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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME |  | Radio Access Network |  | Core Network | **X** |

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| ***Title:***  |  **Clarify the usage of TLS and PRINS between SEPPs** |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Ericsson |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | S3 |
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| ***Work item code:*** | 5GS\_Ph1-SEC |  | ***Date:*** | 2021-05-10 |
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| ***Category:*** | A |  | ***Release:*** | Rel-16 |
|  | *Use one of the following categories:****F*** *(correction)****A*** *(mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)****B*** *(addition of feature),* ***C*** *(functional modification of feature)****D*** *(editorial modification)*Detailed explanations of the above categories canbe found in 3GPP [TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm). | *Use one of the following releases:Rel-8 (Release 8)Rel-9 (Release 9)Rel-10 (Release 10)Rel-11 (Release 11)…Rel-15 (Release 15)Rel-16 (Release 16)Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)* |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | Clarify the usage of TLS and PRINS between SEPPs which is motivated by GSMA's directions in the LS S3-211446: "Clarify whether the negotiation of direct TLS connection on N32-f between the SEPPs of the roaming partners is allowed by 3GPP specifications." |
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| ***Summary of change:*** |  Clarify that TLS or PRINS may be used between SEPPs. |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | Inflexibility for the choice of security protocol on N32. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 13.1.2 |
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| ***Other specs*** |  | **X** |  Other core specifications  | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
| ***affected:*** |  | **X** |  Test specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
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| ***Other comments:*** |  |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** |  |

### \*\*\* BEGIN CHANGES \*\*\*

### 13.1.2 Protection between SEPPs

TLS shall be used for N32-c connections between the SEPPs.

If there are no IPX providers between the SEPPs, TLS shall be used for N32-f connections between the SEPPs.

If there are IPX providers which only offer IP routing service between SEPPs, either TLS or PRINS (application layer security) shall be used for protection of N32-f connections between the SEPPs. PRINS is specified in clause 5.9.3 (requirements) and clause 13.2 (procedures).

If there are IPX providers which, in addition to IP routing, offer other services that require modification or observation of the information and/or additions to the information sent between the SEPPs, PRINS shall be used for protection of N32-f connections between the SEPPs.

NOTE 1a: The procedure specified in clause 13.5 for security mechanism selection between SEPPs allows SEPPs to negotiate which security mechanism to use for protecting NF service-related signalling over N32, and provides robustness and future-proofness, e.g. in case new algorithms are introduced in the future.

If PRINS is used on the N32-f interface, one of the following additional transport protection methods should be applied between SEPP and IPX provider for confidentiality and integrity protection:

- NDS/IP as specified in TS 33.210 [3] and TS 33.310 [5], or

- TLS VPN with mutual authention following the profile given in clause 6.2 of TS 33.210 [3] and clause clause 6.1.3a of TS 33.310 [5]. The identities in the end entity certificates shall be used for authentication and policy checks, with the restriction that it shall be compliant with the profile given by HTTP/2 as defined in RFC 7540 [47].

NOTE 1: Void

NOTE 2: Void.

### \*\*\* END CHANGES \*\*\*