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Resource control protocol No. 5 (rcp5) – Protocol at the interface between transport resource control physical entity and policy decision physical entity (Rt interface): Diameter-based

Summary

Recommendation ITU-T Q.3305.1 specifies a protocol to be used between the physical implementation of the transport resource control functional entity (TRC-FE) and the policy decision physical entity (PD-PE) of a transport network, defined as the Rt reference point in Recommendation ITU-T Y.2111. It is used to control network transport resources required to convey the media flow in an access or a core network.

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Resource control protocol No. 5 (rcp5) – Protocol at the interface between transport resource control physical entity and policy decision physical entity (Rt interface): Diameter-based

1 Scope

This Recommendation provides the stage 3 specification of the Rt interface (rcp5). The Rt protocol is used between the policy decision physical entity (PD-PE) and the transport resource control physical entity (TRC-PE) in the resource and admission control functional block. The Rt interface provides the ability for the PD-PE to request the TRC-PE entities in the involved networks to detect and determine the requested QoS resource for a given media flow. The PD-PE may also request the TRC-PE to provide the path selection information for a given flow in the core network. The functional requirements corresponding to this interface are contained in clause 8.5 of [ITU-T Y.2111] and in [ITU-T Q-Sup.51].

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- [ITU-T Q.3320] Recommendation ITU-T Q.3320 (2010), *Architectural framework for the Q.332x series of Recommendations*.
- [ITU-T Q.3321.1] Recommendation ITU-T Q.3321.1 (2010), *Resource control protocol No. 1, version 2 – Protocol at the Rs interface between service control entities and the policy decision physical entity*.
- [ITU-T Q-Sup.51] ITU-T Q-series Recommendations – Supplement 51 (2004), *Signalling Requirements for IP-QoS*.
- [ITU-T Y.2111] Recommendation ITU-T Y.2111 (2008), *Resource and admission control functions in next generation networks*.
- [ETSI TS 129 209] ETSI TS 129 209 V6.7.0 (2007-06), *Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); Policy control over Gq interface (3GPP TS 29.209 version 6.7.0 Release 6)*.
- [ETSI TS 183 017] ETSI TS 183 017 V2.3.1 (2008-09), *Telecommunications and Internet converged Services and Protocols for Advanced Networking (TISPAN); Resource and Admission Control: DIAMETER protocol for session based policy set-up information exchange between the Application Function (AF) and the Service Policy Decision Function (SPDF); Protocol specification*.
- [ETSI ES 283 026] ETSI ES 283 026 V2.4.1 (2008-11), *Telecommunications and Internet converged Services and Protocols for Advanced Networks (TISPAN); Resource and Admission Control; Protocol for QoS reservation information exchange between the Service Policy Decision Function (SPDF) and the Access-Resource and Admission Control Function (A-RACF) in the Resource and Protocol specification*.

- [ETSI ES 283 034] ETSI ES 283 034 V2.2.0 (2008-07), *Telecommunications and Internet converged Services and Protocols for Advanced Networks (TISPAN); Network Attachment Sub-System (NASS); e4 interface based on the DIAMETER protocol.*
- [IETF RFC 3588] IETF RFC 3588 (2003), *Diameter Base Protocol.*
- [IETF RFC 4005] IETF RFC 4005 (2005), *Diameter Network Access Server Application.*
- [IETF RFC 4301] IETF RFC 4301 (2005), *Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol.*

3 Definitions

3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Recommendation uses the following terms defined elsewhere:

3.1.1 attribute-value pair (AVP) [IETF RFC 3588]: The Diameter protocol consists of a header followed by one or more Attribute-Value-Pairs (AVPs). An AVP includes a header and is used to encapsulate protocol-specific data (e.g., routing information) as well as authentication, authorization or accounting information.

3.1.2 flow identifier [b-ETSI TS 129 207]: Used for the identification of the IP flows, described within a media component associated with an AF session.

NOTE – A flow identifier consists of two parts: 1) the ordinal number of the position of the media component description in the session description information and 2) the ordinal number of the IP flow(s) within the media component description assigned in the order of increasing port numbers.

3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

This Recommendation defines the following terms:

3.2.1 hard-state reservation: A type of reservation whereby the requested resources are reserved without time limit. Hard-state reservations are terminated when the DIAMETER session is terminated.

3.2.2 SCE session: A session established by a service or session control signalling protocol offered by the service control entity (SCE) that requires a session set-up with explicit session description before the use of the service.

NOTE – One example of a service control entity (SCE) session is an IP multimedia subsystem (IMS) session.

3.2.3 SCE session signalling protocol: The signalling protocol used to control the service control entity (SCE) session.

NOTE – One example of an SCE session signalling protocol is session initiation protocol (SIP) with session description protocol (SDP).

3.2.4 soft-state reservation: A type of reservation whereby the requested resources are reserved for a finite amount of time. Soft-state reservations are terminated when the DIAMETER session is terminated.

4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

AAA	AA-Answer
AAR	AA-Request
AF	Application Function

A-RACF	Access Resource and Admission Control Function
ASA	Abort-Session-Answer
ASR	Abort-Session-Request
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
AVP	Attribute-Value Pair
CEA	Capabilities-Exchange-Answer
CER	Capabilities-Exchange-Request
CGPE-FE	CPN Gateway Policy Enforcement Functional Entity
CGPE-PE	CPN Gateway Policy Enforcement Physical Entity
CPN	Customer Premises Network
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IMS	IP Multimedia Subsystem
IP-CAN	IP-Connectivity Access Network
IPSec	Internet Protocol Security
NAS	Network Access Server
NGN	Next Generation Networks
PD-FE	Policy Decision Functional Entity
PD-PE	Policy Decision Physical Entity
PE-FE	Policy Enforcement Functional Entity
PE-PE	Policy Enforcement Physical Entity
QoS	Quality of Service
RAA	Re-Auth-Answer
RACF	Resource and Admission Control Function
RAC-PE	Resource and Admission Control Physical Entity
RAR	Re-Auth-Request
RTCP	Real-time Transport Control Protocol
RTP	Real-time Transport Protocol
SCE	Service Control Entity
SCTP	Stream Control Transport Protocol
SDI	Session Description Information
SDP	Session Description Protocol
SIP	Session Initiation Protocol
SPDF	Service-based Policy Decision Function
STA	Session-Termination-Answer
STR	Session-Termination-Request
TRC-FE	Transport Resource Control Functional Entity
TRC-PE	Transport Resource Control Physical Entity

TRE-FE	Transport Resource Enforcement Functional Entity
TRE-PE	Transport Resource Enforcement Physical Entity
UE	User Equipment
VC	Virtual Channel

5 Conventions

None.

