 Scope

Editor’s Note: This clause contains scope for the study.

The present document …

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non‑specific.

- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] 3GPP TS 23.501: "System architecture for the 5G System (5GS)".

[3] 3GPP TS 38.401: "NG-RAN Architecture description".

3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

**example:** text used to clarify abstract rules by applying them literally.

3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

<symbol> <Explanation>

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

<ABBREVIATION> <Expansion>

4 Security Architecture and Assumptions

Editor’s Note: This clause contains security architecture and assumptions to be considered for the study (e.g., per work task/KI).

Figure 5.49.1.1-1 in TS 23.501[2] shows the MWAB architecture for 5GS. In the architecture. There are two components in MWAB, i.e. MWAB-gNB and MWAB-UE. The WAB-node integration procedure is captured in TS 38.401[3].

5 Key issues

Editor’s Note: This clause contains all the key issues identified during the study.

5.1 Key Issue #1: Security of the link between WAB-gNB and OAM

5.1.1 Key issue details

Based on the WAB-node integration procedure, the WAB-gNB will receive the OAM of WAB through the WAB-MT’s network. The link between WAB-gNB and OAM needs to have sufficient security protection for configuration data transmission.

5.1.2 Security threats

If the link between WAG-gNB and OAM is not well protected, the configuration data will be tampered or disclosure.

5.1.1 Potential security requirements

The link between the MWAB-gNB and the OAM shall be ciphering and integrity protected.

5.X Key Issue #X: <Key Issue Name>

5.X.1 Key issue details

5.X.2 Security threats

5.X.3 Potential security requirements

6 Solutions

Editor’s Note: This clause contains the proposed solutions addressing the identified key issues.

6.1 Mapping of solutions to key issues

Editor's Note: This clause contains a table mapping between key issues and solutions.

**Table 6.0-1: Mapping of solutions to key issues**

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| **Solutions** | **KI#X** | **KI#Y** | **KI#Z** |
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6.Y Solution #Y: <Solution Name>

6.Y.1 Introduction

Editor’s Note: Each solution should list the key issues being addressed.

6.Y.2 Solution details

6.Y.3 Evaluation

Editor’s Note: Each solution should motivate how the potential security requirements of the key issues being addressed are fulfilled.

7 Conclusions

Editor’s Note: This clause contains the agreed conclusions that will form the basis for any normative work.

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