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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Scope

This document provides the highlights of the issues discovered during Interoperability testing (IOT) on the pre-production and production environments of the Operators and contains the guidelines for the Rich Communication Suite-enhanced (RCS-e) related protocols implementation in order to achieve seamless interoperability of RCS-e products and accelerate their time-to-market (TTM).

All clarifications in the current document are related to the latest version of the RCS-e specification [1] available on the GSMA website and all update recommendations of the current document would be incorporated in the new versions of the RCS-e specification.

The guidelines are divided in to six clauses: General and User Interface (UI)/User Experience (UX) issues, Configuration issues, Mobile Operating System (OS) issues, Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)/Session Description Protocol (SDP), Message Session Relay Protocol (MSRP) and Real-Time Protocol (RTP)/Real Time Control Protocol (RTCP) issues. Each clause contains description of issues. These issues are assigned following types:

- Clarification  
 Provides further background on functionality already described in the latest version of the RCS-e specification [1] in order to improve understanding.
- Recommendation  
 Includes some suggestions on how the functionality required in the latest version of the RCS-e specification [1] can be implemented
- Requirement  
 Introduces new requirements that will be included in a future update of the RCS-e specification [1]

The document also includes answers to the frequently asked questions (FAQs).

## 1.2 Future queries and clarifications

The content of the current document is based on clarification notes provided by the Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) and RCS-e client manufacturers. These notes were collected during the IOT and accreditation processes on the pre-production and production environments and submitted to the GSMA alone or together with the network traces and self-accreditation declaration forms [5], [6]. All the test cases were executed using the RCS-e Test Matrix tool [2]. Detailed information on the IOT and accreditation process could be found in the 'Guidelines for Licensing Framework' [3] available on the GSMA website.

The content of the current document is intended to be live and would be updated with new clarifications and recommendations received from the MNOs and RCS-e client manufacturers.

If you are currently passing through the self-accreditation process please collect and document all the discovered issues and provide together with the declaration form or else send them to the GSMA RCS IOT Team ([rcsiot@gsm.org](mailto:rcsiot@gsm.org)). For more details on self-accreditation procedures refer to [4]

## 1.3 Definition of Terms

Term	Description
ACS	Autoconfiguration Server
APN	Access Point Name
AS	Application Server

ASO	Arbitrary Slice Ordering
B2BUA	Back-to-Back User Agent
BP	H.264 Baseline Profile
CBP	H.264 Constraint Baseline Profile
CPIM	Common Presence and Instant Messaging
DNS	Domain Name System
EUCR	End User Confirmation Request
FAQs	Frequently asked questions
FQDN	Fully Qualified Domain Name
FMO	Flexible Macroblock Ordering
FT	File Transfer service
FW	Firewall
GPRS	General packet radio service
HSPA	High Speed Packet Access
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
IARI	IMS Application Reference Identifier
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IM	Instant Messaging
IMDN	Instant Message Disposition Notification
IMS	IP Multimedia Subsystem
IOT	Interoperability testing
IP	Internet Protocol
IS	Image Share service
LTE	Long Term Evolution
MCC	Mobile Country Code
MGCF	Media Gateway Controller Function
MNC	Mobile Network Code
MNO	Mobile Network Operator
MSISDN	Mobile Station International Subscriber Directory Number
MSRP	Message Session Relay Protocol
NAT	Network Address Translation
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement
NNI	Network-to-Network Interface
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
OMA	Open Mobile Alliance
OS	Operating system

P-CSCF	Proxy Call Session Control Function
PS	Packet Switched domain
Multi-RAB	Multi Radio Access Bearer
RCS	Rich Communications Suite
RCS-e	Rich Communications Suite – enhanced, the launch specification announced at Mobile World Congress 2011 and committed to launch by Deutsche Telekom, Orange, Telecom Italia, Telefonica and Vodafone and further developed in the GSMA
RFC	IETF Requests for Comments
RTCP	Real-Time Transport Control Protocol
RTT	Round-Trip delay Time
RTP	Real-Time Transport Protocol
RS	Redundant Slices
SBC	Session Border Controller
SDP	Session Description Protocol
SIP	Session Initiation Protocol
STAP-A	Single-time aggregation packet
TC	Test Case
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TLS	Transport Layer Security
TTM	Time-to-market
UA	User Agent
UAC	User Agent Client
UAS	User Agent Server
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UE	User Equipment
UI	User Interface
UNI	User-to-Network Interface
UX	User eXperience
VS	Video Share service
WAP	Wireless Application Protocol
XML	eXtensible Markup Language

## 1.4 Document Cross-References

Ref	Document Number	Title
[1]	-	RCS-e specification v1.2.2 (errata)
[2]	RCS IOT 001	RCS-e v1.2 Test Cases Matrix
[3]	RCS IOT 002	Guidelines for licensing framework
[4]	RCS IOT 003	Self-accreditation handbook
[5]	RCS IOT 004	Self-accreditation declaration form provided by network providers
[6]	RCS IOT 005	Self-accreditation declaration form provided by RCS-e client's manufacturers
[7]	-	RCS-e v1.2, User Experience Guidance Document
[8]	-	Rich Communication Suite 5.0 Advanced Communications Services and Clients specification
[9]	IR.74	Video Share Interoperability Specification 1.2
[10]	RFC4575	A Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Event Package for Conference State, IETF RFC <a href="http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4575">http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4575</a>
[11]	RFC3841	Caller Preferences for the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP), IETF RFC <a href="http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3841">http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3841</a>
[12]	RFC4122	The Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) URN Namespace IETF RFC <a href="http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4122">http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4122</a>
[13]	TS 24.229	3GPP TS 24.229 Release 10, 3rd Generation Partnership IP multimedia call control protocol based on Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) and Session Description Protocol (SDP) <a href="http://www.3gpp.org">http://www.3gpp.org</a>
[14]	3GPP TS 26.114	3GPP TS 26.114 Release 10, 3rd Generation Partnership Project; IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS); Multimedia telephony; Media handling and interaction <a href="http://www.3gpp.org">http://www.3gpp.org</a>
[15]	-	pub.3gppnetwork.org Sub-domain Transfer Process document v0.2

## 2 RCS-e implementation clarifications

### 2.1 General issues

#### ID\_1\_1 Chat user selection mechanism and UX

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.3, Figure 25
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_4_2
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

#### Description

When starting a group chat from the chat application, there should be an UX interaction/screen allowing the user to choose the participants. The shown list should show all the RCS-e contacts because without checking with OPTIONS, it is not possible to distinguish whether the users are currently available and performing an OPTIONS query for the whole list will be too time-consuming. When a user is selected, an OPTIONS message must be issued to that individual user. Depending on the response, the UI will show the other party as ready for chat or not.

Please also note that if the UX design is such that the screen is both used to start a 1-2-1 (1 user selected) or a group chat, the confirmations should be shown only if 2 or more users are selected as a 1-2-1 chat can occur anyway even the other party is offline.

### **ID\_1\_2 Availability for Video Share on 3G coverage**

Void

### **ID\_1\_3 Group chat lifecycle**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_4_4_3
<b>Publish date</b>	01.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.02.2013

#### **Description**

Consistently with the specification and as per ID\_4\_21\_10, a group chat session will be terminated by the Messaging Server either when:

- The group chat session initiator leaves the chat, based on local policy in the Messaging Server
- when a chat inactivity timeout expires, or
- The number of active participants is less than 2

In order to provide a consistent experience to the user, when the number of participants in a group chat becomes 2 (e.g. there were more participants but others have already left leaving the initiator of the session plus another participant), the File Transfer button should NOT be again shown.

A Group Chat session may be terminated by inactivity, but it may be restarted at any time by any of the participants according to the procedures specified in ID\_4\_21\_3.

### **ID\_1\_4 Call and RCS-e services concurrency**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.7
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	n/a
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

#### **Description**

A call is received and a Video Share is taking place from user A to B:

After starting the Video Share the capabilities are exchanged again, so depending on the network coverage and UI capabilities (ability to present a simultaneous Video Share or Video and Image Share) of both A and B, the Image and Video Share will be reported as available or not. If both handsets report Image and Video Share as available then:

- A will NOT be able to initiate another share service until the Video Share session is terminated (i.e. user A should not have the possibility to start a new Image or Video Share)
- B will be able to start an Image or Video Share

Again, after B has started the share service, neither user A or B should be able to initiate further RCS-e share services over a call.



### ID\_1\_5 File Transfer and low storage space scenarios

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.4
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_5_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

#### Description

When exchanging capabilities and provide the right coverage is in place, the File Transfer service (or Image Share) should be reported as available independently of how much available space is available to store files (even it is full or almost full).

At UI level, the behaviour should comply to the UX guidelines (see [7], that is the receiver should be informed that there is not sufficient storage space to accept the received File Transfer request and if the user accepts the transfer nevertheless, the request should be rejected and the user should be informed that this is not possible. From the protocol level though, if a File Transfer (or Image Share) invitation is received, the receiver's RCS-e client or implementation should check the available storage space. In case the available space is less than the size of the file, the File Transfer should be automatically rejected (no user interaction).

### ID\_1\_6 Units employed for the File Transfer and Image Share configuration parameters

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	A.1.4
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_5_7_1
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

#### Description

1. The File Transfer maximum and warning values are defined in the RCS-e specification. If you check the spec (Annex A), the limits are defined in KB
2. The Image Share max value is defined by endorsing the RCS Release 2 managed objects spec (we did not redefine it in RCS-e because it was defined already and we wanted to avoid conflict). Because RCS Release 2 is an older spec, it made sense to define it in Bytes.

### ID\_1\_7 RCS-e terminal implementation/client offline behaviour

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	
<b>Related TC ID</b>	N/A
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

#### Description

When offline, a user can compose and queue messages to be sent as described in section 2.7.2 of the RCS-e spec [1] with the difference that when sending the queued messages when online again, a next message may be sent after receiving any provisional response to the SIP INVITE request, including 100 Trying.

### ID\_1\_8 IM 1-to-1 States

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.3 Client Assumptions
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	n/a
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

#### Description

The following states associated to a 1-2-1 IM messages should be clearly identified at UX level:

- Pending: When the user press ENTER to send the message and provided the user is NOT registered with the IMS core (e.g. offline or airplane mode)
- Sent: a first SIP provisional response is received from the network if the message is sent as part of the INVITE or a MSRP 200 OK is received in case the message was sent over MSRP
- Error: When an error different from 486/487 is received
- Delivered: When receiving the delivery notification
- Read: When receiving the displayed notification

### ID\_1\_9 Image Share optimization via image size reduction

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.3.7
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	n/a
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

#### Description

In order to provide the user a seamless experience when transferring images and be aligned with other internet applications providing the service, there is a proposal for a compression mechanism for images which are transmitted using the Image Share service.

