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Abstract

This document describes how to provide IPsec-based flow protection (integrity and confidentiality) by means of an Interface to Network Security Function (I2NSF) controller. It considers two main well-known scenarios in IPsec: (i) gateway-to-gateway and (ii) host-to-host. The service described in this document allows the configuration and monitoring of IPsec Security Associations (SAs) from a I2NSF Controller to one or several flow-based Network Security Functions (NSFs) that rely on IPsec to protect data traffic.

The document focuses on the I2NSF NSF-facing interface by providing YANG data models for configuring the IPsec databases (SPD, SAD, PAD) and IKEv2. This allows IPsec SA establishment with minimal intervention by the network administrator. It does not define any new protocol.

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## [1](#). Introduction

Software-Defined Networking (SDN) is an architecture that enables users to directly program, orchestrate, control and manage network resources through software. The SDN paradigm relocates the control of network resources to a centralized entity, namely SDN Controller. SDN controllers configure and manage distributed network resources and provide an abstracted view of the network resources to SDN applications. SDN applications can customize and automate the operations (including management) of the abstracted network resources in a programmable manner via this interface [[RFC7149](#)] [[ITU-T.Y.3300](#)] [[ONF-SDN-Architecture](#)] [[ONF-OpenFlow](#)].

Recently, several network scenarios now demand a centralized way of managing different security aspects. For example, Software-Defined WANs (SD-WANs). SD-WANs are an SDN extension providing a software abstraction to create secure network overlays over traditional WAN and branch networks. SD-WANs utilize IPsec [[RFC4301](#)] as an underlying security protocol. The goal of SD-WANs is to provide flexible and automated deployment from a centralized point to enable on-demand network security services such as IPsec Security Association (IPsec SA) management. Additionally, [Section 4.3.3 in \[RFC8192\]](#) describes another example use case for Cloud Data Center Scenario titled "Client-Specific Security Policy in Cloud VPNs". The use case in [RFC 8192](#) states that "dynamic key management is critical for securing the VPN and the distribution of policies". These VPNs can be established using IPsec. The management of IPsec SAs in data centers using a centralized entity is a scenario where the current specification maybe applicable.

Therefore, with the growth of SDN-based scenarios where network resources are deployed in an autonomous manner, a mechanism to manage IPsec SAs from a centralized entity becomes more relevant in the industry.

In response to this need, the Interface to Network Security Functions (I2NSF) charter states that the goal of this working group is "to define set of software interfaces and data models for controlling and monitoring aspects of physical and virtual Network Security Functions". As defined in [[RFC8192](#)] an NSF is "a function that is



used to ensure integrity, confidentiality, or availability of network communication; to detect unwanted network activity; or to block, or at least mitigate, the effects of unwanted activity". This document pays special attention to flow-based NSFs that ensure integrity and confidentiality by means of IPsec.

In fact, as [Section 3.1.9 in \[RFC8192\]](#) states "there is a need for a controller to create, manage, and distribute various keys to distributed NSFs.", however "there is a lack of a standard interface to provision and manage security associations". Inspired in the SDN paradigm, the I2NSF framework [\[RFC8329\]](#) defines a centralized entity, the I2NSF Controller, which manages one or multiple NSFs through a I2NSF NSF-Facing interface. In this document we define a service allowing the I2NSF Controller to carry out the key management procedures. More specifically, we define YANG data models for I2NSF NSF-Facing interface that allow the I2NSF Controller to configure and monitor IPsec-enabled flow-based NSFs.

IPsec architecture [\[RFC4301\]](#) defines clear separation between the processing to provide security services to IP packets and the key management procedures to establish the IPsec Security Associations, which allows to centralize the key management procedures in the I2NSF Controller. This document considers two typical scenarios to autonomously manage IPsec SAs: gateway-to-gateway and host-to-host [\[RFC6071\]](#). In these cases, hosts, gateways or both may act as NSFs. Consideration for the host-to-gateway scenario is out of scope.

For the definition of the YANG data model for I2NSF NSF-Facing interface, this document considers two general cases, namely:

- 1) IKE case. The NSF implements the Internet Key Exchange version 2 (IKEv2) protocol and the IPsec databases: the Security Policy Database (SPD), the Security Association Database (SAD) and the Peer Authorization Database (PAD). The I2NSF Controller is in charge of provisioning the NSF with the required information in the SPD, PAD (e.g. IKE credential) and IKE protocol itself (e.g. parameters for the IKE\_SA\_INIT negotiation).
- 2) IKE-less case. The NSF only implements the IPsec databases (no IKE implementation). The I2NSF Controller will provide the required parameters to create valid entries in the SPD and the SAD into the NSF. Therefore, the NSF will have only support for IPsec while key management functionality is moved to the I2NSF Controller.