6 Rt interface

6.1 Overview

The Rt interface is used between the policy decision functional entity (PD-PE) and the transport resource control functional entity (TRC-PE) in the resource and admission control physical entity (RAC-PE) to control network transport resources required to convey the media flow. It is utilized by the PD-PE to request the TRC-PE entities in the involved networks to detect and determine the requested QoS resource for a given media flow and to provide the path selection information for a given flow in the core network. The Rt interface and functional requirements corresponding to this interface are defined in clause 8.5 of [ITU-T Y.2111] and in [ITU-T Q-Sup.51].

The Rt interface localization is shown on Figure 6-1, which provides generic resource and admission control functional architecture in NGN. It is based on Figure 5 of [ITU-T Y.2111] with the following modifications:

- "Service control functions" is replaced by "Service control entity"
- "Network attachment control functions" is replaced by "Network attachment control entity"
- CGPE-FE is replaced by CGPE-PE
- PD-FE is replaced by PD-PE
- TRC-FE is replaced by TRC-PE
- TRE-FE is replaced by TRE-PE
- PE-FE is replaced by PE-PE
- RACF is replaced by RAC-PE

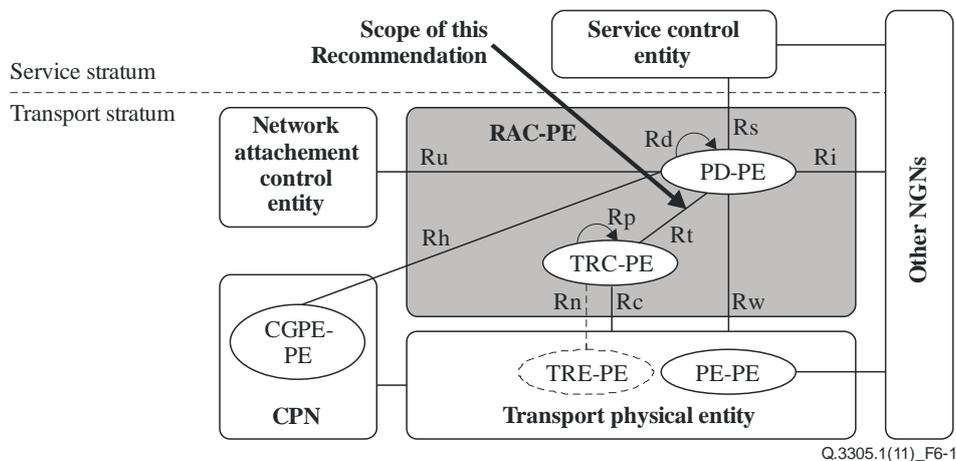


Figure 6-1 – Localization of the Rt reference point in the generic resource and admission control functional architecture in NGN

6.2 Functional elements and capabilities

The policy decision physical entity (PD-PE) and transport control physical entity (TRC-PE) are the entities which interact across the Rt interface within the RAC-PE. They may be implemented within a single network element or may pertain to physically separate network elements.

The detailed information about PD-PE and TRC-PE can be found in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 of [ITU-T Q.3320].

6.3 Rt interface protocol

Diameter [IETF RFC 3588] is the base protocol used for resource control at the Rt interface.

7 Resource control procedures

NOTE – This section is based on clause 5 of [ETSI ES 283 026], with appropriate changes made to comply with Rt interface functional requirements. In particular, it should be noted that the distribution of functions across the Rt (PD-FE – TRC-FE) interface differs from the distribution of functions across the [ETSI ES 283 026] Rq interface (SPDF – A-RACF) as the [ETSI ES 283 026] A-RACF entity encompasses part of the functionality of a PD-FE.

The resource control procedures are defined in seven interaction procedures:

- 1) Reservation.
- 2) Commit.
- 3) Reservation and commit.
- 4) Refresh.
- 5) Modification.
- 6) Release.
- 7) Event notification.

The Flow-Status AVP (clause 8.5.11) is used to define the action to be taken for each AA-Request made by the PD-PE to the TRC-PE. The rules for interpreting the Flow-Status AVP are the following:

- Reservation: New Media-Description-Component AVP(s) and Media-Sub-Component AVP(s). Optional Flow-Status AVP(s) set to DISABLED (3).
- Modification: Updated Media-Description-Component AVP(s) and/or Media-Sub-Component AVP(s). Flow-Status AVP not modified, unless the state needs to be modified (e.g., for committing a resource reservation, or for releasing a resource reservation).
- Commit: Media-Description-Component AVP(s) and optionally Media-Sub-Component AVP(s) of existing reservations with Flow-Status AVP(s) set to ENABLED-UPLINK (0), ENABLED-DOWNLINK (1) or ENABLED (2).
- ReservationAndCommit: New Media-Component-Description AVP(s) and Media-Sub-Component AVP(s). Flow-Status AVP(s) set to ENABLED-UPLINK (0), ENABLED-DOWNLINK (1) or ENABLED (2).
- Release: Media-Description-Component AVP(s) and optionally Media-Sub-Component AVP(s) of existing reservations with Flow-Status AVP(s) set to REMOVED (4).
- Refresh: Existing reservation unchanged (Media-Component-Description AVP(s) not specified or unchanged), Flow-Status AVP unchanged.

8 Rt protocol

This clause defines the Rt protocol, based on Diameter [IETF RFC 3588].

NOTE – This clause is based on, and compatible with, clause 6 of [ETSI ES 283 026], with appropriate changes made to comply with Rt interface functional requirements defined in [ITU-T Y.2111].

