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- 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
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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

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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

The present document specifies the protocol aspects for the identity management capability of SEAL to support vertical applications (e.g. V2X) over the 3GPP system.

The present document is applicable to the User Equipment (UE) supporting the identity management client functionality as described in 3GPP TS 23.434 [2], to the application server supporting the identity management server functionality as described in 3GPP TS 23.434 [2] and to the application server supporting the vertical application server (VAL server) functionality as defined in specific vertical application service (VAL service) specifications.

NOTE: The specification of the VAL server for a specific VAL service is out of scope of the present document.

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 23.434: "Service Enabler Architecture Layer for Verticals (SEAL); Functional architecture and information flows".
- [3] Void
- [4] Void
- [5] Void.
- [6] W3C.REC-html401-19991224: "HTML 4.01 Specification".
- [7] 3GPP TS 33.434: "Service Enabler Architecture Layer (SEAL); Security aspects for Verticals".
- [8] IETF RFC 8693: "OAuth 2.0 Token Exchange".
- [9] IETF RFC 6749: "The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework".
- [10] IETF RFC 7159: "The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format".
- [11] "OpenID Connect Core 1.0 incorporating errata set 1".
- [12] Void.
- [13] IETF RFC 6750: "The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework: Bearer Token Usage".
- [14] 3GPP TS 24.109: "Bootstrapping interface (Ub) and network application function interface (Ua); Protocol details".
- [15] IETF RFC 9112: "HTTP/1.1".
- [16] IETF RFC 9110: "HTTP Semantics".
- [17] IETF RFC 7252: "The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)".
- [18] IETF RFC 8323: "CoAP (Constrained Application Protocol) over TCP, TLS, and WebSockets".

- [19] IETF RFC 9200: "Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments Using the OAuth 2.0 Framework (ACE-OAuth)".
- [20] IETF RFC 9202: "Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) Profile for Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments (ACE)".
- [21] IETF RFC 9203: "The Object Security for Constrained RESTful Environments (OSCORE) Profile of the Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments (ACE) Framework".

3 Definitions of terms 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].

Authorisation endpoint: A SEAL identity management server protocol endpoint used by the SEAL identity management client to obtain an authorisation grant, as specified in IETF RFC 6749 [9].

SEAL identity management client: An entity that provides the client side functionalities corresponding to the identity management SEAL service.

SEAL identity management server: An entity that provides the server side functionalities corresponding to the identity management SEAL service.

Token endpoint: A SEAL identity management server protocol endpoint used by the SEAL identity management client to exchange an authorisation grant for an access token, as specified in IETF RFC 6749 [9] for HTTP and IETF RFC 9200 for CoAP.

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 23.434 [2] apply:

SEAL client
SEAL server
SEAL service
VAL server
VAL service
VAL user
Vertical
Vertical application

3.2 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].

ACE	Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments
SEAL	Service Enabler Architecture Layer for verticals
SIM-C	SEAL Identity Management Client
SIM-S	SEAL Identity Management Server
VAL	Vertical Application Layer

4 General description

Identity management is a SEAL service that provides the identity management related capabilities to one or more vertical applications. The present document enables a SEAL identity management client and a VAL server to communicate with a SEAL identity management server. The SEAL identity management server authenticates the VAL user's identity by verifying the credentials provided by the VAL user. When the VAL user is authenticated it is provided with an access token which is used for accessing different SEAL services.

5 Functional entities

5.1 SEAL identity management client (SIM-C)

The SIM-C is a functional entity that acts as the application client for VAL user identity related transactions.

To be compliant with the HTTP procedures in the present document the SIM-C shall:

- support the user authentication procedure specified in clause 6.2.2; and
- support the token exchange procedure specified in clause 6.2.3.

To be compliant with the CoAP procedures in the present document the SIM-C:

- shall support the role of CoAP client as specified in IETF RFC 7252 [17];
- should support CoAP over TCP and Websocket as specified in IETF RFC 8323 [18];
- shall support IETF RFC 9200 [19];
- shall support OSCORE profile of IETF RFC 9203 [21];
- should support DTLS profile of IETF RFC 9202 [20]; and
- shall support the procedures in clause 6.2.2.