In both cases, a data model for the I2NSF NSF-Facing interface is required to carry out this provisioning in a secure manner between the I2NSF Controller and the NSF. Using YANG data modelling language



version 1.1 [[RFC7950](#)] and based on YANG models defined in [[netconf-vpn](#)], [[I-D.tran-ipsecme-yang](#)], [RFC 4301](#) [[RFC4301](#)] and [RFC 7296](#) [[RFC7296](#)], this document defines the required interfaces with a YANG model for configuration and state data for IKE, PAD, SPD and SAD (see [Appendix A](#), [Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#)). The proposed YANG data model conforms to the Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA) defined in [[RFC8342](#)]. Examples of the usage of these models can be found in [Appendix D](#), [Appendix E](#) and [Appendix F](#).

In summary, the objectives of this document are:

- o To describe the architecture for the I2NSF-based IPsec management, which allows the establishment and management of IPsec security associations from the I2NSF Controller in order to protect specific data flows between two flow-based NSFs implementing IPsec.
- o To map this architecture to the I2NSF Framework.
- o To define the interfaces required to manage and monitor the IPsec SAs in the NSF from a I2NSF Controller. YANG data models are defined for configuration and state data for IPsec and IKEv2 management through the I2NSF NSF-Facing interface. Thus, this document does not define any new protocol.

## **2. Requirements Language**

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [BCP 14](#) [[RFC2119](#)] [[RFC8174](#)] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

## **3. Terminology**

This document uses the terminology described in [[RFC8329](#)], [[RFC8192](#)], [[RFC4301](#)], [[RFC7296](#)], [[RFC6241](#)], [[ITU-T.Y.3300](#)]. The following term is defined in [[ITU-T.Y.3300](#)]:

- o Software-Defined Networking.

The following terms are in defined in [[RFC8192](#)]:

- o NSF.
- o Flow-based NSF.

The following terms are defined in [[RFC4301](#)]:





- o Peer Authorization Database (PAD).
- o Security Associations Database (SAD).
- o Security Policy Database (SPD).

The following term is defined in [[RFC6437](#)]:

- o Flow/traffic flow.

The following terms is defined in [[RFC7296](#)]:

- o Internet Key Exchange version 2 (IKEv2).

The following terms are defined in [[RFC6241](#)]:

- o Configuration data.
- o Configuration datastore.
- o State data.
- o Startup configuration datastore.
- o Running configuration datastore.

#### **4. SDN-based IPsec management description**

As mentioned in [Section 1](#), two cases are considered, depending on whether the NSF implements IKEv2 or not: IKE case and IKE-less case.

##### **[4.1](#). IKE case: IKEv2/IPsec in the NSF**

In this case, the NSF implements IPsec with IKEv2 support. The I2NSF Controller is in charge of managing and applying IPsec connection information (determining which nodes need to start an IKEv2/IPsec session, identifying the type of traffic to be protected, deriving and delivering IKEv2 Credentials such as a pre-shared key, certificates, etc.), and applying other IKEv2 configuration parameters (e.g. cryptographic algorithms for establishing an IKEv2 SA) to the NSF necessary for the IKEv2 negotiation.

With these entries, the IKEv2 implementation can operate to establish the IPsec SAs. The I2NSF User establishes the IPsec requirements and information about the end points information (through the I2NSF Consumer-Facing Interface, [[RFC8329](#)]), and the I2NSF Controller translates these requirements into IKEv2, SPD and PAD entries that will be installed into the NSF (through the I2NSF NSF-Facing



Interface). With that information, the NSF can just run IKEv2 to establish the required IPsec SA (when the traffic flow needs protection). Figure 1 shows the different layers and corresponding functionality.