8.1 Protocol support

The Diameter Base Protocol as specified in [IETF RFC 3588] is used to support information transfer on the Rt interface. Procedures and protocols in [IETF RFC 3588] or its future revisions by IETF are required to apply. Unless otherwise specified, the procedures of [IETF RFC 3588] (including error handling and unrecognized information handling) are unmodified. In addition to the AVPs defined in clause 8.5, the Diameter AVPs from the Diameter base application [IETF RFC 3588] are reused within the Diameter messages sent over the Rt interface.

This Recommendation defines the Rt Diameter application with application ID 16777258 (Vendor-Specific application IDs assigned by IANA).

The vendor identifier assigned by IANA to ITU-T is 11502, the vendor identifier assigned by IANA to ETSI is 13019 and the vendor identifier assigned by IANA to 3GPP is 10415.

The Vendor-Id header for AVPs defined in this Recommendation is required to be set to ITU-T (11502).

The Vendor-Id header for AVPs imported from [ETSI TS 129 209] is required to be set to 3GPP (10415).

The Vendor-Id header for AVPs imported from [ETSI TS 183 017], [ETSI ES 283 034] and [ETSI ES 283 026] is required to be set to ETSI (13019).

With regard to the Diameter protocol defined over the Rt interface, the TRC-PE acts as a Diameter server in the sense that it is the network element that handles authorization requests for a particular realm. The PD-PE acts as the Diameter client, in the sense that it is the network element requesting authorization to use bearer path network resources.

The support of Diameter agents between the TRC-PE and the PD-PE is optional if the Rt is intra operator, i.e., TRC-PE and PD-PE are in the same domain.

8.2 Use of the Diameter base protocol

With the clarifications listed in the following subclauses, the Diameter Base Protocol defined by [IETF RFC 3588] is required to apply.

8.2.1 Securing Diameter messages

For secure transport of Diameter messages at the network layer, use IPSec per [IETF RFC 4301]. In trusted environments IPSec without encryption enabled may be used.

8.2.2 Accounting functionality

Accounting functionality (Accounting Session State Machine, related command codes and AVPs) is not used on the Rt interface.

8.2.3 Transport protocol

Diameter messages over the Rt interface are required to make use of SCTP [b-IETF RFC 2960] and are required to utilize the new SCTP checksum method specified in [b-IETF RFC 3309].

8.2.4 Routing considerations

This clause specifies the use of the Diameter routing AVPs Destination-Realm and Destination-Host for routing.

The PD-PE obtains the contact address of the TRC-PE for a given flow through the means identified in clause 7.3.1 of [ITU-T Y.2111]. Both the Destination-Realm and Destination-Host AVPs are required to be present in the request.

8.2.5 Advertising application support

The Capabilities-Exchange-Request (CER) and Capabilities-Exchange-Answer (CEA) commands are specified in the Diameter Base Protocol [IETF RFC 3588]. The Diameter base application identifier (0) is required to be used in the Diameter message header of these messages.

The PD-PE and TRC-PE are required to advertise the support of the Rt specific application by including the value 16777258 of the application identifier in the Auth-Application-Id AVP within the Vendor-Specific-Application-Id grouped AVP of the CER and CEA commands.

The vendor identifier value of ITU-T (11502) is required to be included in the Vendor-Id AVP of the CER and CEA commands, and in the Vendor-Id AVP within the Vendor-Specific-Application-Id grouped AVP of the CER and CEA commands. Additionally, the PD-PE and the TRC-PE are required to advertise the support of AVPs specified in 3GPP and ITU-T Recommendations by including the values 11502 (ITU-T) and 10415 (3GPP) in two different Supported-Vendor-Id AVPs of the CER and CEA commands.

8.3 Rt messages

Existing Diameter command codes from the Diameter base protocol [IETF RFC 3588] and the NASREQ Diameter application [IETF RFC 4005] are used at the Rt interface. The Application-ID of 16777258 is used together with the command code to identify the Rt messages.

8.3.1 AA-Request (AAR) command

The AA-Request command (AAR), indicated by the Command-Code field set to 265 and the "R" bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by the PD-PE to the TRC-PE for Reserve, Commit, Modify, Release and Refresh operations.

Message Format:

```
<AA-Request> ::= < Diameter Header: 265, REQ, PXY >  
    < Session-Id >  
    { Auth-Application-ID }  
    { Origin-Host }  
    { Origin-Realm }  
    { Destination-Realm }  
    * [ Specific-Action ]  
    [ AF-Charging-Identifier ]  
    * [ Media-Component-Description ]  
    * [ Flow-Grouping ]  
    [ Reservation-Priority ]  
    [ User-Name ]  
    [ Globally-Unique-Address ]  
    [ Address-Realm ]  
    [ Service-Class ]  
    [ Overbooking indicator ]  
    [ Authorization-Lifetime ]  
    * [ Proxy-Info ]  
    * [ Route-Record ]  
    * [ AVP ]
```

8.3.2 AA-Answer (AAA) command

The AA-Answer command (AAA), indicated by the Command-Code field set to 265 and the "R" bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by the PD-PE to response to the AAR command. The TRC-PE may confirm the priority associated with the reservation by echoing the Reservation-Priority AVP (clause 8.5.23).

Message Format:

```
<AA-Answer> ::= < Diameter Header: 265, PXY >
    < Session-Id >
    { Auth-Application-ID }
    { Origin-Host }
    { Origin-Realm }
    [ Result-Code ]
    [ Experimental-Result ]
    [ Error-Message ]
    [ Error-Reporting-Host ]
    [ Auth-Grace-Period ]
    *{ Session-Bundle-Id }
    [ Reservation-Priority ]
    [ Authorization-Lifetime ]
    *{ Failed-AVP }
    *{ Proxy-Info }
    *{ AVP }
```

8.3.3 Re-Auth-Request (RAR) command

The RAR command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 258 and the "R" bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by the TRC-PE to the PD-PE in order to indicate a specific action.

The values INDICATION_OF_RELEASE_OF_BEARER, INDICATION_OF_SUBSCRIBER_DETACHMENT and INDICATION_OF_RESERVATION_EXPIRATION of the Specific-Action AVP is required not to be combined with each other in a Re-Auth-Request.