5.2 SEAL identity management server (SIM-S)

The SIM-S is a functional entity that authenticates the VAL user's identity by verifying the credentials provided by the VAL user.

To be compliant with the procedures in the present document the SIM-S shall:

- support the user authentication procedure specified in clause 6.2.2; and
- support the token exchange procedure specified in clause 6.2.3.

To be compliant with the CoAP procedures in the present document the SIM-S:

- shall support the role of CoAP server as specified in IETF RFC 7252 [17];
- should support CoAP over TCP and Websocket as specified in IETF RFC 8323 [18];
- shall support IETF RFC 9200 [19];
- shall support OSCORE profile of IETF RFC 9203 [21];
- should support DTLS profile of IETF RFC 9202 [20]; and
- shall support the procedures in clause 6.2.2.

6 Identity management procedures

6.1 General

6.2 On-network procedures

6.2.1 General

6.2.2 User authentication procedure

6.2.2.1 SIM-C procedure

6.2.2.1.1 HTTP based procedure

Upon receiving a request from VAL user to initiate authentication for VAL services, the SIM-C shall:

- a) establish a TLS tunnel to the authorisation endpoint of the SIM-S as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7] using the URL of authorisation endpoint of the SIM-S as provided by the specific VAL service; and
- b) send an OIDC Authentication Request message as specified in the OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] and IETF RFC 6749 [9] using an HTTP GET request method towards the SIM-S according to IETF RFC 9110 [16]. The SIM-C shall include the following parameters as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7] in the query component of the authorization endpoint's URI using the "application/x-www-form-urlencoded" format as specified in W3C.REC-html401-19991224 [6]:
 - response_type;
 - client_id;
 - scope;
 - redirect_uri;
 - state;
 - acr_values;
 - code_challenge; and
 - code_challenge_method.

Upon receiving an HTTP 200 (OK) response from the SIM-S, the SIM-C shall:

- a) prompt the VAL service user for their username and password;
- b) generate an HTTP POST request method containing the VAL service user's username and password; and
- c) send the HTTP POST request method towards the SIM-S.

Upon receiving an OIDC Authentication Response message, the SIM-C shall:

- a) establish a TLS tunnel to the token endpoint of the SIM-S as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]; and
- b) send an OIDC Token Request message as specified in OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] and IETF RFC 6749 [9] using an HTTP POST request method towards the SIM-S according to IETF RFC 9110 [16]. The SIM-C shall include the following parameters in the entity body of the HTTP POST request using the "application/x-www-form-urlencoded" format as specified in W3C.REC-html401-19991224 [6] as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]:
 - grant_type;

- code;
- client_id;
- redirect_uri; and
- code_verifier.

Upon receiving an OIDC Token response message from the SIM-S, the SIM-C shall:

- a) validate the id_token, access_token and refresh token in the received OIDC Token Response message as specified in the OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] specification; and
- b) provide the id_token and access_token in the received OIDC Token Response message to the VAL user.

The SIM-C may repeat the entire procedure in this clause as needed to obtain the necessary authorisation tokens for the VAL service clients, depending on the scope parameter in the Authentication Request message as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7].

6.2.2.1.2 CoAP based procedure

Upon receiving a request from VAL user to initiate authentication for VAL services, the SIM-C:

- a) may establish a (D)TLS tunnel to the token endpoint of the SIM-S as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7] using the URL of token endpoint of the SIM-S as provided by the specific VAL service; and
- b) shall send an ACE-OAUTH Token Request message with client credentials grant type as specified in IETF RFC 9200 [19] using a CoAP POST request towards the SIM-S. The SIM-C shall use the "application/ace+cbor" format and:
 - a) shall include grant type parameter;
 - b) shall include scope parameter;
 - c) may include req_cnf parameter; and
 - d) may include ace_profile parameter,in the message payload as specified in IETF RFC 9200 [19].

Upon receiving an CoAP 2.01 (Created) response from the SIM-S, the SIM-C shall:

- a) validate the access token as specified in IETF RFC 9200 [19]; and
- b) provide the access token in the received ACE-OAUTH Token Response message to the VAL user.