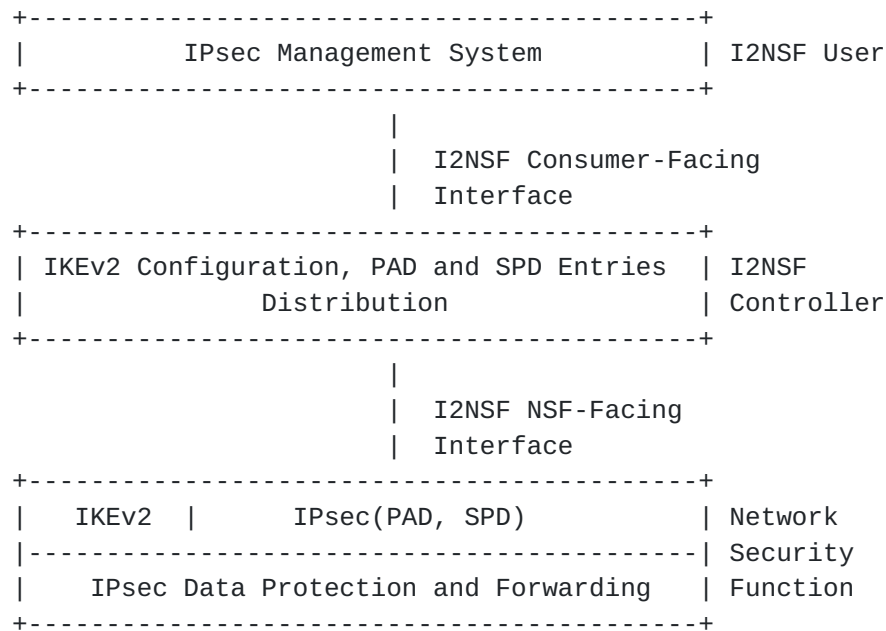


Figure 1: IKE case: IKE/IPsec in the NSF

I2NSF-based IPsec flow protection services provide dynamic and flexible management of IPsec SAs in flow-based NSFs. In order to support this capability in the IKE case, a YANG data model for IKEv2, SPD and PAD configuration data, and for IKEv2 state data MUST be defined for the I2NSF NSF-Facing Interface.

#### **4.2. IKE-less case: IPsec (no IKEv2) in the NSF.**

In this case, the NSF does not deploy IKEv2 and, therefore, the I2NSF Controller has to perform the IKEv2 security functions and management of IPsec SAs by populating and managing the SPD and the SAD.



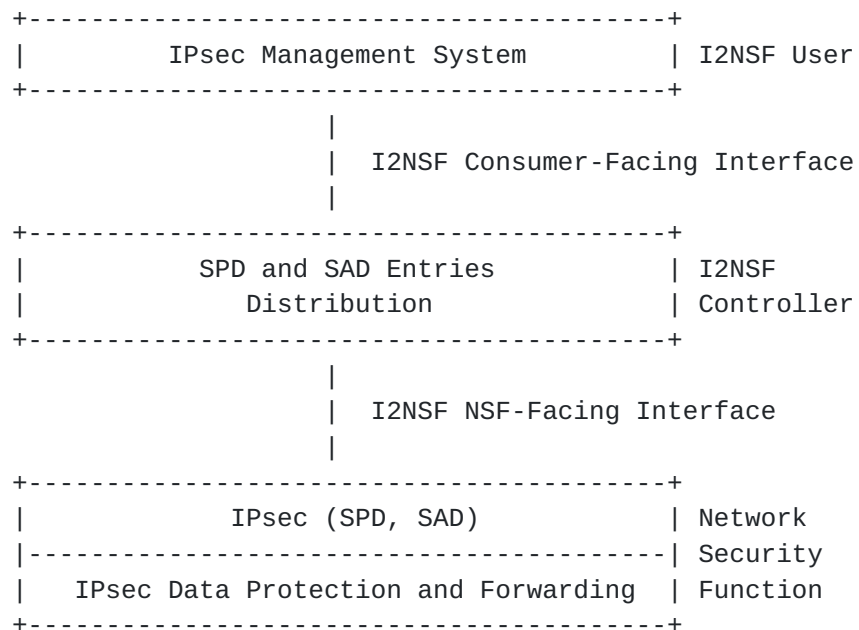


Figure 2: IKE-less case: IPsec (no IKEv2) in the NSF

As shown in Figure 2, when an I2NSF User enforces flow-based protection policies through the Consumer-Facing Interface, the I2NSF Controller translates these requirements into SPD and SAD entries, which are installed in the NSF. PAD entries are not required since there is no IKEv2 in the NSF.

In order to support the IKE-less case, a YANG data model for SPD and SAD configuration data and SAD state data MUST be defined for the NSF-Facing Interface.

Specifically, the IKE-less case assumes that the I2NSF Controller has to perform some security functions that IKEv2 typically does, namely (non-exhaustive):

- o IV generation.
- o Prevent counter resets for the same key.
- o Generation of pseudo-random cryptographic keys for the IPsec SAs.
- o Generation of the IPsec SAs when required based on notifications (i.e. sadb-acquire) from the NSF.
- o Rekey of the IPsec SAs based on notifications from the NSF (i.e. expire).



- o NAT Traversal discovery and management.

Additionally to these functions, another set of tasks must be performed by the I2NSF Controller (non-exhaustive list):

- o IPsec SA's SPI random generation.
- o Cryptographic algorithm/s selection.
- o Usage of extended sequence numbers.
- o Establishment of proper traffic selectors.

## 5. IKE case vs IKE-less case

In principle, the IKE case is easier to deploy than the IKE-less case because current flow-based NSFs (either hosts or gateways) have access to IKEv2 implementations. While gateways typically deploy an IKEv2/IPsec implementation, hosts can easily install it. As downside, the NSF needs more resources to hold IKEv2 such as memory for the IKEv2 implementation, and computation, since each IPsec security association rekeying MAY involve a Diffie-Hellman exchange.