##### *ID\_1\_9\_1 Image size reduction algorithm*

The recommended approach based on the principle of maximizing the range of devices/resolutions where the image will be displayed with sufficient quality is the following:

- The default scale factor F for the image shall be,  $F = \min(1280/w, 1280/h, 1.0)$ . It shall be noted the w (width) and the h (height) shall be used in pixels for the calculation.
- Please note that if the factor (F) is 1, the next step can be skipped.
- Scale both dimensions by the same factor F (same for width and height so the aspect ratio is maintained).
- Compress as JPG with q=75%
- Compare the new image size with the original, and only offer the possibility to send a resized image if the resulting file is smaller than the original one

##### *ID\_1\_9\_2 Image Share*

When a user sends an image to another user the size reduction algorithm will take place. Then if:

- The scale factor (F) of the algorithm is lower than 1, and,
- The result of the compression is a smaller file

The smaller file will be used for the Image Share service. Otherwise, the original file will be used.

Finally, it shall be noted that this process of evaluating whether the size reduction is an option and, if so, the size reduction itself shall happen before the SIP INVITE is sent to the recipient.

#### **ID\_1\_10 Video bandwidth for Video Share**

Void

#### **ID\_1\_11 Video presentation for Video Share**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.3.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_6_1_3
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

#### **Description**

The aspect ratio of the image shall be preserved when the video is resized to be displayed on the UX according to the screen dimensions.

#### **ID\_1\_12 RCS-e version 1.2.1 errata regarding sub note 9**

Void

#### **ID\_1\_13 Reject\_btn parameter**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.2.2.1.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	N/A
<b>Publish date</b>	04.07.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

#### **Description**

The Reject\_btn parameter included in the MSG characteristic that is used to deliver user messages within the autoconfiguration document (described in section 2.2.2.1.2 of [1]) is optional. When not provided a default value of "0" shall be assumed.

#### **ID\_1\_14 Blushing emotions**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.4.16
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_x_x
<b>Publish date</b>	04.07.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

#### **Description**

To resolve some differences between the joyn UX guidelines and SIMPLE IM, a joyn client shall handle each of the following character sequences as a Blushing emoticon:

:~) or :~-) or :~) or :~) or :~> or :~> or :-\$ or :\$.

Since elsewhere the :-) and :) may be used for a “crying of happiness” emoticon, it is recommended not to use those combinations when intending to send a Blushing emoticon.

## 2.2 Configuration issues

### ID\_2\_1 FQDN resolution

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	A.1.5
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_1_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.08.2012

#### Description

The FQDN resolution is bearer independent and should be performed by the handset following this process:

##### 1. Step 1: Autoconfiguration

As part of the provisioning process using the autoconfiguration server, the handset gets a FQDN for the P-CSCF.

##### 2. Step 2: Perform a DNS NAPTR SRV query

Having obtained the destination domain name the Domain Name System (DNS) is asked to provide matching SIP Server Location Information. One or more NAPTR records may be retrieved and the calling application examines these records to find the best match based on priorities and the desired SIP protocol variant:

```
mnc001.mcc234.3gppnetwork.org. IN NAPTR 50 100 "s" "SIP+D2U" "" _sip_udp.example.com.
mnc001.mcc234.3gppnetwork.org. IN NAPTR 90 100 "s" "SIP+D2T" "" _sip_tcp.example.com.
mnc001.mcc234.3gppnetwork.org. IN NAPTR 90 100 "s" "SIPS+D2T" "" _sips_tcp.example.com.
```

In the above example, “D2U” indicates UDP-based SIP, “D2T” indicates TCP-based SIP, -and “SIPS+D2T” indicates TCP-based encrypted SIP. The presence of these fields indicates what variations of SIP are supported on a given SIP server.

The "s" flag means the next stage is to look up an "SRV" record.

Depending on the settings in the XML provided by the autoconfiguration server and the coverage (PS or Wi-Fi), the client will make the choice for the SIP access which they are going to use (SIPoUDP, SIPoTLS or SIPoTCP).

##### 3. Step 3: Perform a DNS SRV query

An example set of SIP server SRV records is as follows:

```
_sip_tcp.example.com. SRV 0 1 5060 sipserv1.example.com.
_sip_tcp.example.com. SRV 0 2 5060 sipserv2.example.com.
_sip_udp.example.com. SRV 0 1 5060 sipserv1.example.com.
_sip_udp.example.com. SRV 0 2 5060 sipserv2.example.com.
_sips_tcp.example.com. SRV 0 1 5060 sipserv3.example.com.
_sips_tcp.example.com. SRV 0 2 5060 sipserv4.example.com.
```

For each of the variations of the SIP protocols supported the SRV records describe:

- name of the server;
- which port number SIP uses; and
- when there are multiple servers, the weights & priorities to allow rough load balancing.

The calling network asks the DNS for a SRV record for the host corresponding to the specific service/protocol/domain combination that was returned in Step 2.

If there are multiple records with the same service/protocol/domain combination, the caller must sort the records based on which has the lowest priority. If there is more than one record with the same priority, the RFC 2782 shall apply.

From the SRV record get the corresponding server name.

There is potential flexibility in this step for the destination operator to receive the SIP traffic on different servers depending on the desired variation of the SIP protocol – TCP, UDP, encrypted, unencrypted.

**4. Step 4: DNS A-query**

For the server name returned in Step 3, do a standard DNS lookup to finds its IP address This is a normal "A" (address) record lookup:

```
sipserv1.example.com.      IN A    101.1.2.3
sipserv2.example.com.      IN A    101.1.2.4
```

This FQDN resolution procedure shall apply each time the network allocates a new IP address to the Device (example: handover 3G to Wi-Fi).

**ID\_2\_2 IMS Account blocking**

Void

**ID\_2\_3 Clarification on the roaming APN**

Void

**ID\_2\_4 Clarification on HTTP configurations parameters and white listing**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.2.2.1.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_1_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	13.07.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

**Description**

In order to be able to support a white list procedure in the HTTP configuration to only allow the RCS-e/Joyn certified clients, the format of the client\_version has been defined and shall be sent accordingly by the clients. Also, the client\_vendor and terminal\_version length constrains have been relaxed to allow strings up to a maximum of 4 characters and not to mandate a fixed 4 characters length:

client_vendor	String that identifies the vendor providing the RCS client.	Y	String (4 max), Case-Sensitive
client_version	String that identifies the RCS client version.  <b>client_version_value = Platform "-" VersionMajor "." VersionMinor</b> <b>Platform = Alphanumeric (max 9)</b> <b>VersionMajor = Number (2 char max)</b> <b>VersionMinor = Number (2 char max)</b>  <b>Example:</b> <b>client_version=RCSAndr-1.0</b>	Y	String (15 max), Case-Sensitive
terminal_vendor	String that identifies the terminal OEM.	Y	String (4 max), Case-Sensitive

**Table 1 : Client/terminal identification in HTTPS configuration requests**

The white list procedure, if the SP decides to implement it, will be triggered when a client request a HTTP configuration. The HTTP configuration gateway will check if the client\_vendor and Platform and VersionMajor parts of the client\_version matches one of the certified clients in the white list and also check that the VersionMinor is bigger than the one in the whitelist.

This will allow the OEMs to increase the VersionMinor part with notifying neither the GSMA nor the Operators.

**ID\_2\_5 Clarification on usage of the ImSessionStart parameter in combination with AutAccept parameter**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	A.2.4
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	13.02.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

**Description**

The AutAccept Parameter shall not be used as defined in RCS Release 2 Management Objects. Its values shall rather indicate the following:

- 0- a 1-to-1 chat session is to be accepted according to the behaviour configured through the IM Session Start configuration parameter,
- 1- a 1-to-1 chat session shall be accepted immediately.

**ID\_2\_6 Clarification on configuration requests triggered by a reboot**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.2.2.1.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_1_2_1
<b>Publish date</b>	13.02.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

**Description**

It was recognised that clause 2.2.2.1.2 [1] on page 31 contains the following wrong statement regarding request of configuration by client for provisioning purposes:

*‘...If it has received the proper configuration it won't ask for a new version unless the validity period has expired...’*

When rebooting the handset, the validity period of the current configuration shall not be considered. Unless the client is disabled through local configuration or a previous configuration response, the client shall therefore perform the HTTP procedure described in section 2.2.2.1.2 of [1] to verify whether current configuration is still valid every time the handset boots.

**ID\_2\_7 Clarification on RCS-E SWITCH visibility**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.10
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_1_4_1
<b>Publish date</b>	13.02.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

## Description

In order to provide the multiclient behaviour described in ID\_3\_1\_1, the 'Allow/Disallow RCS-e' option as per section 2.10 [1] shall be always shown in the handset settings. The value configured by Operator for the ENABLE RCS-E SWITCH configuration parameter shall be set to 1 and may be ignored by the client.

### ID\_2\_8 P-CSCF redundancy

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.1
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_1_x_x
<b>Publish date</b>	04.07.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

## Description

The network operator may deploy the RCS/IMS core in a redundant manner for scalability and high availability reasons. Therefore multiple P-CSCF instances may be available in the network.

The P-CSCF is stateful proxy for the duration of a registration of a user agent. Therefore the P-CSCF discovery and selection procedure need to provide stickiness to the P-CSCF instance selected for the initial registration.

The support of the following procedure is mandated prior to the IMS registration.

RCSe/joyn clients receive the P-CSCF address from the auto-configuration server in the LBO\_P-CSCF\_Address node. Prior to the IMS registration the RCSe/joyn client shall handle the address resolution as follows.

- If the P-CSCF AddressType indicates "IPv4" or "IPv6" the RCSe/joyn client shall send the initial SIP REGISTER to the address contained in the Address parameter. This IP address shall be used for any subsequent REGISTER and non-REGISTER requests. If the connection to the P-CSCF fails, the RCSe/joyn client may consider the configuration as invalid and force a re-configuration via the auto-configuration server.
- If the P-CSCF AddressType indicates "FQDN" the RCSe/joyn client shall resolve the FQDN as defined in ID\_2\_1. If multiple P-CSCF hosts are deployed (e.g. several hosts, up to 4 or more may be deployed) in the network the DNS result will contain multiple SRV or A resource records. In this case the RCSe/joyn client shall select one P-CSCF IP address in accordance with the definitions for these DNS resource records.

The RCSe/joyn client shall send the initial SIP REGISTER to the selected IP address. The selected IP address shall be stored and used for any subsequent REGISTER and non-REGISTER requests. It should be used together with the port received from the SRV resource record as the topmost route header of SIP transactions initiated by the user agent.

If the connection to the P-CSCF fails (e.g. TCP time-out, connection loss etc.) the RCSe/joyn client should select another IP address from the cached DNS search results (if TTL allows) or invoke the FQDN resolution anew. The RCSe/joyn client should send an initial registration request to the new selected P-CSCF instance as described in ID\_2\_1.