The SIM-C may repeat the entire procedure in this clause as needed to obtain the necessary access tokens for the VAL service clients, depending on the scope parameter in the Token Request message as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7].

6.2.2.2 SIM-S procedure

6.2.2.2.1 HTTP based procedure

Upon receiving an OIDC Authentication Request message as specified in the OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] and IETF RFC 6749 [9] via a secure TLS tunnel between the SIM-C and the authorisation endpoint of the SIM-S, the SIM-S shall:

- a) validate the received OIDC Authentication Request message as specified in the OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] and IETF RFC 6749 [9];
- b) generate an HTTP 200 (OK) response according to IETF RFC 9110 [16] including form data to prompt the VAL service user for their username and password credentials; and
- c) send the HTTP 200 (OK) response towards the SIM-C.

Upon receiving an HTTP POST request method from the SIM-C containing the VAL service user's username and password, the SIM-S authenticates the VAL service user and shall:

- a) generate an OIDC Authentication Response message as specified in OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] and IETF RFC 6749 [9] with the following clarifications:
 - 1) shall generate an HTTP 302 (FOUND) response according to IETF RFC 9110 [16]; and
 - 2) shall include the following parameters as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]:
 - code; and
 - state,in the query component of the redirection URI contained in the Location header field of the HTTP FOUND request method using the "application/x-www-form-urlencoded" format as specified in W3C.REC-html401-19991224 [6]; and
- b) send the HTTP 302 (FOUND) response towards the SIM-C.

Upon receiving an OIDC Token Request message via a secure TLS tunnel established between the SIM-C and the token endpoint of the SIM-S, the SIM-S shall:

- a) validate the OIDC Token Request message and if valid shall generate an OIDC Token Response message as specified in OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] and IETF RFC 6749 [9] with the following clarifications:
 - 1) shall generate an HTTP 200 (OK) response according to IETF RFC 9110 [16];
 - 2) shall based on the received VAL user ID obtained from the received user authentication credentials, determine the VAL service ID of the VAL service user;
 - 3) shall include the:
 - access_token;
 - token_type; and
 - expires_in.parameters and may include the:
 - id_token; and
 - refresh_token.parameters as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]; and
 - 4) shall include the other required parameters as specified in OpenID Connect 1.0 [11] and IETF RFC 6749 [9]; and
- b) shall send the HTTP 200 (OK) response towards the SIM-C.

6.2.2.2.2 CoAP based procedure

6.2.2.2.2 CoAP based procedure

Upon receiving an ACE-OAUTH Token Request message with client credentials grant type as specified in IETF RFC 9200 [19] optionally via a secure (D)TLS tunnel between the SIM-C and the token endpoint of the SIM-S, the SIM-S shall:

- a) validate the ACE-OAuth Token Request message and if valid shall generate an ACE-OAuth Token Response message as specified in IETF RFC 9200 [19] with the following clarifications:
 - 1) shall generate an COAP 2.01 (Created) response according to IETF RFC 9200 [19];

- 2) based on the received client credentials, shall determine the VAL user ID, VAL service ID of the VAL service user;
 - 3) shall include parameters:
 - access_token;
 - expires_in;
 - ace_profile; and
 - rs_cnf; and
 - 4) shall include the other required parameters as specified in IETF RFC 9200 [19]; and
- b) shall send the CoAP 2.01 (Created) response towards the SIM-C.

6.2.3 Token exchange procedure

6.2.3.1 SIM-C procedure

Upon receiving a request from the VAL user to acquire a security token for authentication of the VAL services, the SIM-C shall:

- a) establish a TLS tunnel to the token endpoint of the SIM-S; and
- b) send a Token Exchange Request message as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7] and IETF RFC 8693 [8] using an HTTP POST request method towards the SIM-S according to IETF RFC 9110 [16]. The following parameters shall be included in the entity body of the HTTP POST request using the "application/x-www-form-urlencoded" format as specified in W3C.REC-html401-19991224 [6]:
 - grant_type;
 - code;
 - client_id;
 - redirect_uri; and
 - code_verifier.