Alternatively, IKE-less case benefits the deployment in resource-constrained NSFs. Moreover, IKEv2 does not need to be performed in gateway-to-gateway and host-to-host scenarios under the same I2NSF Controller (see [Appendix G.1](#)). On the contrary, the complexity of creating and managing IPsec SAs is shifted to the I2NSF Controller since IKEv2 is not in the NSF. As a consequence, this may result in a more complex implementation in the controller side in comparison with IKE case. For example, the I2NSF Controller has to deal with the latency existing in the path between the I2NSF Controller and the NSF, in order to solve tasks such as rekey, or creation and installation of new IPsec SAs. However, this is not specific to this contribution but a general aspect in any SDN-based network. In summary, this complexity MAY create some scalability and performance issues when the number of NSFs is high.

Nevertheless, literature around SDN-based network management using a centralized controller (like the I2NSF Controller) is aware about scalability and performance issues and solutions have been already provided and discussed (e.g. hierarchical controllers; having multiple replicated controllers, dedicated high-speed management networks, etc). In the context of I2SNF-based IPsec management, one way to reduce the latency and alleviate some performance issues can be the installation of the IPsec policies and IPsec SAs at the same time (proactive mode, as described in [Appendix G.1](#)) instead of waiting for notifications (e.g. a notification `sadb-acquire` when a





new IPsec SA is required) to proceed with the IPsec SA installation (reactive mode). Another way to reduce the overhead and the potential scalability and performance issues in the I2NSF Controller is to apply the IKE case described in this document, since the IPsec SAs are managed between NSFs without the involvement of the I2NSF Controller at all, except by the initial configuration (i.e. IKEv2, PAD and SPD entries) provided by the I2NSF Controller. Other solutions, such as Controller-IKE

[[I-D.carrel-ipsecme-controller-ike](#)], have proposed that NSFs provide their DH public keys to the I2NSF Controller, so that the I2NSF Controller distributes all public keys to all peers. All peers can calculate a unique pairwise secret for each other peer and there is no inter-NSF messages. A rekey mechanism is further described in [[I-D.carrel-ipsecme-controller-ike](#)].

In terms of security, IKE case provides better security properties than IKE-less case, as we discuss in section [Section 8](#). The main reason is that the NSFs generate the session keys and not the I2NSF Controller.

### **[5.1. Rekeying process](#)**

Performing a rekey for IPsec SAs is an important operation during the IPsec SAs management. With the YANG data models defined in this document the I2NSF Controller can configure and conduct the rekey process. Depending on the case, the rekey process is different.

For the IKE case, the rekeying process is carried out by IKEv2, following the information defined in the SPD and SAD (i.e. based on the IPsec SA lifetime established by the I2NSF Controller using the YANG data model defined in this document). Therefore, IPsec connections will live unless something different is required by the I2NSF User or the I2NSF Controller detects something wrong.

For the IKE-less case, the I2NSF Controller MUST take care of the rekeying process. When the IPsec SA is going to expire (e.g. IPsec SA soft lifetime), it MUST create a new IPsec SA and it MAY remove the old one (if a IPsec SA lifetime has not been defined). This rekeying process starts when the I2NSF Controller receives a sadb-expire notification or it decides so, based on lifetime state data obtained from the NSF. How the I2NSF Controller implements an algorithm for the rekey process is out of the scope of this document. Nevertheless, an example of how this rekey could be performed is in [Appendix G.2](#).



## **5.2. NSF state loss.**

If one of the NSF restarts, it will lose the IPsec state (affected NSF). By default, the I2NSF Controller can assume that all the state has been lost and therefore it will have to send IKEv2, SPD and PAD information to the NSF in the IKE case, and SPD and SAD information in the IKE-less case.

In both cases, the I2NSF Controller is aware of the affected NSF (e.g. the NETCONF/TCP connection is broken with the affected NSF, the I2NSF Controller is receiving sadb-bad-spi notification from a particular NSF, etc.). Moreover, the I2NSF Controller keeps a list of NSFs that have IPsec SAs with the affected NSF. Therefore, it knows the affected IPsec SAs.

In the IKE case, the I2NSF Controller will configure the affected NSF with the new IKEv2, SPD and PAD information. It has also to send new parameters (e.g. a new fresh PSK for authentication) to the NSFs which have IKEv2 SAs and IPsec SAs with the affected NSF. Finally, the I2NSF Controller will instruct the affected NSF to start the IKEv2 negotiation with the new configuration.

Alternatively, IKEv2 configuration MAY be made permanent between NSFs reboots without compromising security by means of the startup configuration datastore in the NSF. This way, each time a NSF reboots it will use that configuration for each rebooting. It would imply avoiding to contact with the I2NSF Controller.