Message Format:

```
<RA-Request> ::= < Diameter Header: 258, REQ, PXY >
    < Session-Id >
    { Origin-Host }
    { Origin-Realm }
    { Destination-Realm }
    { Destination-Host }
    { Auth-Application-Id }
    *{ Specific-Action }
    *{ Flows }
    [ Abort-Cause ]
    [ Origin-State-Id ]
    *{ Proxy-Info }
    *{ Route-Record }
    *{ AVP }
```

8.3.4 Re-Auth-Answer (RAA) command

The RAA command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 258 and the "R" bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by the PD-PE to the TRC-PE in response to the RAR command.

Message Format:

```
<RA-Answer> ::= < Diameter Header: 258, PXY >
    < Session-Id >
    { Origin-Host }
    { Origin-Realm }
    [ Result-Code ]
    [ Experimental-Result ]
    *[ Media-Component-Description ]
    *[ Flow-Grouping ]
    [ Origin-State-Id ]
    [ Error-Message ]
    [ Error-Reporting-Host ]
    *[ Failed-AVP ]
    *[ Proxy-Info ]
    *[ AVP ]
```

8.3.5 Session-Termination-Request (STR) command

The STR command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 275 and the "R" bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by the PD-PE to inform the TRC-PE that an authorized session is required to be terminated.

Message Format:

```
<ST-Request> ::= < Diameter Header: 275, REQ, PXY >
    < Session-Id >
    { Origin-Host }
    { Origin-Realm }
    { Destination-Realm }
    { Auth-Application-ID }
    { Termination-Cause }
    [ Destination-Host ]
    *[ Class ]
    [ Origin-State-Id ]
    *[ Proxy-Info ]
    *[ Route-Record ]
    *[ AVP ]
```

8.3.6 Session-Termination-Answer (STA) command

The STA command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 275 and the "R" bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by the TRC-PE to the PD-PE in response to the STR command.

Message Format:

```
<ST-Answer> ::= < Diameter Header: 275, PXY >
    < Session-Id >
    { Origin-Host }
    { Origin-Realm }
    [ Result-Code ]
    [ Experimental-Result ]
    [ Error-Message ]
    [ Error-Reporting-Host ]
    *[ Failed-AVP ]
    [ Origin-State-Id ]
    *[ Redirect-Host ]
    [ Redirect-Host-Usage ]
```

[Redirect-Max-Cache-Time]
*[Proxy-Info]
[AVP]

8.3.7 Abort-Session-Request (ASR) command

The ASR command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 274 and the "R" bit set in the Command Flags field, is sent by the TRC-PE to inform the PD-PE that all resources for the authorized session have become unavailable.

Message Format:

```
<AS-Request> ::= < Diameter Header: 274, REQ, PXY >  
  < Session-Id >  
  { Origin-Host }  
  { Origin-Realm }  
  { Destination-Realm }  
  { Destination-Host }  
  { Auth-Application-ID }  
  { Abort-Cause }  
  *[ Session-Bundle-Id ]  
  [ Origin-State-Id ]  
  *[ Proxy-Info ]  
  *[ Route-Record ]  
  [ AVP ]
```

8.3.8 Abort-Session-Answer (ASA) command

The ASA command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 274 and the "R" bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by the PD-PE to the TRC-PE in response to the ASR command.

Message Format:

```
<AS-Answer> ::= < Diameter Header: 274, PXY >  
  < Session-Id >  
  { Origin-Host }  
  { Origin-Realm }  
  [ Result-Code ]  
  [ Experimental-Result ]  
  [ Origin-State-Id ]  
  [ Error-Message ]  
  [ Error-Reporting-Host ]  
  *[ Failed-AVP ]  
  *[ Redirected-Host ]  
  [ Redirected-Host-Usage ]  
  [ Redirected-Max-Cache-Time ]  
  *[ Proxy-Info ]  
  *[ AVP ]
```

8.4 Experimental-Result-Code AVP values

8.4.1 Experimental-Result-Code AVP values imported from [ETSI TS 129 209]

The present Recommendation reuses existing Experimental-Result-Code AVP values defined in [ETSI TS 129 209]. This clause defines the specific values of the Experimental-Result-Code AVP:

INVALID_SERVICE_INFORMATION (5061)

The service information provided by the SCE is invalid or insufficient for the server to perform the requested action.

FILTER_RESTRICTIONS (5062)

The Flow-Description AVP(s) cannot be handled by the server because restrictions defined in clause 8.5.7 are not observed.

8.4.2 Experimental-Result-Code AVP values defined in the present Recommendation

This clause defines the specific values of the Experimental-Result-Code AVP (Vendor-Id is ITU-T):

INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES (4041).

The TRC-PE indicates insufficient resources to perform the requested action.

MODIFICATION_FAILURE (5041).

The TRC-PE indicates that the resources reservation could not be modified. This is a permanent failure.

COMMIT_FAILURE (4043).

The TRC-PE indicates that the resources reservation could not be committed.

REFRESH_FAILURE (4044).

The TRC-PE indicates that the lifetime of a reservation could not be extended.

QOS_PROFILE_FAILURE (4045).

The TRC-PE indicates that the request did not match the QoS profile.

ACCESS_PROFILE_FAILURE (4046).

The TRC-PE indicates that the request did not match any access profile.

PRIORITY_NOT_GRANTED (4047).

The TRC-PE indicates that the priority level of the request is not accepted.

8.5 AVPs

This clause summarizes the AVPs used in this Recommendation, beyond those defined in the Diameter Base Protocol.

8.5.1 AVPs imported from [ETSI ES 283 026]

Table 8-1 describes: the Diameter AVPs which were defined for the Gq' interface protocol in [ETSI ES 283 026] and are used in the current Recommendation; their AVP code values; types; possible flag values; and whether the AVP may be encrypted. Flags values are described in the context of the current Recommendation, rather than in the context of the application where they were defined. The Vendor-Id header for these AVPs is required to be set to ETSI (13019).