It is noted that there are devices on the market already that may not fully comply with the procedure depicted above. OEMs are asked to notify GSMA about these devices. Network operators may take actions in their device provisioning solution to overcome these limitations, e.g. via custom configurations without redundancy.

### ID\_2\_9 Configuration validity

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	N/A
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_1_3
<b>Publish date</b>	04.07.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

#### Description

If according to [1] the device has to perform a configuration query while being connected to a Wi-Fi network, the device shall continue to work with the last available configuration if any and even when it has expired until the device connects to a cellular network at which point the configuration query shall be initiated. This includes the situation where a disabled client is re-enabled while the device is connected over Wi-Fi or where any no longer valid configuration is restored after a SIM swap.

This behaviour may result in the client using an out-dated configuration which can lead to a failed registration. In that case the client shall be disabled until the device connects to a cellular network.

### ID\_2\_10 Domain prefixes for provisioning

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.2.2.1.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	RCSE_ID_1_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	22.08.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	22.08.2013

#### Description

It has been agreed that in order to accelerate Time-To-Market for new joyn releases and at the same time maintain good quality of the current accredited joyn networks and clients Operators should have several network environments. Along with Production environment for commercial use Operators may have Pre-production environment to test resolution of detected issues as well as verify new clients, and there could be also Operators' Testbeds to perform development testing of new joyn releases.

In order to implement that approach all OEMs and client providers are recommended to introduce a mechanism for modification of config domain prefix on a client according to the following config domain prefix values agreed by MNOs:

- Current mechanism for Production environment (*without additional prefix*):  
 config.rcs.mncxxx.mccxxx.pub.3gppnetwork.org
- Proposed value for Pre-production environment (*with additional prefix*):  
**preprod**.config.rcs.mncxxx.mccxxx.pub.3gppnetwork.org
- Proposed value for Testbed environment (*with additional prefix*):  
**testbed**.config.rcs.mncxxx.mccxxx.pub.3gppnetwork.org

This recommendation is applicable to device's and client's versions provided for testing only and it is not mandatory for commercial versions.

**Note:** an Operator might request from GSMA delegation of the separate subdomains or the parent sub-domain mncxxx.mccxxx.pub.3gppnetwork.org, according to the routine described in [15].



## 2.3 Mobile OS issues

### ID\_3\_1 Android

#### ID\_3\_1\_1 Avoiding conflict between two joyn clients on the same device (Android only)

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	N/A
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	N/A
<b>Publish date</b>	13.07.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	27.03.2013

#### Description

Note this recommendation applies to Joyn clients (embedded or OTT) and that any joyn value-add service propositions which involve complementing the joyn proposition with additional services or joyn services using alternative platforms are not required to follow the procedures described in this section.

In order to prevent having two joyn clients on the same device and, therefore, negative consequences in the user experience, the following mechanism shall be implemented by both joyn embedded and OTT client implementations.

The mechanism is based on the following principles:

- Identifying Android applications as joyn clients using a Manifest.xml meta-data property
- Identifying if a joyn client is enabled by accessing its Shared Preferences and reading a property from it.
- Accessing a joyn client settings screen by sending an intent using the action defined as a Manifest.xml meta-data property.

#### ID\_3\_1\_1\_1 Client requirements

Android joyn clients shall define the following meta-data properties in their Manifest.xml file.

Name	Value	Description
gsma.joyn.client	true	Used to identify the application as an joyn client
gsma.joyn.settings.activity	<String>	Equals to the intent action that be used to start the joyn client settings screen

**Table 2: Android joyn client Manifest meta-data properties**

Android joyn clients shall define a settings screen activity that can be open by third party applications by using a simple intent which action string is equal to the value of the "*gsma.joyn.settings.activity*" meta-data property. Sending that intent to open the settings screen shall require no permission. Thus, the user decides or not to deactivate the third party application.

The following example illustrates the meta-data that shall be added to the Manifest.xml file, as well as a sample settings screen activity.

```
<application
  android:icon="@drawable/icon"
  android:label="@string/app_name">

  <!-- the following meta-data is used to identify the application as a joyn client -->
  <meta-data
    android:name="gsma.joyn.client"
    android:value="true" />

  <!-- the following meta-data is used to provide the value of the intent action that can be used by other
  applications to start the joyn client settings screen -->
  <meta-data
    android:name="gsma.joyn.settings.activity"
    android:value="com.vendor.product.MyJoynSettingsActivity" />
  <!-- joyn client shall define a settings property such that it can be open by third party applications using
  an intent which action string corresponds to the meta-data value defined above -->
  <activity
    android:name=".MyJoynSettingsActivity">
    <intent-filter>
      <action
        android:name="com.vendor.product.MyJoynSettingsActivity" />
      <category
        android:name="android.intent.category.DEFAULT" />
    </intent-filter>
  </activity>
```

**Table 3 : Android meta-data usage**

Joyn clients shall define a publicly readable Shared Preferences using the name "*gsma.joyn.preferences*".

The shared preferences shall be created using the joyn client application context, using the mode `MODE_WORLD_READABLE`.

The shared preferences shall contain a Boolean property named "*gsma.joyn.enabled*".

This property can have two values:

- True: It will mean that the joyn client is enabled (user switch in settings set to ON) and the application has been provisioned successfully.
- False (default value): It will mean that the joyn client is disabled (user switch in settings set to OFF) or the joyn client has never been provisioned yet.

The joyn client will modify the value of this properties according to the rules defined in the following section.

#### ID\_3\_1\_1\_2 *Client start-up behaviour*

A joyn client which is started for the first time on a device, shall:

- Retrieve the list of installed applications from the PackageManager, and identify existing joyn clients by looking for the Boolean meta-data property named "*gsma.joyn.client*", as defined in the previous section.
- For every joyn clients that are found, the client shall open their shared preferences named "*gsma.joyn.preferences*" and retrieve the Boolean property "*gsma.joyn.enabled*", as defined in the previous section.
- If an existing joyn client is found with the Boolean property "*gsma.joyn.enabled*" set to "*True*", it means that client is already active on the device. The new client shall inform to the user that there is another joyn client already configured in the device and that as a pre-requisite to use this one, it is necessary to disable it. In the same pop-up the possibility to access the joyn settings of the active joyn application (via intent mechanism) shall be offered. The intent action used to open the active joyn client settings screen shall be retrieved by reading its Manifest meta-data property named "*gsma.joyn.settings.activity*".

- If there is no existing joyn client, or that none of them are enabled, the new joyn client may proceed with provisioning and registration. Once the client is successfully provisioned and registered to the network it shall open its own "gsma.joyn.preferences" shared preferences and set its own "gsma.joyn.enabled" property to "True".
- If the joyn client is disabled (e.g. user switch in settings set to OFF) it shall open its own "gsma.joyn.preferences" shared preferences and set its own "gsma.joyn.enabled" property to "False".

Please note this start-up behaviour shall also apply when:

- There is an attempt to re-activate the disabled client;
- When the disabled client is re-started.

*ID\_3\_1\_2 Avoiding to use the standard port with Android 4.0.3 and 4.0.4*

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	N/A
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	N/A
<b>Publish date</b>	21.08.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.08.2012

**Description**

There have been issues observed with Android versions 4.0.3 and 4.0.4 on some devices. In particular, SIP messages sent via large TCP segments (e.g. >512 bytes) with well-known port 5060 (inbound or outbound without TLS) could not be sent or received. Although with another port (e.g. 5062) or UDP it is possible.

Please see the descriptions of the following android issues ids:

<http://code.google.com/p/android/issues/detail?id=34727>

<http://code.google.com/p/android/issues/detail?id=32736>

To avoid this issue it is recommended on the network side to change the DNS records and network setup to use UDP and TCP with another server port, e.g. port 5062.

Note: The protocols ports should be the same for UDP and TCP.

On the RCS-e client side it is recommended to avoid the usage of the standard port 5060 and to set another high port for outbound client connections and in the contact header for inbound connections.

**ID\_3\_2 iOS (Apple)**

No specific guidelines so far

**ID\_3\_3 Symbian**

No specific guidelines so far

**ID\_3\_4 Windows Phone**

No specific guidelines so far

**2.4 SIP/SDP issues**

**ID\_4\_1 Normalization of MSISDNs**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.9.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_4_1_14

<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

### Description

For outgoing requests no normalization is required for the To header and the Request-URI. The format detailed in section 2.9.3.1 of [1] should be used in case the number is not in international format.

Also, in an outgoing request no normalization is required for the MSISDN in From/P-Preferred-Identity since it will have been provided in the provisioning and during registration in international format already.

For incoming requests the MSISDN in From/P-Asserted-Identity will be in international format unless the international format does not exist for that number and should be matched using the same rules which are used when receiving voice calls.

To avoid issues when roaming though for content sharing it is recommended to use the entry corresponding to that number in the address book in case that is in international format rather than the received Caller-ID.

#### **ID\_4\_2 Using 486 BUSY HERE instead of 603 DECLINE to avoid simultaneous chat sessions when the receiver is not accepting the chat**

Void

#### **ID\_4\_3 Using SIP MESSAGE to carry display notifications**

Void

#### **ID\_4\_4 Hiding identities in CPIM/IMDN**

Void

#### **ID\_4\_5 Network time for chat**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.2.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_1_7
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

### Description

As stated in section 3.2.2.2 of the RCS-e specification [1], the network will insert the correct time into the messages. For sent messages however the only clock available at transmission time is the device's own clock.

It is Messaging Server responsibility to deliver messages in the correct order, so the RCS Client is able to rely on the reception time in order to interleave the incoming and outgoing messages. Please note that the ordering of the messages is phone clock based, the shown message time at the UX shall be the network time (when available) in order to correctly display the time of store and forwarded messages.

#### **ID\_4\_6 Mandatory character of the request notification for chat**

Void

#### **ID\_4\_7 Handling errors on the receiver's end during chat**

#### **ID\_4\_8 IM race conditions**

Void

## ID\_4\_9 CPIM formatting

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.2.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_1_7
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

### Description

In order to favour the interoperability, the clients shall follow the RFC 3862 and 5438 but also be flexible enough to handle minor deviations that other clients/handsets may implement. As a reference, we are providing the following recommendations:

#### *ID\_4\_9\_1 RFC 4975*

RFC4975 says that content-Type for message/cpim is case insensitive. To maximize interoperability we recommend the message type is set to "message/cpim" all in lowercase characters. Please note this is also applicable in all those other cases in RCS-e where there is a SDP negotiation; the type is always coded in lowercase characters.