In the IKE-less case, the I2NSF Controller SHOULD delete the old IPsec SAs in the non-failed nodes established with the affected NSF. Once the affected node restarts, the I2NSF Controller MUST take the necessary actions to reestablish IPsec protected communication between the failed node and those others having IPsec SAs with the affected NSF. How the I2NSF Controller implements an algorithm for managing a potential NSF state loss is out of the scope of this document. Nevertheless, an example of how this could be performed is described in [Appendix G.3](#).

## **5.3. NAT Traversal**

In the IKE case, IKEv2 already provides a mechanism to detect whether some of the peers or both are located behind a NAT. If there is a NAT network configured between two peers, it is required to activate the usage of UDP or TCP/TLS encapsulation for ESP packets ([[RFC3948](#)], [[RFC8229](#)]). Note that the usage of IPsec transport mode when NAT is required MUST NOT be used in this specification.



In the IKE-less case, the NSF does not have the assistance of the IKEv2 implementation to detect if it is located behind a NAT. If the NSF does not have any other mechanism to detect this situation, the I2NSF Controller SHOULD implement a mechanism to detect that case. The SDN paradigm generally assumes the I2NSF Controller has a view of the network under its control. This view is built either by requesting information from the NSFs under its control, or by information pushed from the NSFs to the I2NSF Controller. Based on this information, the I2NSF Controller MAY guess if there is a NAT configured between two hosts, and apply the required policies to both NSFs besides activating the usage of UDP or TCP/TLS encapsulation of ESP packets ([RFC3948], [RFC8229]). The interface for discovering if the NSF is behind a NAT is out of scope of this document.

If the I2NSF Controller does not have any mechanism to know whether a host is behind a NAT or not, then the IKE-case MUST be used and not the IKE-less case.

#### **5.4. NSF registration and discovery**

NSF registration refers to the process of facilitating the I2NSF Controller information about a valid NSF such as certificate, IP address, etc. This information is incorporated in a list of NSFs under its control

The assumption in this document is that, for both cases, before a NSF can operate in this system, it MUST be registered in the I2NSF Controller. In this way, when the NSF starts and establishes a connection to the I2NSF Controller, it knows that the NSF is valid for joining the system.

Either during this registration process or when the NSF connects with the I2NSF Controller, the I2NSF Controller MUST discover certain capabilities of this NSF, such as what is the cryptographic suite supported, authentication method, the support of the IKE case and/or the IKE-less case, etc.

The registration and discovery processes are out of the scope of this document.

#### **6. YANG configuration data models**

In order to support the IKE and IKE-less cases we have modeled the different parameters and values that must be configured to manage IPsec SAs. Specifically, the IKE case requires modeling IKEv2 configuration parameters, SPD and PAD, while the IKE-less case requires configuration models for the SPD and SAD. We have defined three models: `ietf-i2nsf-ikec` (Appendix A, common to both cases),



ietf-i2nsf-ike (Appendix B, IKE case), ietf-i2nsf-ikeless (Appendix C, IKE-less case). Since the model ietf-i2nsf-ikec has only typedef and groupings common to the other modules, we only show a simplified view of the ietf-i2nsf-ike and ietf-i2nsf-ikeless models.

### 6.1. IKE case model

The model related to IKEv2 has been extracted from reading IKEv2 standard in [\[RFC7296\]](#), and observing some open source implementations, such as Strongswan [\[strongswan\]](#) or Libreswan [\[libreswan\]](#).

The definition of the PAD model has been extracted from the specification in [section 4.4.3 in \[RFC4301\]](#) (NOTE: We have observed that many implementations integrate PAD configuration as part of the IKEv2 configuration).