Table 8-1 – Diameter AVPs imported from [ETSI ES 283 026]

Attribute Name	AVP Code	Clause defined	Value type (see Note 2)	AVP Flag rules (see Note 1)				
				Must	May	Should not	Must not	May be Encr.
Session-Bundle-Id	400	8.5.24	Unsigned32	M, V	P			Y
NOTE 1 – The AVP header bit denoted as "M", indicates whether support of the AVP is required. The AVP header bit denoted as "V", indicates whether the optional Vendor-ID field is present in the AVP header. An AVP flag value "P" indicates the need for encryption for end-to-end security. For further details, see [IETF RFC 3588].								
NOTE 2 – The value types are defined in [IETF RFC 3588].								

8.5.2 AVPs imported from [ETSI TS 129 209]

Table 8-2 describes: the Diameter AVPs which were defined for the Gq interface protocol and are used in the current Recommendation; their AVP code values; types; possible flag values; and whether the AVP may be encrypted. Flags values are described in the context of the current Recommendation, rather than in the context of the application where they were defined. The Vendor-Id header for these AVPs is required to be set to 3GPP (10415). AVPs which are defined in [ETSI TS 129 209] and are not listed in the following table should not be sent by Diameter implementations conforming to the present Recommendation and, in the case where they are sent, they are required to be ignored by receiving entities.

Table 8-2 – Diameter AVPs imported from [ETSI TS 129 209]

Attribute Name	AVP Code	Clause defined	Value type (See Note 2)	AVP Flag rules (See Note 1)				
				Must	May	Should not	Must not	May be Encr.
Abort-Cause	500	8.5.5	Enumerated	M, V	P			Y
AF-Application-Identifier	504	8.5.6	OctetString	M, V	P			Y
AF-Charging-Identifier	505	8.5.25	OctetString	M, V	P			Y
Flow-Description	507	8.5.7	IPFilterRule	M, V	P			Y
Flow-Grouping	508	8.5.8	Grouped	M, V	P			Y
Flow-Number	509	8.5.9	Unsigned32	M, V	P			Y
Flows	510	8.5.10	Grouped	M, V	P			Y
Flow-Status	511	8.5.11	Enumerated	M, V	P			Y
Flow-Usage	512	8.5.12	Enumerated	M, V	P			Y
Specific-Action	513	8.5.13	Enumerated	M, V	P			Y
Max-Requested-Bandwidth-DL	515	8.5.14	Unsigned32	M, V	P			Y
Max-Requested-Bandwidth-UL	516	8.5.15	Unsigned32	M, V	P			Y
Media-Component-Description	517	8.5.16	Grouped	M, V	P			Y
Media-Component-Number	518	8.5.17	Unsigned32	M, V	P			Y
Media-Sub-Component AVP	519	8.5.18	Grouped	M, V	P			Y
Media-Type	520	8.5.19	Enumerated	M, V	P			Y
NOTE 1 – The AVP header bit denoted as "M", indicates whether support of the AVP is required. The AVP header bit denoted as "V", indicates whether the optional Vendor-ID field is present in the AVP header. An AVP flag value "P" indicates the need for encryption for end-to-end security. For further details, see [IETF RFC 3588].								
NOTE 2– The value types are defined in [IETF RFC 3588].								

8.5.3 AVPs imported from [ETSI TS 183 017]

Table 8-3 describes: the Diameter AVPs which were defined for the Gq' interface protocol in [ETSI TS 183 017] and are used in the current Recommendation; their AVP code values; types; possible flag values; and whether the AVP may be encrypted. Flags values are described in the context of the present Recommendation rather than in the context of the application where they were defined. The Vendor-Id header for these AVPs is required to be set to ETSI (13019). AVPs which are defined in [ETSI TS 183 017] and are not listed in the following table should not be sent by Diameter implementations conforming to the present Recommendation and, in the case where they are sent, they are required to be ignored by receiving entities.

Table 8-3 – Diameter AVPs imported from [ETSI TS 183 017]

Attribute Name	AVP Code	Clause defined	Value type (See Note 2)	AVP Flag rules (See Note 1)				
				Must	May	Should not	Must not	May be Encr.
Reservation-Class	456	8.5.20	Unsigned32	M, V	P			Y
Reservation-Priority	458	8.5.23	Enumerated					
Service-Class	459	8.5.26	UTF8String	V			M	Y
Overbooking-Indicator	460	8.5.28	Enumerated	V			M	Y
Authorization-Package-Id	461	8.5.29	UTF8String	V			M	Y
Media-Authorization-Context-Id	462	8.5.30	UTF8String	V			M	Y

NOTE 1 – The AVP header bit denoted as "M", indicates whether support of the AVP is required. The AVP header bit denoted as "V", indicates whether the optional Vendor-ID field is present in the AVP header. An AVP flag value "P" indicates the need for encryption for end-to-end security. For further details, see [IETF RFC 3588].

NOTE 2 – The value types are defined in [IETF RFC 3588].

8.5.4 AVPs imported from [ETSI ES 283 034]

Table 8-4 describes: the Diameter AVPs which were defined for the e4 interface protocol in [ETSI ES 283 034] and are used in the current Recommendation, their AVP Code values, types, possible flag values and whether the AVP may be encrypted. Flags values are described in the context of the present Recommendation rather than in the context of the application where they were defined. The Vendor-Id header for these AVPs is required to be set to ETSI (13019). AVPs which are defined in [ETSI ES 283 034] and are not listed in the following table should not be sent by Diameter implementations conforming to the present Recommendation and, in the case they are sent, they are required to be ignored by receiving entities.

Table 8-4 – Diameter AVPs imported from [ETSI ES 283 034]

Attribute Name	AVP Code	Clause defined	Value type (Note 2)	AVP Flag rules (See Note 1)				
				Must	May	Should not	Must not	May be Encr.
Globally-Unique-Address	300	8.5.21	Grouped	M, V				Y
Address-Realm	301	8.5.22	OctetString	M, V				Y
Transport-Class	311	8.5.27	Unsigned32	V	M			Y

NOTE 1 – The AVP header bit denoted as "M", indicates whether support of the AVP is required. The AVP header bit denoted as "V", indicates whether the optional Vendor-ID field is present in the AVP header. An AVP flag value "P" indicates the need for encryption for end-to-end security. For further details, see [IETF RFC 3588].

NOTE 2 – The value types are defined in [IETF RFC 3588].

