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**Title: FS\_eNPN moderated email discussion**

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*Abstract of the contribution: This contribution includes the moderated email discussions for the FS\_eNPN open issues.*

# 1. Introduction

More FS\_eNPN study time was requested to resolve the outstanding issues as listed in the TR cover sheet in S2-2009250.

To make the resolution of those open issues as smooth as possible and spend as little meeting time as possible on the study phase at SA#143E, this documents includes a request for companies to provide their opinion on the above mentioned open issues.

The result will be used as an input to a proposed conclusion at SA2#143E, and possibly we will target a working assumption at CC#1.

For each question the company should also include an opinion whether the eNPN WID should be updated with a resolution of the issue.

# 2. Issues

## KI#1-Q1: Additional SIB information for SNPN selection

TR conclusion in clause 8.1.4 includes an EN as:

Editor's note: Need for additional SIB information is FFS.

NOTE: There is already SIB information concluded for KI#1, se TR conclusion, i.e. EN is if there is any need for more SIB information beyond what is already concluded.

**Question**: Is there a need for additional SIB information for SNPN selection for UEs with an SNPN subscription of a Separate Entity?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | N | N | Current conclusion is sufficient and other functionalities can be achieved via NAS message. |
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## KI#1-Q2: Simultaneous connections for UEs with one subscription

The TR includes an empty conclusion clause "8.1.3 Conclusions for simultaneous data service from both V-SNPN and a separate entity owning the credentials (PLMN or SNPN)".

**Question**: Should simultaneous access, via separate PDU Sessions, to data services available via SNPN (LBO) and via Separate Entity (UPF in Separate Entity) be supported for UEs with one subscription?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | We think this feature is necessary as long as the subscription can be used for the access of SNPN and the Separate Entity. They should not be contradicted with each other. |
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## KI#1-Q3: Credentials for SNPN service continuity

SA2 asked SA1 the following questions (in LS S2-2007828):

*Q1: support for access to (and related service continuity) for services provided by an SNPN separate from the serving SNPN (i.e. services provided by the SNPN that issued the UE's subscription). One example could be access to voice services provided by the SNPN.*

*In case these, or other service continuity requirements for SNPNs exists, SA2 would like to ask SA1 the following additional questions:*

*Q2: whether only PLMN credentials (and respective authentication methods) can be used to register to a target network (i.e. which may be an SNPN with or without credentials being owned by separate entities, or a PLMN), given the various service continuity scenarios.*

*Q3: whether in addition to PLMN credentials, also non-3GPP identities and credentials (and respective alternative authentication methods) can be used to register to a target network, given the various service continuity scenarios.*

NOTE: SA1 has not yet replied.

**Question A**: Should the standard support access to (and related service continuity for) services provided by an SNPN separate from the serving SNPN?

**Question B**: If answer to A is yes, what type of credentials should be supported e.g. PLMN only, or both PLMN and non-3GPP identities and credentials?

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| **Company name** | **Answer question A**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | The answer for Question A is yes.  Service continuity should be supported when UE decides to get access to a SNPN that is separate from the serving SNPN.  The answer for Question B is also yes. Both 3GPP and non-3GPP credentials should be supported. |
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## KI#1-Q4: AAA-S providing subscription information

TR conclusion in clause 8.1.1 includes an EN as:

Editor's note: It is FFS if the AAA server supports providing the subscription information needed for registration and session management procedure.

**Question**: Should it be possible for AAA-S to provide subscription information to SNPN?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | For SNPN, it should be possible to use AAA-S to provide subscription information for registration and session management procedure for the purpose of flexible deployment. |
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## KI#1-Q5: Other UE ID than SUPI towards AAA

TR conclusion in clause 8.1.1 includes an EN as:

Editor's note: Need for and details of using a UE ID other than the SUPI are FFS.

**Question**: Is there a need to support other UE ID than SUPI towards AAA?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | We think it should be possible to use other UE ID than SUPI, because for certain AAA provided by 3rd party, the authentication can be conducted via using other UE ID. |
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## KI#1-Q6: Additional mechanisms to update list of preferred SNPNs

TR conclusion in clause 8.1.7 includes an EN as:

Editor's note: Need for additional mechanisms (e.g. URSP or new policy using UPU) to update the separate entity controlled prioritized list of preferred SNPNs in the UE is FFS.

**Question**: Should it be possible to use additional mechanisms (e.g. URSP or new policy using UPU) to update the separate entity controlled prioritized list of preferred SNPNs in the UE?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | We think there is a need to have additional mechanism to update list of preferred SNPNs because if other information such as UE policy has list of preferred SNPN, it can be used to update the list of preferred SNPNs. |
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## KI#2-Q1: Continuity for single radio UE using N3IWF

In SA2#141E, a conclusion is agreed that single radio UE is able to achieve PDU session continuity by using the existing handover procedure between 3GPP access and non-3GPP access. Such conclusion is aligned with the statement in clause 5.30.2.7 and 5.30.2.8 in TS 23.501.

In SA2#142E, there was a debate regarding whether single radio UE is sufficient to fulfill the service continuity when using N3IWF. But no conclusion is agreed.

Service continuity defined in TS 23.501 is quoted as below:

**Service Continuity:** The uninterrupted user experience of a service, including the cases where the IP address and/or anchoring point change.

**Question**: With existing mechanism, is single radio UE sufficient to support service continuity of VIAPA service when using N3IWF?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | We think single radio UE can support service continuity of VIAPA service as long as the application layer relocation and the network layer relocation can be supported. |
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## KI#2-Q2: Network trigger for UE to register to N3IWF

TR conclusion in clause 8.2 includes an EN as:

Editor's note: Whether the network trigger the UE register to the target network via N3IWF before it lose the radio coverage is FFS.