The data model for the IKE case is defined by YANG model "ietf-i2nsf-ike". Its structure is depicted in the following diagram, using the notation syntax for YANG tree diagrams ([\[RFC8340\]](#)).

```

module: ietf-i2nsf-ike
+--rw ipsec-ike
  +--rw pad
    | +--rw pad-entry* [name]
    |   +--rw name                               string
    |   +--rw (identity)
    |     | +--:(ipv4-address)
    |     | | +--rw ipv4-address?                 inet:ipv4-address
    |     | +--:(ipv6-address)
    |     | | +--rw ipv6-address?                 inet:ipv6-address
    |     | +--:(fqdn-string)
    |     | | +--rw fqdn-string?                 inet:domain-name
    |     | +--:(rfc822-address-string)
    |     | | +--rw rfc822-address-string?       string
    |     | +--:(dnx509)
    |     | | +--rw dnx509?                       string
    |     | +--:(gnx509)
    |     | | +--rw gnx509?                       string
    |     | +--:(id-key)
    |     | | +--rw id-key?                       string
    |     | +--:(id-null)
    |     | | +--rw id-null?                      empty
    |   +--rw auth-protocol?                     auth-protocol-type
    |   +--rw peer-authentication
    |     +--rw auth-method?                     auth-method-type

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|         +--rw eap-method
|         | +--rw eap-type      uint8
|         +--rw pre-shared
|         | +--rw secret      yang:hex-string
|         +--rw digital-signature
|         | +--rw ds-algorithm?      uint8
|         | +--rw (public-key)
|         | | +--:(raw-public-key)
|         | | | +--rw raw-public-key?  binary
|         | | +--:(cert-data)
|         | |   +--rw cert-data?      binary
|         | +--rw private-key?      binary
|         | +--rw ca-data*          binary
|         | +--rw crl-data?         binary
|         | +--rw crl-uri?          inet:uri
|         | +--rw oscp-uri?         inet:uri
+--rw conn-entry* [name]
| +--rw name                      string
| +--rw autostartup?              autostartup-type
| +--rw initial-contact?         boolean
| +--rw version?                 auth-protocol-type
| +--rw fragmentation?           boolean
| +--rw ike-sa-lifetime-soft
| | +--rw rekey-time?            uint32
| | +--rw reauth-time?          uint32
| +--rw ike-sa-lifetime-hard
| | +--rw over-time?            uint32
| +--rw authalg*                 nsfikec:integrity-algorithm-type
| +--rw encalg* [id]
| | +--rw id                     uint8
| | +--rw algorithm-type?        nsfikec:encryption-algorithm-type
| | +--rw key-length?            uint16
| +--rw dh-group?                pfs-group
| +--rw half-open-ike-sa-timer?   uint32
| +--rw half-open-ike-sa-cookie-threshold?  uint32
| +--rw local
| | +--rw local-pad-entry-name    string
| +--rw remote
| | +--rw remote-pad-entry-name    string
| +--rw encapsulation-type
| | +--rw espencap?              esp-encap
| | +--rw sport?                 inet:port-number
| | +--rw dport?                 inet:port-number
| | +--rw oaddr*                 inet:ip-address
| +--rw spd
| | +--rw spd-entry* [name]
| | | +--rw name                  string
| | | +--rw ipsec-policy-config

```



```
| |   +--rw anti-replay-window?   uint64
| |   +--rw traffic-selector
| |   |   +--rw local-subnet       inet:ip-prefix
| |   |   +--rw remote-subnet     inet:ip-prefix
| |   |   +--rw inner-protocol?   ipsec-inner-protocol
| |   |   +--rw local-ports* [start end]
| |   |   |   +--rw start         inet:port-number
| |   |   |   +--rw end          inet:port-number
| |   |   +--rw remote-ports* [start end]
| |   |       +--rw start         inet:port-number
| |   |       +--rw end          inet:port-number
| |   +--rw processing-info
| |   |   +--rw action?           ipsec-spd-action
| |   |   +--rw ipsec-sa-cfg
| |   |   |   +--rw pfp-flag?      boolean
| |   |   |   +--rw ext-seq-num?   boolean
| |   |   |   +--rw seq-overflow?  boolean
| |   |   |   +--rw stateful-frag-check? boolean
| |   |   |   +--rw mode?         ipsec-mode
| |   |   |   +--rw protocol-parameters? ipsec-protocol-parameters
| |   |   |   +--rw esp-algorithms
| |   |   |   |   +--rw integrity* integrity-algorithm-type
| |   |   |   |   +--rw encryption* [id]
| |   |   |   |   |   +--rw id          uint8
| |   |   |   |   |   +--rw algorithm-type? nsfikec:encryption-algorithm-type
| |   |   |   |   |   +--rw key-length?   uint16
| |   |   |   |   |   +--rw tfc-pad?      boolean
| |   |   |   +--rw tunnel
| |   |   |       +--rw local         inet:ip-address
| |   |   |       +--rw remote       inet:ip-address
| |   |   |       +--rw df-bit?      enumeration
| |   |   |       +--rw bypass-dscp?  boolean
| |   |   |       +--rw dscp-mapping* inet:dscp
| |   |   |       +--rw ecn?         boolean
| |   +--rw spd-mark
| |       +--rw mark?   uint32
| |       +--rw mask?   yang:hex-string
| +--rw child-sa-info
| |   +--rw pfs-groups*          pfs-group
| |   +--rw child-sa-lifetime-soft
| |   |   +--rw time?           uint32
| |   |   +--rw bytes?          uint32
| |   |   +--rw packets?        uint32
| |   |   +--rw idle?           uint32
| |   |   +--rw action?         nsfikec:lifetime-action
| |   +--rw child-sa-lifetime-hard
| |       +--rw time?           uint32
| |       +--rw bytes?          uint32
```



```
| |      +--rw packets?    uint32
| |      +--rw idle?      uint32
| +--ro state
|   +--ro initiator?      boolean
|   +--ro initiator-ikesa-spi? ike-spi
|   +--ro responder-ikesa-spi? ike-spi
|   +--ro nat-local?      boolean
|   +--ro nat-remote?     boolean
|   +--ro encapsulation-type
|   |   +--ro espencap?   esp-encap
|   |   +--ro sport?     inet:port-number
|   |   +--ro dport?     inet:port-number
|   |   +--ro oaddr*     inet:ip-address
|   +--ro established?    uint64
|   +--ro current-rekey-time? uint64
|   +--ro current-reauth-time? uint64
+--ro number-ike-sas
    +--ro total?          uint64
    +--ro half-open?      uint64
    +--ro half-open-cookies? uint64
```

The data model consists of a unique "ipsec-ike" container defined as follows. Firstly, it contains a "pad" container that serves to configure the Peer Authentication Database with authentication information about local and remote peers. More precisely, it consists of a list of entries, each one indicating the identity, authentication method and credentials that will use a particular peer.