Upon receipt of an HTTP 200 (OK) response from SIM-S, the SIM-C shall extract the security token contained in the access_token parameter of the received Token Exchange Response message as specified in IETF RFC 8693 [8] and send it to the VAL user.

6.2.3.2 SIM-S procedure

Upon receiving a Token Exchange Request message as specified in IETF RFC 8693 [8] via a secure TLS tunnel between the SIM-C and the token endpoint of the SIM-S, the SIM-S shall:

- a) validate the received Token Exchange Request message as specified in IETF RFC 8693 [8]; and
- b) send a Token Exchange Response message as specified in IETF RFC 8693 [8] and IETF RFC 6749 [9] using an HTTP 200 (OK) response to the SIM-C according to IETF RFC 9110 [16]. The following parameters shall be included,
 - access_token;
 - token_type; and
 - expires_in.and the following parameters may be included,
 - id_token; and

- refresh_token.

in the HTTP 200 (OK) response and are serialized into a JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) structure as specified in IETF RFC 8693 [8] and IETF RFC 7159 [10].

6.3 Off-network procedures

The off-network procedures are out of scope of the present document in this release of the specification.

Annex A (normative): HTTP entities

A.1 Scope

This annex describes the functionality expected from the HTTP entities (i.e. the HTTP client, the HTTP proxy and the HTTP server) defined by 3GPP TS 23.434 [2].

A.2 Procedures

A.2.1 HTTP client

A.2.1.1 General

The HTTP client shall support the client role defined in IETF RFC 9112 [15].

A.2.1.2 HTTP client in UE

The HTTP client in the UE shall support the client role defined in IETF RFC 9110 [16].

The HTTP client in the UE shall support transport layer security (TLS) as specified in clause 6 of 3GPP TS 33.434 [7].

The HTTP client in the UE is configured with the following parameters:

- a) a home HTTP proxy FQDN;
- b) a home HTTP proxy port;
- c) One of the following TLS tunnel authentication method along with its parameters as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]:
 - 1) one-way authentication of the HTTP proxy based on the server certificate;
 - 2) mutual authentication based on certificates, along with TLS tunnel authentication based on X.509 certificate; and
 - 3) mutual authentication based on pre-shared key, along with TLS tunnel authentication based on pre-shared key;

The HTTP client in the UE shall establish a TCP connection towards the home HTTP proxy FQDN and the home HTTP proxy port.

The HTTP client in the UE shall establish a TLS tunnel via the TCP connection as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]. When establishing the TLS tunnel, the HTTP client in the UE shall act as a TLS client and the UE shall perform the TLS tunnel authentication using the TLS authentication method indicated by the TLS tunnel authentication method parameter according to 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]. In order to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks, the HTTP client in the UE shall check the home HTTP proxy FQDN against the server's identity as presented in the received server's certificate message if the TCP connection terminates on the HTTP proxy. The HTTP client in the UE shall check the portion of dereferenced HTTP URL against the server's identity as presented in the received server's certificate message only if the TCP connection terminates on the SIM-S.

NOTE: The TLS tunnel can be terminated in the HTTP proxy (rather than in the HTTP server providing the dereferenced HTTP URL).

The HTTP client in the UE shall send and receive all HTTP messages via the TLS tunnel.

If the HTTP client in the UE has an access token of the "bearer" token type as specified in IETF RFC 6750 [13], the HTTP client in the UE shall include an Authorization header field with the "Bearer" authentication scheme as specified in IETF RFC 6750 [13] in HTTP requests.

A.2.1.3 HTTP client in network entity

The HTTP client in the network entity is configured with the following parameters:

- a) a home HTTP proxy FQDN; and
- b) a home HTTP proxy port.

The HTTP client in the network entity shall send and receive all HTTP messages via the home HTTP proxy.

The HTTP client in the network entity shall insert an X-3GPP-Asserted-Identity header field as specified in 3GPP TS 24.109 [14] in the HTTP request and shall set X-3GPP-Asserted-Identity header field to the identity of the HTTP client in the network entity. The identity of the HTTP client in the network entity can be a public service identity, a VAL group ID, or a VAL service ID.

