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## 1 Scope

The present document provides the stage 3 specification of the Gw and Gwn reference points. The functional requirements and the stage 2 specifications of the Gw and Gwn reference points are specified in 3GPP TS 23.203 [2]. The Gw reference point lies between the Packet Flow Description Function (PFDF) and the Policy and Charging Enforcement Function (PCEF). The Gwn reference point lies between the Packet Flow Description Function (PFDF) and the Traffic Detection Function (TDF).

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 23.203: "Policy and charging control architecture".
- [3] 3GPP TS 29.213: "Policy and Charging Control signalling flows and QoS parameter mapping"
- [4] 3GPP TS 23.682: "Architecture enhancements to facilitate communications with packet data networks and applications".
- [5] 3GPP TS 29.212: "Policy and Charging Control (PCC); Reference points".
- [6] IETF RFC 793: "Transmission Control Protocol".
- [7] Void.
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- [9] IETF RFC 2818: "HTTP Over TLS".
- [10] IETF RFC 3986: "Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax"
- [11] IETF RFC 7159: "The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format".
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- [13] IETF RFC 6733: "Diameter Base Protocol".
- [14] 3GPP TS 29.250: "Nu reference point between SCEF and PFDF for sponsored data connectivity".
- [15] 3GPP TS 29.155: "Traffic steering control; Representational state transfer (REST) over St reference point".
- [16] IETF RFC 7230: "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP/1.1): Message Syntax and Routing".
- [17] IETF RFC 7231: "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP/1.1): Semantics and Content".
- [18] IETF RFC 7232: "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP/1.1): Conditional Requests".
- [19] IETF RFC 7233: "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP/1.1): Range Requests".