Next, we find a list "conn-entry" with information about the different IKE connections a peer can maintain with others. Each connection entry is composed of a wide number of parameters to configure different aspects of a particular IKE connection between two peers: local and remote peer authentication information; IKE SA configuration (soft and hard lifetimes, cryptographic algorithms, etc.); list of IPsec policies describing the type of network traffic to be secured (local/remote subnet and ports, etc.) and how must be protected (AH/ESP, tunnel/transport, cryptographic algorithms, etc.); CHILD SA configuration (soft and hard lifetimes); and, state information of the IKE connection (SPIs, usage of NAT, current expiration times, etc.).

Lastly, the "ipsec-ike" container declares a "number-ike-sas" container to specify state information reported by the IKE software related to the amount of IKE connections established.



[Appendix D](#) shows an example of IKE case configuration for a NSF, in tunnel mode (gateway-to-gateway), with NSFs authentication based on X.509 certificates.

## 6.2. IKE-less case model

For this case, the definition of the SPD model has been mainly extracted from the specification in [section 4.4.1](#) and [Appendix D in \[RFC4301\]](#), though with some changes, namely:

- o Each IPsec policy (spd-entry) contains one traffic selector, instead of a list of them. The reason is that we have observed actual kernel implementations only admit a single traffic selector per IPsec policy.
- o Each IPsec policy contains a identifier (reqid) to relate the policy with the IPsec SA. This is common in Linux-based systems.
- o Each IPsec policy has only one name and not a list of names.
- o Combined algorithms have been removed because encryption algorithms MAY include authenticated encryption with associated data (AEAD).
- o Tunnel information has been extended with information about DSCP mapping and ECN bit. The reason is that we have observed real kernel implementations accept configuration of these values.

The definition of the SAD model has been mainly extracted from the specification in [section 4.4.2 in \[RFC4301\]](#) though with some changes, namely:

- o Each IPsec SA (sad-entry) contains one traffic selector, instead of a list of them. The reason is that we have observed actual kernel implementations only admit a single traffic selector per IPsec SA.
- o Each IPsec SA contains a identifier (reqid) to relate the IPsec SA with the IPsec Policy. The reason is that we have observed real kernel implementations allow to include this value.
- o Each IPsec SA has also a name in the same way as IPsec policies.
- o Combined algorithm has been removed because encryption algorithm MAY include authenticated encryption with associated data (AEAD).
- o Tunnel information has been extended with information about Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) mapping and Explicit





Congestion Notificsation (ECN) bit. The reason is that we have observed actual kernel implementations admit the configurations of these values.

- o Lifetime of the IPsec SAs also include idle time and number of IP packets as threshold to trigger the lifetime. The reason is that we have observed actual kernel implementations allow to set these types of lifetimes.
- o Information to configure the type of encapsulation (encapsulation-type) for IPsec ESP packets in UDP ([\[RFC3948\]](#)), TCP ([\[RFC8229\]](#)) or TLS ([\[RFC8229\]](#)) has been included.

The notifications model has been defined using as reference the PF\_KEYv2 standard in [\[RFC2367\]](#).

The data model for the IKE-less case is defined by YANG model "ietf-i2nsf-ikeless". Its structure is depicted in the following diagram, using the notation syntax for YANG tree diagrams ([\[RFC8340\]](#)).

```

module: ietf-i2nsf-ikeless
+--rw ipsec-ikeless
  +--rw spd
    | +--rw spd-entry* [name]
    |   +--rw name                string
    |   +--rw direction           nsfikec:ipsec-traffic-direction
    |   +--rw reqid?              uint64
    |   +--rw ipsec-policy-config
    |     +--rw anti-replay-window? uint64
    |     +--rw traffic-selector
    |       | +--rw local-subnet    inet:ip-prefix
    |       | +--rw remote-subnet   inet:ip-prefix
    |       | +--rw inner-protocol? ipsec-inner-protocol
    |       | +--rw local-ports* [start end]
    |       | | +--rw start        inet:port-number
    |       | | +--rw end          inet:port-number
    |       | +--rw remote-ports* [start end]
    |       |   +--rw start        inet:port-number
    |       |   +--rw end          inet:port-number
    |     +--rw processing-info
    |       | +--rw action?         ipsec-spd-action
    |       | +--rw ipsec-sa-cfg
    |       |   +--rw pfp-flag?     boolean
    |       |   +--rw ext-seq-num?  boolean
    |       |   +--rw seq-overflow? boolean
    |       |   +--rw stateful-frag-check? boolean
    |       |   +--rw mode?         ipsec-mode