A.2.2 HTTP proxy

A.2.2.1 General

The HTTP proxy shall support proxy role defined in .

A.2.2.2 HTTP request method from HTTP client in UE

The HTTP proxy shall support the server role defined in IETF RFC 9112 [15] [5], and in IETF RFC 9110 [16].

The HTTP proxy shall support transport layer security (TLS) as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7].

The HTTP proxy is configured with the following HTTP proxy parameters:

- a) an FQDN of an HTTP proxy for UEs; and
- b) a TCP port of an HTTP proxy for UEs.

The HTTP proxy shall support establishing TCP connections on the FQDN of HTTP proxy for UEs and the TCP port of HTTP proxy for UEs. The HTTP proxy shall support establishing a TLS tunnel via each such TCP connection as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]. When establishing the TLS tunnel, the HTTP proxy shall act as the TLS server.

Upon reception of an HTTP request method via a TLS tunnel:

- a) if the HTTP request method contains an X-3GPP-Asserted-Identity header field as specified in 3GPP TS 24.109 [14], the HTTP proxy shall reject the HTTP request method with an HTTP 403 (Forbidden) response and shall not continue with the below steps;
- b) if the HTTP request method contains a Request-URI identifying a resource in a partner's VAL service provider, the HTTP proxy shall forward the HTTP request method according to the Request-URI; and
- c) if the HTTP request method contains a Request-URI identifying a resource in its own VAL service provider, the HTTP proxy shall act as a reverse proxy for the HTTP request method and shall forward the HTTP request method according to the VAL service provider's policy.

A.2.2.3 HTTP request method from HTTP client in network entity within trust domain

The HTTP proxy is configured with the following parameters:

- a) a FQDN of an HTTP proxy for trusted entities; and

- b) a TCP port of an HTTP proxy for trusted entities.

Upon receiving an HTTP request method via a TCP connection established on the FQDN of HTTP proxy for UEs and the TCP port of HTTP proxy for UEs, if the TCP connection is between network elements within trusted domain as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7], then:

- a) if the HTTP request method contains a Request-URI identifying a resource in a partner's VAL service provider, the HTTP proxy shall forward the HTTP request method according to the Request-URI; and
- b) if an HTTP request method contains Request-URI identifying a resource in own VAL service provider, the HTTP proxy shall act as reverse proxy for the HTTP request method and shall forward the HTTP request method according to VAL service provider's policy.

A.2.3 HTTP server

The HTTP server shall support the server role defined in IETF RFC 9112 [15].

Upon reception of an HTTP request:

- a) if the received HTTP request does not contain an Authorization header field with the "Bearer" authentication scheme and a bearer access token as specified in IETF RFC 6750 [13] and the received HTTP request does not contain an X-3GPP-Asserted-Identity header field as specified in 3GPP TS 24.109 [14], the HTTP server shall reject the request with HTTP 403 (Forbidden) response;
- b) if the received HTTP request contains an Authorization header field with the "Bearer" authentication scheme and a bearer access token as specified in IETF RFC 6750 [13];
 - a) the HTTP server shall validate the bearer access token as specified in IETF RFC 6750 [13]; and
 - b) the HTTP server shall consider the VAL service ID derived from the bearer access token as the identity of the sender of the HTTP request; and
- c) if the received HTTP request does not contain an Authorization header field with the "Bearer" authentication scheme and a bearer access token as specified in IETF RFC 6750 [13] and the received HTTP request contains an X-3GPP-Asserted-Identity header field as specified in 3GPP TS 24.109 [14], the HTTP server shall consider the URI in the X-3GPP-Asserted-Identity header field as the identity of the sender of the HTTP request.

Annex B (normative): CoAP entities

B.1 Scope

This annex describes the functionality expected from the CoAP entities (i.e. the CoAP client, the CoAP proxy and the CoAP server) defined by RFC 7252 [17] and 3GPP TS 23.434 [2].

B.2 General

When the VAL UE is authenticating directly to the SEAL/VAL server without proxies, then the DTLS profile of IETF RFC 9202 [20] may be used. In order to authorize clients and protect communication across proxies, the OSCORE profile of IETF RFC 9203 [21] shall be used.