8.5.5 Abort-Cause AVP

The Abort-Cause AVP (AVP code 500) is of type Enumerated, and it determines the cause of an ASR. The following values defined in [ETSI TS 129 209] are used:

BEARER_RELEASED (0)

This value is used when the bearer has been deactivated as a result from normal signalling handling. For xDSL, the bearer may refer to an ATM VC.

INSUFFICIENT_SERVER_RESOURCES (1)

This value is used to indicate that the TRC-PE is overloaded and needs to abort the session.

INSUFFICIENT_BEARER_RESOURCES (2)

This value is used when the bearer has been deactivated due to insufficient bearer resources at a transport gateway (e.g., TRE-PE for xDSL).

8.5.6 AF-Application-Identifier AVP

The AF-Application-Identifier AVP (AVP code 504) is of type OctetString, and contains information that identifies the RAC-PE client requesting the resources (e.g., name of an ASP or group of ASPs).

8.5.7 Flow-Description AVP

The Flow-Description AVP (AVP code 507) is of type IPFilterRule, and defines a packet filter for an IP flow with the following information:

- Direction (in or out).
- Source and destination IP address (possibly masked).
- Protocol.
- Source and destination port (list or ranges).

The IPFilterRule type is required to be used with the following restrictions:

- Only the Action "permit" is required to be used.
- No "options" is required to be used.
- The invert modifier "!" for addresses is required not to be used.
- The keyword "assigned" is required not to be used.

If any of these restrictions is not observed by the SCE, the server is required to send an error response to the SCE containing the Experimental-Result-Code AVP with value FILTER_RESTRICTIONS.

The Flow-Description AVP is required to be used to describe a single IP flow.

The direction "in" refers to uplink IP flows, and the direction "out" refers to downlink IP flows.

8.5.8 Flow-Grouping AVP

The Flow-Grouping AVP (AVP code 508) is of type Grouped, and it indicates that no other IP Flows are required to be transported together with the listed IP Flows in the same IP-CAN bearer.

If Flow-Grouping AVP(s) have been provided in earlier service information, and are not provided in subsequent service information, the old flow grouping remains valid.

If Flow-Grouping AVP(s) have been provided in earlier service information, and new Flow-Grouping AVP(s) are provided, the new flow grouping information replaces the previous information. Previous flow grouping information is invalidated even if the new Flow-Grouping AVP(s) affect other IP flows.

A Flow-Grouping AVP containing no Flows AVP may be used to invalidate flow grouping information provided in earlier service information. A Flow-Grouping AVP containing no Flows AVP is required not to be supplied together with other Flow-Grouping AVP(s).

If earlier service information has already been provided, flow grouping information in subsequent service information is required not to restrict the flow grouping further for IP flows already described in the previous service information. However, new IP flows described for the first time in the subsequent service information may be added to existing flow groups or in new flow groups.

AVP Format:

Flow-Grouping ::= < AVP Header: 508 >
 *[Flows]

8.5.9 Flow-Number AVP

The Flow-Number AVP (AVP code 509) is of type Unsigned32, and it contains the ordinal number of the IP flow(s), assigned according to the rules in Annex C of [ITU-T Q.3321.1].

8.5.10 Flows AVP

The Flows AVP (AVP code 510) is of type Grouped, and it indicates IP flows via their flow identifiers. If no Flow-Number AVP(s) are supplied, the Flows AVP refers to all flows matching the media component number.

AVP Format:

Flows ::= < AVP Header: x >
 { Media-Component-Number }
 *[Flow-Number]

8.5.11 Flow-Status AVP

The Flow-Status AVP (AVP code 511) is of type Enumerated, and describes whether the IP flow(s) are enabled or disabled. The Flow-Status AVP may be present in the Media-Description-Component AVP and/or in the Media-Sub-Component AVP. The following values are defined:

ENABLED-UPLINK (0)

This value is required to be used to commit the corresponding resource reservation in the uplink direction.

ENABLED-DOWNLINK (1)

This value is required to be used to commit the corresponding resource reservation in the downlink direction.

ENABLED (2)

This value is required to be used to commit a resource reservation in both directions.

DISABLED (3)

This value is required to be used to indicate that the corresponding resource reservation is reserved only and not (yet) committed.

REMOVED (4)

This value is required to be used to release all resources associated with the corresponding resource reservation.

8.5.12 Flow-Usage AVP

The Flow-Usage AVP (AVP code 512) is of type Enumerated, and provides information about the usage of IP Flows. The following values are defined:

NO_INFORMATION (0)

This value is used to indicate that no information about the usage of the IP flow is being provided.

RTCP (1)

This value is used to indicate that an IP flow is used to transport RTCP.

NO_INFORMATION is the default value.

NOTE – A PD-PE may choose not to identify RTCP flows, e.g., in order to avoid that RTCP flows are always enabled by the TRC-PE.

8.5.13 Specific-Action AVP

The Specific-Action AVP (AVP code 513) is of type Enumerated. Within an initial AA-Request the PD-PE may use the Specific-Action AVP to request from the TRC-PE notification of specific actions. If the Specific-Action AVP is omitted within the initial AA-Request, no notification of any of the events defined below is requested.

The following event from [ETSI TS 129 209] is supported:

INDICATION_OF_RELEASE_OF_BEARER (4)

Within a RAR, this value is required to be used when the TRC-PE reports to the PD-PE the release of a bearer (e.g., TRC-PE policies being removed). In the AAR, this value indicates that the PD-PE requests the TRC-PE to provide a notification at the removal of a bearer.

In addition, the present Recommendation defines two new events:

INDICATION_OF_SUBSCRIBER_DETACHMENT (6)

Within a RAR, this value is required to be used when the TRC-PE reports to the PD-PE that a subscriber has been detached. In the AAR, this value indicates that the PD-PE requests the TRC-PE to provide a notification at the detachment of a subscriber.

INDICATION_OF_RESERVATION_EXPIRATION (7)

Within a RAR, this value is required to be used when the TRC-PE reports to the PD-PE that a reservation is about to expire. In the AAR, this value indicates that the PD-PE requests the TRC-PE to provide a notification when a reservation expires.