#### *ID\_4\_9\_2 RFC 3862*

Please note the following example is intentionally missing the IMDN disposition notification. Together with the message, we are including some comments marked in red.

```

m: Content-type: message/cpim (note that if this is part of a multipart, this will include a Content-Length header after Content-Type. If not, and it is included already at SIP level it is ok)
s: (A blank line in the end can be optional, however we still recommend including it)
h: From: MR SANDERS <im:piglet@100akerwood.com>
h: To: Depressed Donkey <im:eeeyore@100akerwood.com>
h: DateTime: 2000-12-13T13:40:00-08:00
h: Subject: the weather will be fine today
h: Subject: lang=fr beau temps prevu pour aujourd'hui
h: NS: MyFeatures <mid:MessageFeatures@id.foo.com>
h: Require: MyFeatures.VitalMessageOption
h: MyFeatures.VitalMessageOption: Confirmation-requested
h: MyFeatures.WackyMessageOption: Use-silly-font (Content-length for full body can be added)
s:(again , this blank line can be optional however we still recommend including it)
e: Content-type: text/xml; charset=utf-8 (charset=utf-8 optional of course, however this encoding is recommended to favour interoperability across different language regions)
    
```

**Table 4. RFC 3862 recommendations for interoperability**

#### *ID\_4\_9\_3 RFC 5438*

Please note the following example is focusing on the IMDN disposition and therefore, it covers a as a fragment inside the RFC, Content-type: Message/CPIM is missing, but it should be there as the above example and then a final blank line as recommended). Together with the message, we are including some comments marked in red.

```

From: Alice <im:alice@example.com>
To: Bob <im:bob@example.com>
NS: imdn <urn:ietf:params:imdn>
imdn.Message-ID: 34jk324j
DateTime: 2006-04-04T12:16:49-05:00
imdn.Disposition-Notification: positive-delivery, negative-delivery (" , delivery" here is compulsory)
(blank space needed as per RFC 5438 rectification http://www.rfc-editor.org/errata\_search.php?rfc=5438)
Content-type: text/plain (here for example this is part of the body, but the blank line is missing)
    
```

**Table 5. RFC 5438 recommendations for interoperability (1/2)**

As a fragment inside the RFC, Content-type: Message/CPIM is missing, but it should be there as the example from 3862 and then a blank line, if included at SIP level it is ok.

```

From: Bob <im:bob@example.com>
To: Alice <im:alice@example.com>
NS: imdn <urn:ietf:params:imdn>
imdn.Message-ID: d834jjed93rf
(blank space needed as per RFC 5438 rectification http://www.rfc-editor.org/errata\_search.php?rfc=5438)
Content-type: message/imdn+xml (here for example this is part of the body, but the blank line is missing compared to RFC3862)
Content-Disposition: notification
Content-length: ...
(This blank line between body headers is compulsory to know where the body content starts)
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<imdn xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:imdn">
  <message-id>34jk324j</message-id>
  <datetime>2008-04-04T12:16:49-05:00</datetime>
  <recipient-uri>im:bob@example.com</recipient-uri>
  <original-recipient-uri
    
```

**Table 6. RFC 5438 recommendations for interoperability (2/2)**

**ID\_4\_10 New RCS-e user discovery**

Void

**ID\_4\_11 Re-registration required due to an unexpected 403 response**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.2.2.7
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_2_1_X
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

**Description**

Section 2.2.2.7 of the RCS-e specification [1] is only applicable in case no Warning header was included in the 403 Error response.

**ID\_4\_12 E timer duration (RFC 3261)**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	B.12
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_1_18

<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	04.04.2012

### Description

In order to guarantee a decent UX experience and RCS-e stack behaviour particularly when the data bearer is 2G/3G/HSPA, the E timer should be set to a significantly greater value than the T1 timer.

Note that you are using UDP over GPRS, therefore retransmissions are very important but there are 2 different scenarios:

1. INVITE transactions:

The IMS core network sends instantly a 100 Trying response to stop "A Timer" and avoid useless retransmissions.

2. Non INVITE transactions:

The IMS core network as a proper B2BUA does not send a 100 Trying. Therefore Options response (takes about 6 seconds that is too much) takes a while (2\*RTT+ processing time that is a lot) Therefore retransmission happens based on "E Timer".

Therefore, if the E Timer is set to a value which is similar or smaller than the T1 timer (e.g. A1= 0,5s with T1=0,5s), every time an OPTIONS or MESSAGE request and the response is delayed due to a poor connection quality, there will be at least 3 retransmissions (0,5, 1,5 and 3,5 seconds after the OPTIONS is sent) before the 200OK arrives (6seconds). This should be avoided.

### ID\_4\_13 Concatenation of IARI tags

Void

### ID\_4\_14 Instantaneous offline behaviour when offline due to a re-registration

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.2.2.1.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_2_1_X
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

### Description

At protocol level, any request that failed with a 403 should trigger a re-register and then re-send the request. However as described in the UX Guidelines document (see [7]), this raises some complications in the rare case where the re-register takes long or fails completely. Since in well-behaved clients this 403 should never happen, there is a proposal to limit handling:

- Failed IM: Queue in persistent storage, send again when re-registered
- Other requests: FT/IS/VS/group chat: Should be retried when the registration is restored with a maximum of 5 seconds. If it takes more than 5 seconds, a message shall be shown to the user suggesting to retry later.

In other words, receiving a 403 will put the client in "offline mode" temporarily until registration is restored.

### ID\_4\_151-2-1 to group chat extension

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.2.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_1_1

<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

### Description

The extension of a 1-2-1 chat to a group chat is not used any more. Instead when starting a group chat from a 1-2-1 chat window, a complete independent group chat shall be created.

That is, there is no difference between creating a new group chat and extending a 1-2-1 group chat to a group chat anymore.

### **ID\_4\_16**Video interoperability: H264 profile 1b encoding

Void

### **ID\_4\_17**SDP in SIP OPTIONS

Void

### **ID\_4\_18**Video Share options exchange

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.3.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_4_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	16.10.2012

### Description

Taking into account the following arguments:

1. Some solutions (particularly clients) are able to detect when the phone is making a call however, it is not possible for them to detect when the call is answered by the other party because the application layer is not providing this information via events
2. As a consequence, the caller implementation does not know when is the right time to send the options causing timing issues:
  - a) If sent too early, the receiver does not reply with the VS and IS capabilities because the call is not active
  - b) If sent too late, the user experience is bad because the capabilities take a while to appear
3. On the receiver side, it is always possible to capture the event on when the user answers the phone so this problematic is not there.

IR.74 recommends both parties to do the options exchange just because we cannot assume an embedded implementation which is able to access other APIs than any other mobile OS APIs. The following 2 solutions are proposed and acceptable:

- Both (caller and receiver) send OPTIONS
- Only the receiver send OPTIONS because the receiver always knows at all layers when the call is answered and then active

### **ID\_4\_19**Group chat participants limit and race conditions

Void

### **ID\_4\_20**Optimization on the options exchange during a call

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.3.1
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_4_7_2



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<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

### Description

It was observed that the radio environment after establishing a call is sometimes instable and it takes 1-2 seconds to settle (multi-RAB access) leading to packet lost. Therefore, and to avoid this issue, we recommend to introduce a delay on 2 seconds before the OPTIONS message is issued from the receiver.

Also and to make sure that changing conditions of the radio link (e.g. when the handset handovers to 2G and obviously, there is no possibility to run RCS-e services), a SIP OPTIONS message shall be sent every time the screen becomes active during a call (i.e. when the user takes the phone away from his ear to look the screen [proximity sensor triggered]).

### ID\_4\_21 General clarifications around group chat

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.5
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_4_7
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
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### Description

The Joyn chat service allows the user to be in a conversation with multiple participants, through a Group Chat functionality that resembles permanent groups. Once a group is created, from a user point of view, it remains available as an operative entity as long as the number of participants keeps above two.

This permanent behaviour is actually built on top of temporary sessions in the network. Since this may require re-establishing the Group session when a member sends a new message it could happen that a participant switches between an 'offline' and an 'online' situation with regards to the Group if he misses any of these re-invitations.

To provide a permanent group experience already before RCS 5.1 functionality including store and forward for Group Chat is available, the clarifications provided in this document have been introduced improving the group chat implementation that was described in RCS-e 1.2 and in the previous clarifications.

Please note that these clarifications provide forward compatibility with the future group chat implementation introduced in RCS 5.1, but do not require an update of the currently available IM servers.

The permanent Group Chat like user experience is achieved by assigning at creation time a globally unique ID to each group chat a unique ID. This ID will be used as Contribution-ID in the group chat sessions. So, when a client receives an incoming group chat session invitation, it will be able to retrieve the corresponding group chat, if any, based on the value of the Contribution-ID provided in the SIP INVITE request.

When user wants to send a message to a group chat, the client shall check if there is an active group chat having the corresponding Contribution-ID value. If there is no active session, the client shall restart the group chat session by establishing a Group Chat session using the participant list that was stored at the end of the last session in which it participated and re-using the same Contribution-ID in the new invitation.

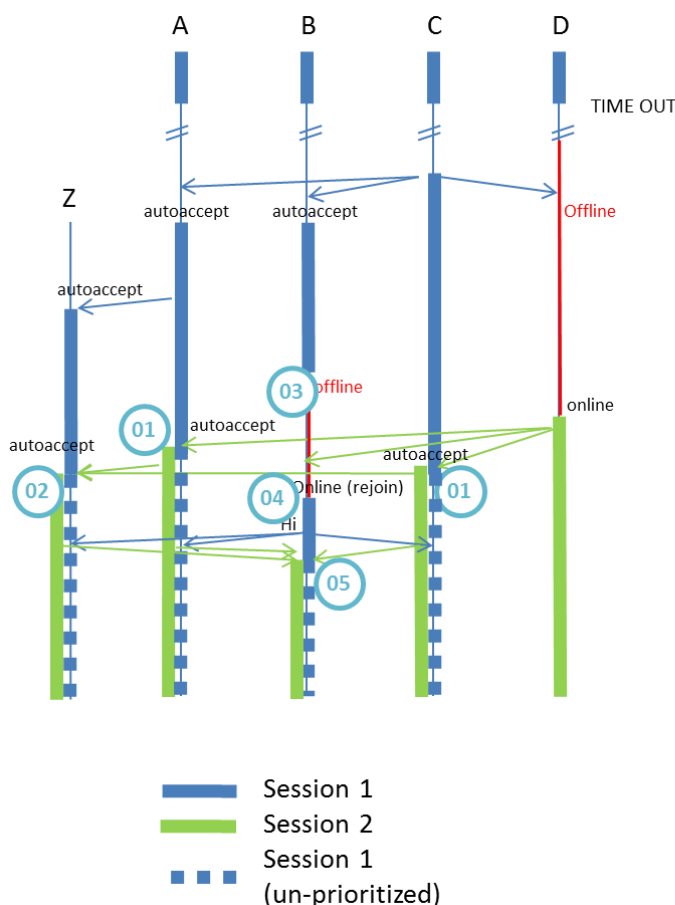
As store and forward as it is defined in RCS 5.1 is not yet available there are two main problems that need to be addressed in this short term solution:

- As the users may be offline when a group chat session is restarted, if a new participant is added to the group chat, the user will not be notified about this new participant. So, the list of participants in each local device may not be up to date.
- As the life cycle of the group chat is not controlled by the network yet, it may happen that two group chat sessions with the same Contribution-ID (i.e. belonging to the same group chat) are created simultaneously.