To shorten the time spent during the mobility procedure, it has been proposed to let network to indicate the UE to register to the target network via N3IWF, assuming the service subject to the mobility is accessible from DN of both source and target network.

**Question**: Should the standard support a network trigger for the UE to register to the target network via N3IWF before UE lose radio coverage?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | We think that network may have some knowledge that can be used to persuade the UE to register to a target network via N3IWF. |
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## KI#2-Q3: Latency to resume a service provided by the overlay network

TR conclusion in clause 8.2 includes an EN as follows in relation to statement about improving the latency to resume a service provided by the overlay network:

Editor's note: Further details of the indication and the conditions for the 5GC sending the indication to NG-RAN is FFS, and whether existing QoS flow information can be used to derive whether it is preferred to release a UE to RRC-Inactive is FFS.

In order to address the paging aspect of the key issue, it has been proposed to keep UE stay in CM-CONNECTED in both underlay network and overlay network. The method to keep UE in CM-CONNECTED state in overlay network is agreed to use existing Rel-16 mechanisms. The method to keep UE in CM-CONNECTED state in underlay network is proposed to always release a UE to RRC-Inactive in the underlay network, if the UE has a connection to an overlay network via the user plane of the underlay network. But it is FFS regarding if it is necessary to keep UE in CM-CONNECTED state in underlay network for addressing the paging aspect of the key issue.

Further details of the indication and the conditions for the 5GC sending the indication to NG-RAN to decide whether it is preferred to release a UE to RRC-Inactive is FFS, and whether existing QoS flow information can be used to derive whether it is preferred to release a UE to RRC-Inactive is FFS.

**Question**: Is there a need to support additional mechanisms to improve the latency to resume a service provided by the overlay network?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | We think that the overlay network can have impact to the NG-RAN for the management of UE RRC status in order to improve the latency. |
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## KI#2-Q4: New QoS notification information between NPN and PLMN

TR conclusion in clause 8.2 includes an EN as:

Editor's note: It is FFS if any new information is needed or not for the QoS notification between NPN and PLMN

Overlay network can act as an AF to subscribe "QoS Sustainability Analytics" provided by the NWDAF of the underlay network via NEF. So the overlay network is able to be notified if there is QoS degradation in the underlay network and take actions accordingly. The opposite way is also possible that the underlay network to subscriber "QoS Sustainability Analytics" from the overlay network.

**Question**: Is there a need to standardize new QoS notification information to enable VIAPA services between SNPN and PLMN?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | Y | We think the QoS notification from overlay network can improve the VIAPA services. |
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## KI#3-Q1: Support for IMS deployment scenarios – with IMS in Separate Entity

KI#1 architecture supports UEs accessing an SNPN by using credentials from a Separate Entity. IMS deployment scenarios when KI#1 architecture with credentials from a Separate Entity is supported by an SNPN needs to be understood, e.g. whether the Separate Entity can also support IMS.

**Question**: Should a deployment with an SNPN supporting KI#1 functionality and the Separate Entity providing also IMS be supported?

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## KI#3-Q2: Support for IMS deployment scenarios – separate IMS and access provider

SA1 answered in the LS in S2-2009531 the following to an SA2 question:

***For the question*** *if “The SNPN can have an SLA agreement with a third party (different Administrative Domain) IMS provider to provide IMS services”?*

***Answer:*** *Although there is no explicit SA1 requirement,* [*3GPP TS 22.228*](https://www.3gpp.org/DynaReport/22228.htm) *Annex B gives various examples how an IMS provider can have a relationship with Access Network Operator.*

The TS 22.228 Annex B states:

"*The IMS shall support at least the following operator's domain relationships:*

*…*

*a.2) Access network and the IMS it connects to, belong to different operators having an interconnection as shown in figure B.2.*

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**Question**: Should the IMS deployment scenario as described in TS 22.228 Annex B a.2 be described in TS 23.228?

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## KI#4-Q1: CP provisioning

TR conclusion in clause 8.4.1 includes an EN as:

Editor's note: SA WG3 feedback will need to be taken into account for including of the CP based provisioning.

KI#4 conclusions for " **Remote provisioning for SNPN credentials (Component 2 of KI#4)**" includes support for remote provisioning via CP as well as UP. However, there is an Editor's note stating "SA WG3 feedback will need to be taken into account for including of the CP based provisioning".

**Question**: Should CP provisioning be supported for SNPN?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **(Y/N)** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Y | N | We think CP based provisioning is necessary for light-weighted UE such as IoT UE. |
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## KI#4-Q2: Selection of CP or UP

TR conclusion in clause 8.4.1 includes an EN as:

Editor's Note: How the network instructs the UE whether to use control plane or user plane provisioning is for FFS.

The logic of selecting either CP or UP provisioning for a specific UE, when both mechanisms are supported by the standard has not been concluded.

**Question**: If the standard support both CP and UP, how is a method selected?

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| **Company name** | **Answer**  **Not applicable** | **Should the WID be updated with a resolution of the issue?**  **(Y/N/)** | **Comments (optionally more details e.g. reasoning and what needs to be updated, if any)** |
| Alibaba | Not applicable | Y | We think it is necessary for the network to instruct UE for the selection of UP or CP based provisioning due to the different SLA between Operator’s network and verticals. |
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# 3. Summary

## 3.1 KI#1

## 3.2 KI#2

## 3.3 KI#3

## 3.4 KI#4

# 4. Proposed Way Forward