Events other than the ones listed above, including those defined by [ETSI TS 129 209] and not used in this Recommendation, are not considered relevant at the Rt interface and thus are not to be supported. If events other than the above are specified by the PD-PE, these values are to be ignored by the TRC-PE.

8.5.14 Max-Requested-Bandwidth-DL AVP

The Max-Requested-Bandwidth-DL AVP (AVP code 515) is of type Unsigned32, and indicates the maximum requested bandwidth in bits per second for a downlink IP flow. The bandwidth contains all the overhead coming from the IP-layer and the layers above, e.g., IP, UDP, RTP and RTP payload.

8.5.15 Max-Requested-Bandwidth-UL AVP

The Max-Bandwidth-UL AVP (AVP code 516) is of type Unsigned32, and indicates the maximum requested bandwidth in bits per second for an uplink IP flow. The bandwidth contains all the overhead coming from the IP-layer and the layers above, e.g., IP, UDP, RTP and RTP payload.

8.5.16 Media-Component-Description AVP

The Media-Component-Description AVP (AVP code 517) is of type Grouped, and contains service information for a single media component within a session. It may be based on the SDI exchanged between the SCE and the SCE client in the UE. The information is required to be used by the TRC-PE to determine the QoS requirements.

Within one Diameter message, a single IP flow is required not to be described by more than one Media-Component-Description AVP.

The Media-Component-Description AVP may contain the Flow-Status AVP, which indicates the particular reservation operation to be performed on the media.

Bandwidth information provided within the Media-Component-Description AVP applies to all those IP flows within the media component for which no corresponding information is being provided within Media-Sub-Component AVP(s).

If a Media-Component-Description AVP is not supplied, or if optional AVP(s) within a Media-Component-Description AVP are omitted, and if corresponding information has been provided in previous Diameter messages, the previous information for the corresponding IP flow(s) remains valid.

AVP format:

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Media-Component-Description ::= < AVP Header: 517 >
    { Media-Component-Number } ; Ordinal number of the media comp.
    *[ Media-Sub-Component ] ; Set of flows for one flow identifier
    [ AF-Application-Identifier ]
    [ Media-Type ]
    [ Max-Requested-Bandwidth-UL ]
    [ Max-Requested-Bandwidth-DL ]
    [ Flow-Status ]
    [ RS-Bandwidth ]
    [ RR-Bandwidth ]
    [ Reservation-Priority ]
    [ Reservation-Class ]
    [ Transport-Class ]
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8.5.17 Media-Component-Number AVP

The Media-Component-Number AVP (AVP code 518) is of type Unsigned32, and contains the ordinal number of the media component, assigned according to the rules in Annex C of [ITU-T Q.3321.1].

8.5.18 Media-Sub-Component AVP

The Media-Sub-Component AVP (AVP code 519) is of type Grouped, and contains the requested QoS and filters for the set of IP flows identified by their common Flow-Identifier. The Media-Sub-Component AVP may contain the Flow-Status AVP, which indicates the particular reservation operation to be performed on the flow.

Possible Bandwidth information provided within the Media-Sub-Component AVP takes precedence over information within the encapsulating Media-Component-Description AVP. If a Media-Sub-Component AVP is not supplied, or if optional AVP(s) within a Media-Sub-Component AVP are omitted, and if corresponding information has been provided in previous Diameter messages, the previous information for the corresponding IP flow(s) remains valid, unless new information is provided within the encapsulating Media-Component-Description AVP. If Flow-Description AVP(s) are supplied, they replace all previous Flow-Description AVP(s), even if a new Flow-Description AVP has the opposite direction as the previous Flow-Description AVP.

AVP Format:

Media-Sub-Component ::= < AVP Header: 519 >
 { Flow-Number } ; Ordinal number of the IP flow
 [Flow-Status]
 0*2[Flow-Description] ; UL and/or DL
 [Flow-Usage]
 [Max-Requested-Bandwidth-UL]
 [Max-Requested-Bandwidth-DL]

8.5.19 Media-Type AVP

The Media-Type AVP (AVP code 520) is of type Enumerated, and determines the media type of a session component. The following values are defined:

AUDIO (0)
VIDEO (1)
DATA (2)
APPLICATION (3)
CONTROL (4)
TEXT (5)
MESSAGE (6)
OTHER (0xFFFFFFFF)

8.5.20 Reservation-Class AVP

The Reservation-Class AVP (AVP code 456) is of type Unsigned32, and contains an integer used as an index pointing to the traffic characteristics of the flow (e.g., burstiness and packet size).

8.5.21 Globally-Unique-Address AVP

The Globally-Unique-Address AVP (AVP code 300) is of type Grouped.

AVP Format:

Globally-Unique-Address ::= < AVP Header: 300 13019 >
 [Frame-IP-Address]
 [Frame-IPv6-Prefix]
 [Address-Realm]

8.5.22 Address-Realm AVP

The Address-Realm AVP (AVP code 301) is of type OctetString.

8.5.23 Reservation-Priority AVP

The Reservation-Priority AVP (AVP code 458) is of type Enumerated. It may be specified in an AA-Request as a main AVP in order to associate a priority with a resource reservation or modification request. It may also be specified as part of a Media-Component AVP in order to associate a priority with resource reservations requested for the media flows identified by the Media-Sub-Component AVP(s) in a Media-Component AVP. The following values of this AVP are specified:

DEFAULT (0): This is the lowest level of priority. If no Reservation-Priority AVP is specified as a main AVP in the AA-Request, this is the priority associated with a resource reservation or modification request. If no Reservation-Priority AVP is specified in a Media-Component-Description AVP, this is the priority associated with resource reservations

requested for the media flows identified by the Media-Sub-Component AVP(s) in a Media-Component-Description AVP.

- PRIORITY-ONE (1)
- PRIORITY-TWO (2)
- PRIORITY-THREE (3)
- PRIORITY-FOUR (4)
- PRIORITY-FIVE (5)
- PRIORITY-SIX (6)
- PRIORITY-SEVEN (7)
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- PRIORITY-THIRTEEN (13)
- PRIORITY-FOURTEEN (14)
- PRIORITY-FIFTEEN(15)

8.5.24 Session-Bundle-Id AVP

The Session-Bundle-Id (AVP code 400) is of type Unsigned32. It may be specified by the TRC-PE in the AA-Answer, when the initial reservation is granted, in order to identify the group of sessions to which the session of the AA-Answer belongs. The value of the Session-Bundle-Id AVP is meaningful for the TRC-PE only. It may be included by the TRC-PE in subsequent Abort-Session-Request (ASR) messages sent to the PD-PE.