Until both issues are solved on the network side, the clients are requested to implement safe guards to mitigate the above problems.

The solution requires the client to support having different concurrent group chat sessions in parallel associated to the same group chat.

An example flow of the problem and the proposed solution:



**Figure 1 : example group chat concurrency**

A group chat has already established between A,B,C and D, and C re-starts the group chat by typing a new message.

D is offline and therefore missed the invitation and the new group chat session. B goes offline due to connectivity losses.

If D becomes online and types a new message to the group chat, it will re-start the group chat by sending a group chat session invitation with the same Contribution-ID.

Once A and C user receives a new group chat session with the same Contribution-ID as an already ongoing one:

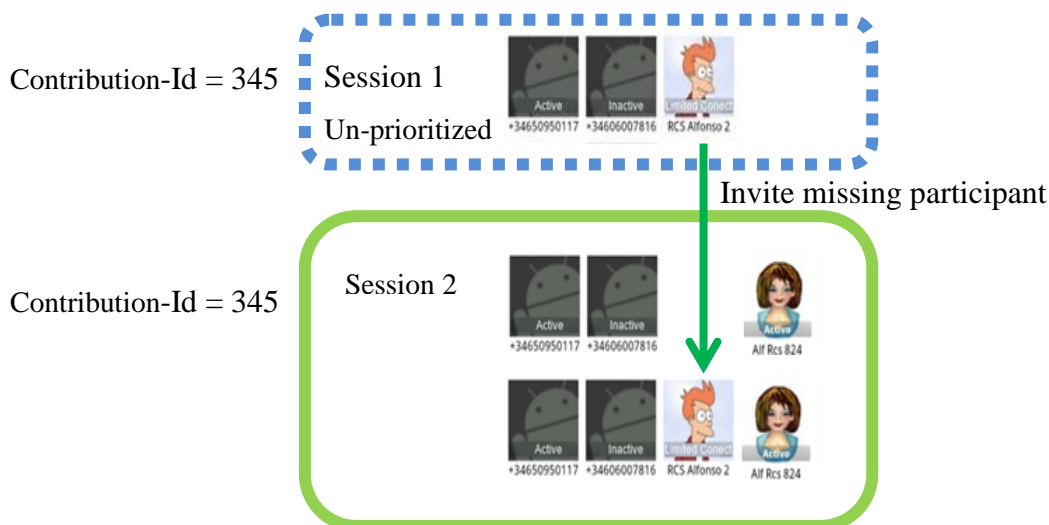
1. They will use newest session (session 2) to send all messages in order to let expire the old one (session 1).

2. They will invite to session 2 participants of session 1 not already part of session 2 (Participant Z and B)
3. Because B is offline, he won't accept the invitation, but we make sure all active participants have the new list of participant updated.
4. B is online again. B will rejoin to the active un-prioritized session 1. Write a message.
5. Z, A and C invite B to session 2. So B also un-prioritized session 1.

Current Situation



Short Term solution



**Figure 2: Group Chat Concurrency approach**

*ID\_4\_21\_1 Clarification on a group chat initiation*

In group chat the INVITE sent by the initiating client shall not contain a first message, not in the Subject header nor in a CPIM body.

Note this does not preclude a group chat INVITE including a real subject in the Subject header.

*ID\_4\_21\_2 Clarification on a group chat automatic re-join*

When the participant (different from the initiator of the session) leaves an active group chat involuntarily (e.g. loses data connectivity or a handover between PS and Wi-Fi occurs while a session is established), the client shall implement a mechanism to retry re-joining the chat once the client is registered again with the IMS core as defined in previous section. This shall be done by sending a rejoin request. In case that fails, the client should assume that

the Group Chat is idle and no automatic restart of the chat (as described in ID\_4\_21\_3) should be performed as that procedure should only be started on user request.

#### *ID\_4\_21\_3 Clarification on a group chat re-start*

When a Group Chat has been closed due to inactivity, it may be restarted at any time by any of the participants. In order to do so, the RCS-e client will try to rejoin using the focus Session Identity and same Contribution-ID of the previous Group Chat session. Depending on Service Provider policies, the Group Chat may (e.g. in later RCS releases) be automatically restarted as explained below or a 404 error response will be returned. If a 404 error response is returned the RCS-e client shall initiate a new Group Chat re-using the same Contribution-ID and with latest participant list it has available for the Group Chat to build the URI-list in the SIP INVITE request. If the client is not authorized to (re-) create a group it will receive a 403 Forbidden error from the Messaging server including the warning text set to '127 Service not authorised' as specified in OMA SIMPLE IM. In that case the RCS client shall not create a new group chat with the same Contribution-ID.

It may happen that more than one participant in a Group Chat that was closed because of inactivity will restart the Group Chat at the same time, resulting in two or more conference foci being allocated using the same Contribution-ID. Since rejecting a Group Chat invitation or terminating an ongoing Group Chat session with a SIP BYE request is not possible since it would remove the participant from the Group Chat, the RCS-e client shall:

- If more than one Group Chat invitation is received with the same Contribution-ID, the RCS-e client shall establish or reject all the invitations according to the normal procedures.
- If a Group Chat invitation is received with the same Contribution-ID of an already established Group Chat, the RCS-e device will auto accept the new Group Chat session. The participant list contained in the SIP INVITE request has to be compared with the local participant list and if one or more participants are found in the local list and not present in the incoming SIP INVITE request, the RCS-e client will automatically add those participants to the new Group Chat
- The RCS-e client shall be able to receive all incoming messages from any of the established Group Chat sessions with the same Contribution-ID.
- The RCS-e client will send messages to the Group Chat using only the latest established Group Chat session with the same Contribution-ID. This will allow the rest of Group Chat sessions to time out due to inactivity.
- If the participant explicitly leaves the Group Chat, all the Group Chat sessions with the same Contribution-ID will be terminated by the RCS-e client by sending a SIP BYE request.

#### *ID\_4\_21\_4 Clarification on a abandoning a group chat*

A user shall be able to voluntarily abandon a group chat. The technical procedure is based in sending a SIP BYE and, consequently, terminating the MSRP session as per standard session termination procedure.

Please note that if a user voluntarily abandons a group chat, no automatic re-join shall be attempted.

#### *ID\_4\_21\_5 Re-joining or re-starting a chat that the user has previously abandoned voluntarily.*

A user who left voluntarily a group chat shall be not able to re-join neither to restart a group chat.

#### *ID\_4\_21\_6 Clarifications on adding participants to a Group Chat*

The maximum user participant allowed and the current user count for a running group chat is notified by the focus in the maximum-user-count and user-count elements as defined in RFC4575 (see [10]) when the client subscribes to the conference event package.

Participants may be added providing the maximum-user-count is not reached and the focus's Service Provider policy allows it. If these values are not present in the conference event package or the group chat is not started (i.e. timed out by inactivity) then that the MAX\_AD-HOC\_GROUP\_SIZE configuration parameter may be used instead.

As per OMA SIMPLE IM the client SHALL:

- include a Contribution-ID in the REFER request while adding participants to a Group Chat and it shall be set to the Contribution-ID of the pertaining Group Chat,
- include a Subject header set to the Group Chat subject in the REFER request if one was included in the original INVITE request for the Group Chat, otherwise it shall be omitted.

*ID\_4\_21\_7 Clarifications on Contribution-ID value*

The Contribution-ID is required to be a globally unique value. The value used for the Contribution-ID shall not contain any information that allows identifying the client that generated it (such as an IP Address).

A suggested algorithm for generating the Contribution-ID can be found in <http://tools.ietf.org/id/draft-kaplan-dispatch-session-id-03.txt>

*ID\_4\_21\_8 List of participants*

Please note that when restarting a chat the client shall consider the complete list of participants. That includes the complete list of participants which is obtained as part of the INVITE/REFER and any other participant that has been successfully (i.e. he/she has accepted to join the chat) added to the chat.

If a user leaves voluntarily (update on the list of participants), they shall be removed from the list. Note this update is different to the case where a participant timeout. This will be done by extending the information provided according to OMA SIMPLE IM with additional elements and values defined in RFC4575 [10]. More specifically following extensions are provided:

- the "disconnection-method" element can be provided with as values "booted", "departed" and "failed" (see ID\_4\_21\_10 for that last value)
- if the "disconnection-method" is set to "failed" (see ID\_4\_21\_10) also the "disconnection-info" element shall be provided including the "reason" sub-element.

```

...
</conference-state>
<users>
  <user entity="tel:+34XXXX" state="partial">
    <endpoint entity="tel:+34XXXX">
      <status>disconnected</status>
      <disconnection-method>departed</disconnection-method>
    </endpoint>
  </user>
</users>
</conference-info>
...
    
```

**Table 7. Content of the SIP NOTIFY when the user leaves voluntarily**

```

...
</conference-state>
<users>
  <user entity="tel:+34XXXX" state="partial">
    <endpoint entity="tel:+34XXXX">
      <status>disconnected</status>
      <disconnection-method>booted</disconnection-method>
    </endpoint>
  </user>
</users>
    
```

```
</conference-info>
...
```

**Table 8. Content of the SIP NOTIFY when the connection times out**

In the timeout case, the participant is still considered part of the participant list.

Protocol	Method	Request-URI
SIP	NOTIFY	Set to the Contact address that the terminating UE has registered. The Contact address is normally expressed as a SIP URI.
<b>Header</b>	<b>Mandatory/ optional</b>	<b>The procedure specific values of the parameter</b>
Subscription-State	M	Indicates status of the subscription (NOTE 1)
Event	M	Conference
Allow-Event	O	Includes a list of tokens which indicates the event packages supported by the server
Content-Type	M	application/conference-info+xml
Content-Length	M	Specifies length of message body
<b>Message body</b>	<b>Mandatory/ optional</b>	<b>The procedure specific values of the parameter</b>
Body text	M	The message body SHALL contain the Conference state information. XML schema used for NOTIFY messages is described in IETF RFC 4575 [10].

NOTE 1: If the Subscription-State header value is “**active**”, it means that the subscription has been accepted and has been authorized. If the header also contains an “expires” parameter, the UE SHOULD take it as the authoritative subscription duration and adjust accordingly. The header value MAY also be “terminated”. The “**terminated**” value indicates that the UE SHOULD consider the subscription terminated. In such a case, a reason code MAY also be present. IMS-M never sets the Subscription-State header to a “pending” value.