The client shall support UDP transport defined in IETF RFC 7252 [17] and should support TCP transport defined in IETF RFC 8323 [18]:

- a) when UDP transport and OSCORE profile of IETF RFC 9203 [21] are used, datagram transport layer security (DTLS) may be used;
- b) when TCP transport and OSCORE profile of IETF RFC 9203 [21] are used, transport layer security (TLS) may be used;
- c) when UDP transport and DTLS profile of IETF RFC 9202 [20] are used, datagram transport layer security (DTLS) shall be used; and
- d) when TCP transport and DTLS profile of IETF RFC 9202 [20] are used, transport layer security (TLS) shall be used.

Proof-of-Possession token type is used with IETF RFC 9200 [19].

B.3 Procedures

B.3.1 CoAP client

The CoAP client in the UE shall support the client role defined in IETF RFC 7252 [17].

If the communication is via proxies, the CoAP client in the UE:

- a) shall be configured with a home CoAP proxy FQDN parameter;
- b) shall be configured with a home CoAP proxy port parameter; and
- c) may be configured with one of the following (D)TLS tunnel authentication method along with its parameters as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]:
 - 1) one-way authentication of the CoAP proxy based on the server certificate;
 - 2) mutual authentication based on certificates, along with (D)TLS tunnel authentication based on X.509 certificate; and
 - 3) mutual authentication based on pre-shared key, along with (D)TLS tunnel authentication based on pre-shared key.

B.3.2 CoAP proxy

B.3.2.1 General

The CoAP proxy shall support CoAP-to-CoAP, CoAP-to-HTTP proxy and HTTP-to-CoAP roles defined in IETF RFC 7252 [17].

CoAP proxy shall support UDP transport in IETF RFC 7252 [17] and shall support TCP transport defined in IETF RFC 8323 [18].

B.3.2.2 CoAP request method from CoAP client in UE

The CoAP proxy shall support the server role defined in IETF RFC 7252 [17].

The CoAP proxy may support datagram transport layer security (DTLS) or transport layer security (TLS) as specified in clause 6 of 3GPP TS 33.434 [7].

The CoAP proxy is configured with the following CoAP proxy parameters:

- a) an FQDN of an CoAP proxy for UEs; and
- b) a port of an CoAP proxy for UEs.

The CoAP proxy may support establishing transport connections on the FQDN of CoAP proxy for UEs and the port of CoAP proxy for UEs. The CoAP proxy shall support establishing a (D)TLS tunnel via each such transport connection as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7]. When establishing the (D)TLS tunnel, the CoAP proxy shall act as the (D)TLS server.

B.3.2.3 CoAP request method from CoAP client in network entity within trust domain

The CoAP proxy is configured with the following parameters:

- a) a FQDN of an CoAP proxy for trusted entities; and
- b) a port of an CoAP proxy for trusted entities.

Upon receiving an CoAP request method via a transport connection established on the FQDN of CoAP proxy for UEs and the port of CoAP proxy for UEs, if the transport connection is between network elements within trusted domain as specified in 3GPP TS 33.434 [7], then:

- a) if the CoAP request contains a CoAP URI identifying a resource in a partner's VAL service provider, the CoAP proxy shall forward the CoAP request according to the CoAP URI; and
- b) if an CoAP request contains CoAP URI identifying a resource in own VAL service provider, the CoAP proxy shall act as reverse proxy for the CoAP request and shall forward the CoAP request according to VAL service provider's policy.

B.4.2 CoAP server

The CoAP server shall support the server role defined in IETF RFC 7252 [17].

Upon reception of an ACE-OAuth Token Provisioning Request message containing an access token, the CoAP server:

- a) shall verify the integrity of the access token; and
- b) shall verify that the key included in the access token belongs to the authenticated requesting party.

Upon reception of a resource request, the CoAP server:

- a) shall verify that the requesting party is authorized according to the access token as specified in the corresponding ACE-OAuth profile; the DTLS profile of IETF RFC 9202 [20] or the OSCORE profile of ACE-IETF RFC 9203 [21].

Annex C (informative): Change history

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