8.5.25 AF-Charging-Identifier AVP

The AF-Charging-Identifier AVP (AVP code 505) is of type OctetString, and contains the SCE Charging Identifier that is sent by the SCE. This information may be used for charging correlation between SCE and RAC-PE functional entities.

8.5.26 Service-Class AVP

The Service-Class AVP (AVP code 459) is of type UTF8String, and contains the service class requested by the PD-PE.

8.5.27 Transport-Class AVP

The Transport-Class AVP (AVP code 311) is of type Unsigned32, and contains an integer used as an index pointing to a class of transport services to be applied (e.g., forwarding behaviour).

8.5.28 Overbooking-Indicator AVP

The Overbooking indicator AVP (AVP code 460) is of type Enumerated, indicating that the PD-PE should require processing the resource request in overbooking mode. The following values are specified:

NO-OVERBOOKING (0)

Means that no overbooking mode is required

OVERBOOKING (1)

Means that overbooking mode is required

If this AVP is not included, it is assumed that no overbooking is required.

8.5.29 Authorization-Package-Id AVP

The Authorization-Package-Id AVP (AVP code 461) is of type UTF8String, and identifies an authorization context requested by the SCE for a session. This information is used by the TRC-PE to derive the policy to be passed to an TRE-PE through the Rn reference point for a session.

8.5.30 Media-Authorization-Context-Id AVP

The Media-Authorization-Context-Id AVP (AVP code 462) is of type UTF8String, and identifies the authorization context requested by the SCE for a media component. This information is used by the TRC-PE to derive the policy to be passed to an TRE-PE through the Rn reference point for a media component.

9 Security considerations

This Recommendation does not require any specific security considerations.

Appendix I

Resource reservation flow states maintained by RAC-PE

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

NOTE – This appendix is based on, and is compatible with, Annex A of [ETSI ES 283 026] with appropriate changes made to comply with Rt interface functional requirements.

Table I.1 below defines the Resource reservation flow states maintained by TRC-PE and the corresponding transition conditions.

Table I.1 – Flow state transitions

State	Event	Action	Next state
Idle	Received Reservation Request	Verify availability of resource. Wait for the Resource Availability event.	Idle
Idle	Received Reservation&Commit Request	Verify availability of resource and perform Resource Reservation Commit. Wait for the Successful Enforcement event.	Idle
Idle	Resource Availability	Send AAA with the Result-Code AVP set to DIAMETER_SUCCESS. Initialize Authorization-Lifetime and Auth-Grace-Period timers (in case of soft-state).	Reserved
Idle	Resource not available	Send AAA with the Experimental-Result-Code AVP set to INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES.	Idle
Idle	Successful Resource Reservation Enforcement	Send AAA with the Result-Code AVP set to DIAMETER_SUCCESS. Initialize Authorization-Lifetime and Auth-Grace-Period timers (in case of soft-state).	Committed
Idle	Unsuccessful Resource Reservation Enforcement	Send AAA with the Experimental-Result-Code AVP set to COMMIT_FAILURE.	Idle
Reserved	Received Commit Request	Enforce Resource Reservation in network elements (i.e., TRE-PE).	Reserved
Reserved	Successful Resource Reservation Enforcement	Send AAA with the Result-Code AVP set to DIAMETER_SUCCESS.	Committed
Reserved	Unsuccessful Resource Reservation Enforcement	Send AAA with the Experimental-Result-Code AVP to COMMIT_FAILURE.	Idle
Reserved	Received STR	Send STA, clean up.	Idle
Reserved	Expiration of Authorization-Lifetime timer	The TRC-PE is required to send an unsolicited RAR message to the PD-PE with the Specific-Action AVP set to INDICATION_OF_RESERVATION_EXPIRATION.	Reserved
Reserved	Expiration of Auth-Grace-Period timer	Clean up.	Idle

Table I.1 – Flow state transitions

State	Event	Action	Next state
Reserved	Received Resource Reservation Refresh	Send AAA with the with the Result-Code AVP set to DIAMETER_SUCCESS. Re-initialize Authorization-Lifetime and Auth-Grace-Period timers.	Reserved
Reserved	Received Modification Request	Perform Resource Reservation Modification.	Reserved
Reserved	Successful Resource Reservation Modification	Send AAA with the Result-Code AVP set to DIAMETER_SUCCESS. Re-initialize Authorization-Lifetime and Auth-Grace-Period timers (in case of soft-state).	Reserved
Reserved	Unsuccessful Resource Reservation Modification	Send AAA with the Experimental-Result-Code AVP set to MODIFICATION_FAILURE.	Reserved
Committed	Received Modification Request	Perform Resource Reservation Modification.	Committed
Committed	Successful Resource Reservation Modification	Send AAA with the Result-Code AVP set to DIAMETER_SUCCESS. Re-initialize Authorization-Lifetime and Auth-Grace-Period timers (in case of soft-state).	Committed
Committed	Unsuccessful Resource Reservation Modification	Send AAA with the Experimental-Result-Code AVP set to MODIFICATION_FAILURE.	Committed
Committed	Expiration of Authorization-Lifetime timer	TRC-PE is required to send an unsolicited RAR message to the PD-PE with the Specific-Action AVP set to INDICATION_OF_RESERVATION_EXPIRATION.	Committed
Committed	Received Resource Reservation Refresh	Send AAA with the Result-Code AVP set to DIAMETER_SUCCESS. Re-initialize Authorization-Lifetime and Auth-Grace-Period timers (in case of soft-state).	Committed
Committed	Expiration of Auth-Grace-Period timer	Clean up.	Idle
Committed	Received STR	Release resources, clean up.	Idle
All	Critical Event Detected	Send ASR with appropriate Abort-Cause AVP, clean up.	Idle
All	Non Critical Event Detected	Send RAR with appropriate Specific-Action AVP.	Unchanged

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