**Table 9. Signalling parameters: SIP NOTIFY request for Conference event**

Note: Due to the state-of-art IM-AS design, it is not possible to note participants that have been added to the chat (REFER) who have not yet accepted the chat.

Having said that there is a workaround that RCS clients are expected to implement. If a user adds another user to the chat that is offline, his client shall add it to its local participant list and has the responsibility to re-invite that added user when the chat is restarted again.

*ID\_4\_21\_9 Chat autoaccept setting*

A new configuration setting is added in order to support group chat autoacceptance and differentiate it from the 1-to-1 chat acceptance. The new parameter name is AutAcceptGroupChat. The details are provided below:

Node: <x>/AutAcceptGroupChat

Leaf node that represent the automatic/manual Group Chat session answer mode

It is not required to be instantiated if a service provider does not enable Group Chat.

Status	Occurrence	Format	Min. Access Types
Required	ZeroOrOne	bool	Get

**Table 10. IM MO sub tree addition parameters (AutAcceptGroupChat)**

- Values: 0, 1
- 0- Indicates manual answer mode
- 1- Indicates automatic answer mode (default value)

- Post-reconfiguration actions: As the client remains unregistered during configuration, there are no additional actions apart from de-registering using the old configuration and registering back using the new parameter.
- Associated HTTP XML parameter ID: “AutAcceptGroupChat”

And regarding the configuration XML, the only section impacted is the IM one, where the new parameter is added.

```
<characteristic type="IM">  
  <parm name="imCapAlwaysON" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="imWarnSF" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="ftWarnSize" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="ftAutAccept" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="ChatAuth" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="SmsFallBackAuth" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="AutAccept" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="AutAcceptGroupChat" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="MaxSize1to1" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="MaxSize1toM" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="TimerIdle" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="MaxSizeFileTr" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="pres-srv-cap" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="deferred-msg-func-uri" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="max_adhoc_group_size" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="conf-fcty-uri" value="X"/>  
  <parm name="exploder-uri" value="X"/>  
</characteristic>
```

**Table 11: Group Chat Auto Acceptance parameter in configuration XML**

#### *ID\_4\_21\_10 Clarifications on Closing Group Chat*

Any of the participants can close their Chat session associated with an established Group Chat. This can be done from the chat composing window or in the Chat application.

When a participant leaves the Group Chat session with a SIP BYE request, his device unsubscribes from the participant information, and the Group Chat focus will notify the other participants with a new conference state setting that participant's state to “disconnected” with disconnection-method “departed”.

Once that Group Chat terminates because of inactivity, that participant who explicitly left cannot rejoin or restart unless he is added by another participant, since that user is no longer on the latest participant list.

When User C closes their Group Chat session the other users will be notified in the chat through a predefined indication “User C has left the conversation”, and their devices will remove him from the displayed recipients. A conversation history will exist in User C's device history with the messages associated with the chat up to the point the user left.

Any participant can also leave or decline the Group Chat by rejecting the Group Chat invitation with a 603 Decline response. The Group Chat focus will notify the other participants with a new conference state setting the participant state to “disconnected” with disconnection-method “failed” and include in the reason sub-element of the disconnection-info element the code 603 as follows : [*<reason>SIP;cause=603;text="Decline"</reason>*].

This means that in this case, in line with what is described in ID\_4\_21\_8, the disconnection-method and disconnection-info elements defined in [10] shall be provided in the conference state in addition to the information provided according to OMA SIMPLE IM.

An RCS-e client receiving a notification of a participant leaving the Group Chat, either by closing or rejecting the Group Chat session shall remove the participant from the locally stored participant list associated with the Group Chat.

A Group Chat session is closed when

1. less than the minimum active number of participants as defined in the Messaging Server, for a Group Chat remain in the Group Chat, or
2. when a chat inactivity timeout expires, or
3. based on local policy in the Messaging Server, if the originator leaves the Group Chat.

The active participants are the ones in “connected” state or in the “pending” state (i.e. the ones from which a final response has not yet been received).

A participant is removed from the Group Chat participant list either when explicitly leaving the Group Chat session by sending a SIP BYE request or by rejecting the Group Chat invitation with a 603 error response.

The Messaging Server no longer keeps the focus Session Identity for the Group Chat since there is no longer a valid set of participants remaining. Thus, any attempt by a user to join the Group Chat identified by the focus Session Identity will fail.

#### **ID\_4\_22File Transfer Termination**

Void

#### **ID\_4\_23SIP connectivity issues for Clients**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	N/A
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	N/A
<b>Publish date</b>	04.04.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	04.04.2012

#### **Description**

It was discovered that there could be problems in MNOs domestic routers if RCS-e clients use the same originating SIP signalling port all the time. To avoid this possible case it is recommended to use a random originating SIP signalling port of the range 1025-65535 in the RCS-e client implementations. If the selected port is not available, the following port number shall be assigned for this session. Mobile OS normally handle this process.

Additionally, to avoid SIP port scanners to drain devices battery or make them malfunction it is recommended that RCS-e clients must reject any SIP traffic not coming from the MNO’s SBC or IMS core network.

#### **ID\_4\_24Separate session for FT during IM/Chat session**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.4.1
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_5_5_1
<b>Publish date</b>	04.04.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	04.04.2012

#### **Description**

Unlikely to the OMA SIP/SIMPLE IM specifications in the RCS-e specification [1] it is not allowed to start a file transfer with a RE-INVITE during an ongoing IM/Chat session when the corresponding instructions are received.

In order to start a file transfer session during an ongoing IM/Chat session the initiating UAC shall establish separate SIP and MSRP sessions using INVITE request with all required SDP information according to the RCS-e specification [1].



**ID\_4\_25FT session cancelation by receiver**

Void

**ID\_4\_26Accept-wrapped-types in SDP offer**

Void

**ID\_4\_27Negative IMDN notifications**

Void

**ID\_4\_28Session-Replaces parameter syntax**

Void

**ID\_4\_29Registration procedure intervals**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.1
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_1_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	16.05.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	16.05.2012

**Description**

There should be only one initial REGISTER sent to the network. This initial REGISTER should be sent when the RCS software is ready on the device.

In case of RCS implementation architecture design, if only one REGISTER is not feasible on the device, a minimum interval between two REGISTER must be set to prevent Deny of Service threshold activation. The minimum interval shall be set to 1 second. It should be able to configure this duration via a local parameter on the device.

**ID\_4\_30INVITEs frequency within S&F procedures**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	B.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_3_3
<b>Publish date</b>	16.05.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

**Description**

In B.3 clause of the RCS specification [1] when User B comes back online the flow shows the server as sending an INVITE for each message stored. The client sends a 180 Ringing for each and when the server sends another INVITE (for the next stored message), the client sends a 180 in response to that INVITE plus a 486 in response to the previous INVITE.

When the store and forward is provided by the terminating network the IM server shall wait for the delivery notification or 180 ringing response of the previously sent message before sending a new message in SIP INVITE request to the same user.

**ID\_4\_31CPIM body in SIP requests**

Void

**ID\_4\_32File Transfer auto-accept**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	Table 38

<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	N/A
<b>Publish date</b>	13.07.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	27.03.2013

### Description

In order to increase the success rate for file transfers while the file transfer store and forward functionality is not available, the following functionality shall be added to allow the autoacceptance of files:

- A new RCS-e configuration parameter is added to configure the autoaccept behaviour, ftAutAccept:
  - If set to 1, incoming file transfers shall be autoaccepted provide their size does not exceed the limit imposed by the ftWarnSize configuration parameter.
  - If set to 0, incoming files shall never be autoaccepted.

In addition to this and when ftAutAccept is set to 1, the client shall offer a setting to enable/disable the autoaccept behaviour during roaming. The default value shall be to not autoaccept while roaming.

*ID\_4\_32\_1 Additional details on the configuration parameters*

Node: <x>/ftAutAccept

Leaf node that describes whether a File Transfer invitation can be automatically accepted

It is not required to be instantiated if a service provider does not enable File Transfer.

Status	Occurrence	Format	Min. Access Types
Required	ZeroOrOne	bool	Get, Replace

**Table 12: IM MO sub tree addition parameters (ftAutAccept)**

- Values:
  - 0, automatic acceptance is not possible (regardless of the size of the file).
  - 1, the File Transfer invitation shall be accepted if the size of the file is smaller than the ftWarnSize configuration parameter.
- Post-reconfiguration actions: As the client remains unregistered during configuration, there are no additional actions apart from de-registering using the old configuration and registering back using the new parameter.
- Associated HTTP XML parameter ID: “ftAutAccept”

*ID\_4\_32\_2 Warning Size*

The parameter *ftWarnSize* indicates the maximum size of the file the device accepts automatically. If the file proposed to be downloaded exceeds the amount of KB define by ftWarnSize, the device SHALL propose a manual acceptation for downloading the file.

Note the detail description is not included because this parameter is already captured in the RCS-e specification version 1.2.2 [1].

*ID\_4\_32\_3 Additional details on XML structure*

After the change, the only section of the XML which is affected is the IM section, where the new parameters are included:

```

<characteristic type="IM">
  <parm name="imCapAlwaysON" value="X"/>
  <parm name="imWarnSF" value="X"/>
  <parm name="ftWarnSize" value="X"/>
  <parm name=" ftAutAccept" value="X"/>
  <parm name="ChatAuth" value="X"/>
  <parm name="SmsFallBackAuth" value="X"/>
  <parm name="AutAccept" value="X"/>
  <parm name="AutAcceptGroupChat" value="X"/>
  <parm name="MaxSize1to1" value="X"/>
  <parm name="MaxSize1toM" value="X"/>
  <parm name="TimerIdle" value="X"/>
  <parm name="MaxSizeFileTr" value="X"/>
  <parm name="pres-srv-cap" value="X"/>
  <parm name="deferred-msg-func-uri" value="X"/>
  <parm name="max_adhoc_group_size" value="X"/>
  <parm name="conf-fcty-uri" value="X"/>
  <parm name="exploder-uri" value="X"/>
</characteristic>
    
```

**Table 13 : File Transfer Auto Acceptance parameter in configuration XML**

**ID\_4\_33 Multidevice support**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.15
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_9_1_x
<b>Publish date</b>	13.07.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

**Description**

In order to secure multidevice can be supported in the future and assuming that today there are no networks available to test the gruun functionality, it is assumed that sip.instance mechanism shall be used.

The client shall include a "sip.instance" tag, whose value is the instance ID that identifies the user agent instance being registered.

If the RCS client type is embedded and has access to the device IMEI, then sip.instance shall be the IMEI value as per 3GPP TS 24.229 (see [13]). Otherwise, the value of sip.instance shall use either:

- The value provided as part of the device/client configuration in the uuid\_Value configuration parameter (see ID\_4\_33\_2). In this case, the network shall follow one of the algorithms described in RFC4122 (see [12]), or,
- If the uuid\_Value is not provided as part of the configuration (parameter not present in the configuration or present but with an empty value), the UUID (Universal Unique Identifier) shall be generated as per RFC4122 section 4.2 and in all cases, must not be modified over time.

Note: this means that the value of the deviceID parameter defined in [1] is no longer used. As deviceID was defined as an optional parameter an Operator shall not include it in the configuration document any longer.

*ID\_4\_33\_1 Additional clarifications on sip.instance usage for multidevice support*

When an RCS client is configured to use sip.instance, all SIP requests and responses that contain a Contact header will carry the sip.instance.

When an RCS client is required to ensure that a generated SIP request is sent back to the same device that was identified through sip.instance, a new *Accept-Contact* header is

added carrying only the sip.instance tag and instance identifier value as well as the tags explicit and require described in RFC3841 (see [11]).

Regarding the support of routing based on the value of a sip.instance feature tag by an IMS core, there are two possible scenarios:

4. If the IMS core supports the procedures described in RFC3841, then any SIP request with an *Accept-Contact* header that addresses a specific RCS device is only received by that specific instance/device.
5. If not, then all the RCS clients registered using the same IMS identity will receive the SIP request. Consequently, an RCS client supporting the *sip.instance* procedures shall respond to the invite with a 486 BUSY HERE if the identifier value of the *sip.instance* tag included in the *Accept-Contact* header of that incoming SIP request does not match theirs.

*ID\_4\_33\_2 Additional details on the configuration parameters*

Node: /<x>/Other/uuid Value

Leaf node that describes a UUID which is required for the sip.instance multidevice approach. In this case the UUID is generated by the Service Provider network following the algorithm described in RFC4122 (see [12]).

Status	Occurrence	Format	Min. Access Types
Required	ZeroOrOne	chr	Get, Replace

**Table 14: Other MO sub tree addition parameters (uuid\_Value)**

- Values: A string containing the UUID value
- Post-reconfiguration actions: As the client remains unregistered during configuration, there are no additional actions apart from de-registering using the old configuration and registering back using the new parameter.
- Associated HTTP XML characteristic type: "uuid\_Value"

*ID\_4\_33\_3 Additional details on XML structure.*

After the change, the section of the XML which is affected is the OTHER section, where the new parameter is included:

```

<characteristic type="OTHER">
  <parm name="endUserConfReqId" value="X"/>
  <parm name="allowVSSave" value="X"/>
  <characteristic type=" transportProto">
    <parm name="psSignalling" value="X"/>
    <parm name="psMedia" value="X"/>
    <parm name="psRTMedia" value="X"/>
    <parm name="wifiSignalling" value="X"/>
    <parm name="wifiMedia" value="X"/>
    <parm name="wifiRTMedia" value="X"/>
  </characteristic>
  <parm name="uuid_Value" value="X"/>
</characteristic>
    
```

**Table 15: UUID parameter in configuration XML**

### ID\_4\_341-2-1 chat S&F procedure with different Operators

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.4.11, B.4
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_3_x
<b>Publish date</b>	21.08.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.08.2012

#### Description

As the forward action may be initiated from another domain, e.g. as described in section B.4 of the RCS-e specification [1], a client shall only take into account the user portion of the URI received in the P-Asserted-Identity when verifying whether a received SIP INVITE request is for forwarding stored notifications. If the user part of the URI corresponds to 'rcse-standfw', the domain part shall therefore be ignored.

### ID\_4\_35 Clarification on including a Reason header

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.2.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_4_x
<b>Publish date</b>	10.12.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	10.12.2012

#### Description

At the minute, the IM-AS implementations Operators have for joyn and joyn hotfixes consider that if hosting a chat (controlling function role) an IM-AS receiving SIP BYE from a user means that the user is voluntarily leaving the chat. The problem encountered during IOT is that the SIP BYE can be generated by the UE (user requested) or by any middle element in the IMS path between the UE and the IM-AS who is hosting the chat (controlling function role). Consequently, Operators got situations where, the SIP BYE is received even the user did not initiate it making the group chat controlling function to remove the user and inform others that he/she has left.

Operators would need to distinguish a SIP BYE coming from a UE during the Group Chat session on the NNI interface, therefore the proposal is that any SIP BYE coming from a UE contains a Reason header that help Operators to distinguish the cases:

- Reason: *SIP;cause=200;text="Call completed"* shall be used when a SIP BYE is initiated from the UE
- If a controlling function receives a SIP BYE request carrying this value for the Reason header field is received in a Group Chat, the Controlling Function shall mark the user as "Departed". In any other case, the user shall remain as "booted"
- No network element (local/interconnect) shall remove this cause
- Vendors are recommended to add the Reason header in a Group Chat SIP BYE request initiated by the user. It is also recommended for an Operator's network edge equipment to add the described Reason header if not provided by the clients

Regarding IM-AS, vendors are recommended to have a setting that allows two behaviours both for hotfixes and future releases

- A user is departed ONLY if a SIP BYE with the Reason: *SIP;cause=200;text="Call completed"* headers included, is received.

- A user is departed ONLY if a SIP BYE no reason header is included or Reason: *SIP;cause=200;text="Call completed"* headers included, is received. A SIP BYE with other reason header is received, the user is marked as 'booted'.

#### **ID\_4\_36 Clarification on Idle Timer**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	Table 67
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_4_x
<b>Publish date</b>	10.12.2012
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#### **Description**

When hosting a chat on another MNO, his/her own MNO's IM-AS is in the path acting in a role that is called participating function. As a participating function, there are idle timers implemented.

In case of the idle timer for the participating function is smaller than the controlling function one (the IM-AS on the MNO where the chat is being hosted), then the user:

- Will go offline ('booted') and miss messages -> This is if the fix for Reason header described in the ID\_4\_35 is implemented
- Will appear as leaving the chat -> This is if the fix for Reason header described in the ID\_4\_35 is NOT implemented

To make sure the timers are not an issue it is recommended to:

- The IM-AS to have separated controlling and participating function idle timers
- The participating function idle timers to be set to a value sufficiently big so the controlling function (IM-AS hosting the chat) rules the idle timer
- The same rule applies to the SPG/P-CSCF MSRP/TCP media timers.
- In the future Operators should agree to a maximum group chat participating function idle timer and SPG/P-CSCF media timers.
- To set the maximum Group Chat idle timer in the controlling function to 300s
- Alternatively, another solution would be to take the IM-AS from the path for group chat in terminating cases, including two triggers:
  - Receiving an invite to participate in a group chat hosted in another network (Controlling function in an external IM-AS)
  - Rejoin to a group chat hosted in another network

#### **ID\_4\_37 Session description connection attribute**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.7.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	RCSE_ID_6_1_3
<b>Publish date</b>	22.08.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	22.08.2013

#### **Description**

If a session description provided by Originating or Terminating party during establishment of the session includes "c=" (connection) fields in both session and media levels the address provided in the media level shall have priority as defined in the RFC 4566 and [13].

### **ID\_4\_38 OPTIONS during bi-directional Video Share session**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.3.6
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	RCSE_ID_6_1_3
<b>Publish date</b>	22.08.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	22.08.2013

#### **Description**

After establishment of the bi-directional video share session client MAY send OPTIONS request without feature tags to indicate that there are no capabilities to accept additional sharing sessions. In that case remote client SHALL NOT consider that as request to terminate current sessions due to the fact that BYE was not received. Consequently client which has received such OPTIONS request should not do any actions in that case apart from hiding sharing capabilities for the user.

## **2.5 MSRP issues**

### **ID\_5\_1 MSRP reports**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.2.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_7_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	13.07.2012

#### **Description**

The client/handset should either not include the success-report request flag or to include it set to "no".

### **ID\_5\_2 MSRPoTLS implementation**

Void

### **ID\_5\_3 Optimizing File Transfer transfer time**

Void

### **ID\_5\_4 FT chunk size**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.4.6
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_5_1_1
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	21.02.2012

#### **Description**

The recommended chunk value size is 10KB.

### **ID\_5\_5 Clarification on Byte-Range header field**

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	3.2.2.2
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_5_1_1, 6_1_1, 7_1_1

<b>Publish date</b>	13.02.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	13.02.2013

**Description**

As per RFC 4975 it is not mandatory to include a Byte-Range header field into the first chunk of the MSRP message.

**2.6 RTP/RTCP issues**

**ID\_6\_1 RTCP support**

Void

**ID\_6\_2 Securing Video Share procedure**

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.8.1
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_6_1_3
<b>Publish date</b>	21.02.2012
<b>Date modified</b>	16.10.2012

**Description**

As a reminder and to avoid further confusions and regarding to the symmetric media behaviour described in the RCS-e specification version 1.2, please remember to:

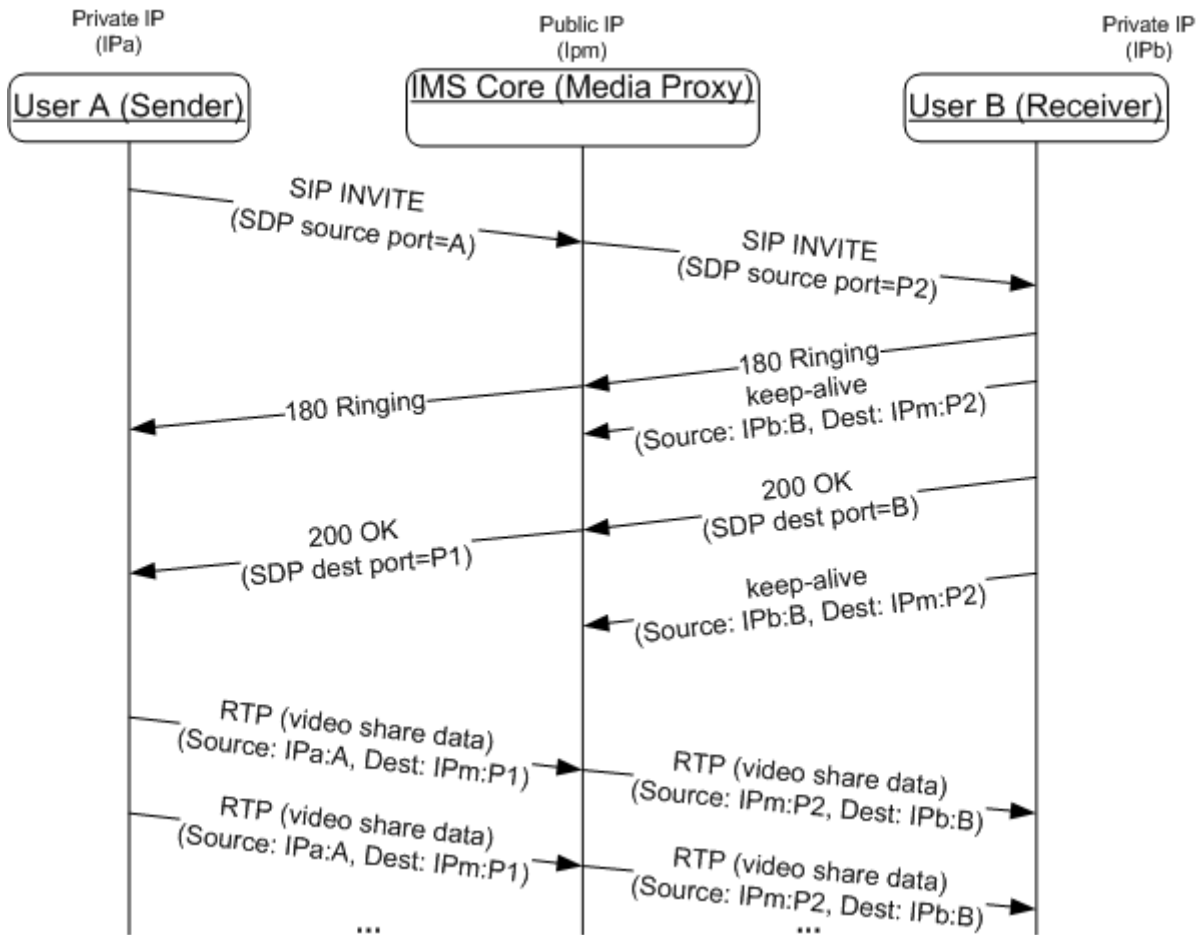
- send periodic dummy RTP at MT side just after receiving the INVITE or after sending 180 ringing, until the receipt of a first incoming RTP packet (recommended rate: 50 to 100ms) and,
- send RTCP keep alive before sending 200 OK.

The sender should allow enough time for the media path to be secured. A default value of 500ms is recommended.

This approach gives more time for the network to perform NAT binding which is beneficial to secure the mentioned binding otherwise there is a big chance the first I-Frame will be lost.

Because the binding has been completed, there is no media (RTP) packets or I-Frame being lost on the way to MT and, thus, MT can start displaying image almost instantly.





**Figure 3: Video Share secured flow**

After the receipt of the first incoming RTP packet, it is recommended that the receiver goes on with sending RTP keep-alive, but at a lower rate (15s as default interval is recommended).

Please note that in some circumstances the keep-alive messages may be forwarded on the originating UNI interface. They shall then be transparently ignored by the device.

This approach ensures the compatibility with NAT that need traffic from the internal interface to the external one to maintain the binding.

**ID\_6\_3 Video Stream handling**

<b>Type</b>	Requirement
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	N/A
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	N/A
<b>Publish date</b>	27.03.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

**Description**

For video share a joyn client shall default to transmitting a landscape mode video stream. RTP payload handling shall be as described in section 7.4.3 of [14] for the H.264 (AVC) video codec.

### ID\_6\_4 Use of the VideoShare profiles

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.7.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	RCSE_ID_6_1_3
<b>Publish date</b>	04.07.2013
<b>Date modified</b>	04.07.2013

#### Description

The originator of the Video Share session can indicate support for both Baseline (BP) and Constraint Baseline (CBP) profiles with profile-level-ids 42900B and 42D00B correspondingly.

Originator shall never use Flexible Macroblock Ordering (FMO), Arbitrary Slice Ordering (ASO), Redundant Slices (RS) features of the profile whatever the receiving party selects.

When a receiving party faces the combination of BP and CBP profiles within the same SDP offer it shall select CBP profile.

```
v=0
o=- 1323909835 1323909838 IN IP4 10.0.100.189
s=-
c=IN IP4 10.0.100.189
t=0 0
m=video 4284 RTP/AVP 118 119
a=sendrecv
a=rtpmap:118 H264/90000
a=fmtp:118 packetization-mode=1;profile-level-id=42d00b
a=rtpmap:119 H264/90000
a=fmtp:119 packetization-mode=1;profile-level-id=42900b
```

**Table 16: VideoShare with CBP profile: SDP sample**

When the SDP negotiation results in the use of the Baseline Profile, a client shall not send STAP-A packets, even when the packetization-mode has been negotiated. When accepting the use of the Constrained Baseline Profile a client shall support the use of STAP-A packets when packetization-mode 1 was negotiated.

### ID\_6\_5 Extmap local IDs

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.7.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	RCSE_ID_6_1_3
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#### Description

According to RFC 5285 during establishment of the Video Share session the SDP Answerer MAY update extmap's local identifier initially proposed by the SDP Offerer and in that case

the video share sender SHALL further use that negotiated value while sending video-orientation information in RTP packets. Although it is recommended not to change the extmap's local identifier in the SDP answer from the one in the SDP offer because there are no reasons to do that since there should only be one extension in use.

### ID\_6\_6 RTP Extensions

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.7.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	RCSE_ID_6_1_3
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#### Description

The Video Orientation Coordination information (ROT and CAM bits) SHALL be delivered by Sender of the Video stream using special RTP Extension Headers in accordance with RFC 5285, [14] and RCS5.1 specification. Consequently such information shall never be delivered in RTP Payload extensions.

### ID\_6\_7 H.264 profile-level negotiation

<b>Type</b>	Clarification
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.7.3
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	RCSE_ID_6_1_3
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#### Description

In accordance with RFC 6184 if during establishment of the Video Share session the Terminating party doesn't support H.264 profile-level (e.g. 1.3) indicated in the SDP offer that Terminating party SHALL reply with a lower supported level (e.g. 1b) instead of sending a failure report (e.g. 415 Unsupported Media Type) and consequently showing bad user experience (user won't able to start a video session).

## 2.7 End User Confirmation Request (EUCR) issues

### ID\_7\_1 EUCR Clarifications

Void

### ID\_7\_2 Terms and Conditions

<b>Type</b>	Recommendation
<b>Related spec [1] clause</b>	2.14
<b>Related TC [2] ID</b>	ID_RCSE_10_x_x
<b>Publish date</b>	04.07.2013
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#### Description

End User Confirmation Requests may in a network implementation be used for a variety of use cases that require communication to an end user. A client shall therefore not implement any behaviour related to it apart from what has been described in section 2.14 of [1]. Specifically, an implementation shall not assume that End User Confirmation Requests will be used for providing client-initiated Terms and Conditions to a user: once configured a

client shall be fully functional and NOT wait for the first End User Confirmation Request to be accepted before enabling the joyn functionality nor shall it perform any action when a user rejects an End User Confirmation Request. The network may trigger further actions in case user rejects EUCR.

## ANNEX A Frequently asked questions

**Q1: What is the expected behaviour if TLS/TCP connection gets terminated? Should the client ONLY re-establish the connection OR should the client initiate registration after connection establishment?**

The client should re-establish connection. I guess that the same socket will be used, if not reregistration will be needed.

**Q2: MSRP: Does the server support sending of the File in ONE chunk?**

No problem. IM Server does not limit this. Note that if chunks are big, latency will increase since IM Server does not retransmit the MSRP chunk until it is completely received.

**Q3: When should the UE auto-accept a session from the deferred messaging function?**

It should accept when P-Asserted-Id is rcse-standfw@domain and only for deferred notifications only (not deferred messages). It will be the a=sendonly session from this PAID with content-type:application/sdp since deferred notifications are sent over MSRP.

**Q4: What is the P-Asserted-Identity supposed to be for these 2 scenarios:**

**Incoming deferred notification:**

rcse-standfw@domain.

**Incoming deferred IM:**

Up to MNO, these messages can be rejected. You will know it is deferred messaging because content-type is multipart/mixed, with a Referred-by header containing the tel-uri (currently is sip-uri but this will be modified today) of the originator, and a PAID that is a different uri.

**Q5: Should the UE auto-accept for deferred IM as well?**

No, that is why PAID can be different

**Q6: Hiding Identities in CPIM / IMDN. This is a new requirement due to security issues over WIFI. Does this apply to messages carrying IMDN only, and not to messages carrying actual text messages?**

Both. To avoid dropping of media part over WI-FI (MSRP over TLS is not ready yet) anonymous@anonymous.invalid will work.

**Q7: In case of SIM swap, "backup & restore" of Configuration data should be supported. Up to how many SIM cards should be considered?**

There is a proposal to support up to 3 SIMs for backup & restore of configuration.

**Q8: A clarification for Store and Forward call flow (RCS-e spec, section B.3) is required**

- User A is Sending Invite to User B.
- Since User B is offline, Server has accepted the session on behalf of User B.

- User A sends Messages to User B which is stored at server.
- User B comes online, Server start sending Deferred Messages to User B.
- User B Accepts the session and start receiving the stored message from server and send the Delivery and Display notification to server which in turn send the notification to user A.
- After all the stored message has been delivered then server will send the BYE to User B.

Hence, from a Client side handling, we are having difficulty in understanding, what should be the behaviour and when we need to accept-1st call and when we need to accept 2nd incoming call. Are we missing any information that may differ between Session-1 and Session-2 from A's side?

User B at any time may send a new INVITE to user A, and that would cause user A to accept that session and tear down the one it has with the IM Server on behalf of user B. The INVITE will not be rejected with a 486 - it would be the normal procedures where user A's device accepts a new INVITE from the same user, i.e. B, as per b) in section 3.2.4.12 in RCS-e spec:

Device switching (as per the RCS Release 2 OMA-SIMPLE-IM endorsement):

...

If user B changes from one device B1 to another B2 by just sending a new message to the chat from the new device B2. It will send a new INVITE with the message in the subject field as usual that will go to A's device. When A's device detects a new INVITE session from a user (B) which already has an established session it shall end it and accept the new one. All subsequent messages will be received only by device B2. Device B2 must then store the received messages and display them appropriately. If A still has delivery and displayed reports for Device B1, they should be sent before A's device tears down the old session."

**Q9: Passing a fingerprint is only for the case using TLS in Peer-to-Peer Mode and there are no service using MSRP in Peer-to-Peer Mode in RCS-e. Should a client support 'fingerprint' mechanism? If yes, should a client support all features including 'Identity' and 'Identity-Info' header fields in RFC 4474?**

No, the behaviour of the SBC in MSRP is B2BUA, therefore, the client has only to negotiate with the SBC and the mentioned headers do not need to be supported by the client.

**Q10: Does the value of the 'Setup' SDP attribute have an impact on the direction of the MSRP traffic?**

No. This attribute only indicates which of the end points should initiate the TCP connection establishment (i.e., send the initial TCP SYN).

Once the session is established and when not in recvonly or sendonly modes, any MSRP end-point shall be ready to send or receive MSRP packets.

**Q11: What is the need of MSRP SEND empty packets?**

MSRP SEND empty packets are used to ensure that the session matching process takes place ASAP. MSRP SEND empty packets should be handled as non-empty packets (i.e. responded with an MSRP 200 OK).

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