```



```

|      |      +---rw protocol-parameters? ipsec-protocol-parameters
|      |      +---rw esp-algorithms
|      |      | +---rw integrity* integrity-algorithm-type
|      |      | +---rw encryption* [id]
|      |      | | +---rw id                uint8
|      |      | | +---rw algorithm-type? nsfikec:encryption-algorithm-type
|      |      | | +---rw key-length?       uint16
|      |      | +---rw tfc-pad?           boolean
|      |      +---rw tunnel
|      |          +---rw local             inet:ip-address
|      |          +---rw remote            inet:ip-address
|      |          +---rw df-bit?           enumeration
|      |          +---rw bypass-dscp?      boolean
|      |          +---rw dscp-mapping*     inet:dscp
|      |          +---rw ecn?              boolean
|      +---rw spd-mark
|      +---rw mark?      uint32
|      +---rw mask?      yang:hex-string
+---rw sad
+---rw sad-entry* [name]
+---rw name                string
+---rw reqid?              uint64
+---rw ipsec-sa-config
| +---rw spi                uint32
| +---rw ext-seq-num?        boolean
| +---rw seq-number-counter? uint64
| +---rw seq-overflow?       boolean
| +---rw anti-replay-window? uint32
| +---rw traffic-selector
| | +---rw local-subnet      inet:ip-prefix
| | +---rw remote-subnet     inet:ip-prefix
| | +---rw inner-protocol?   ipsec-inner-protocol
| | +---rw local-ports* [start end]
| | | +---rw start          inet:port-number
| | | +---rw end            inet:port-number
| | +---rw remote-ports* [start end]
| |   +---rw start          inet:port-number
| |   +---rw end            inet:port-number
| +---rw protocol-parameters? nsfikec:ipsec-protocol-parameters
| +---rw mode?              nsfikec:ipsec-mode
| +---rw esp-sa
| | +---rw encryption
| | | +---rw encryption-algorithm? nsfikec:encryption-algorithm-type
| | | +---rw key?              yang:hex-string
| | | +---rw iv?              yang:hex-string
| | +---rw integrity
| |   +---rw integrity-algorithm? nsfikec:integrity-algorithm-type
| |   +---rw key?              yang:hex-string

```



```

| +--rw sa-lifetime-hard
| | +--rw time?      uint32
| | +--rw bytes?    uint32
| | +--rw packets?  uint32
| | +--rw idle?     uint32
| +--rw sa-lifetime-soft
| | +--rw time?      uint32
| | +--rw bytes?    uint32
| | +--rw packets?  uint32
| | +--rw idle?     uint32
| | +--rw action?    nsfikec:lifetime-action
| +--rw tunnel
| | +--rw local      inet:ip-address
| | +--rw remote     inet:ip-address
| | +--rw df-bit?    enumeration
| | +--rw bypass-dscp? boolean
| | +--rw dscp-mapping* inet:dscp
| | +--rw ecn?       boolean
| +--rw encapsulation-type
|   +--rw espencap?  esp-encap
|   +--rw sport?     inet:port-number
|   +--rw dport?     inet:port-number
|   +--rw oaddr*     inet:ip-address
+--ro ipsec-sa-state
  +--ro sa-lifetime-current
  | +--ro time?      uint32
  | +--ro bytes?    uint32
  | +--ro packets?  uint32
  | +--ro idle?     uint32
  +--ro replay-stats
    +--ro replay-window?      uint64
    +--ro packet-dropped?     uint64
    +--ro failed?             uint32
    +--ro seq-number-counter?  uint64

```

#### notifications:

```

+---n sadb-acquire {ikeless-notification}?
| +--ro ipsec-policy-name  string
| +--ro traffic-selector
|   +--ro local-subnet     inet:ip-prefix
|   +--ro remote-subnet    inet:ip-prefix
|   +--ro inner-protocol?  ipsec-inner-protocol
|   +--ro local-ports* [start end]
|   | +--ro start          inet:port-number
|   | +--ro end            inet:port-number
|   +--ro remote-ports* [start end]
|   | +--ro start          inet:port-number
|   | +--ro end            inet:port-number

```



```
+---n sadb-expire {ikeless-notification}?
| +--ro ipsec-sa-name      string
| +--ro soft-lifetime-expire?  boolean
| +--ro lifetime-current
|   +--ro time?      uint32
|   +--ro bytes?     uint32
|   +--ro packets?   uint32
|   +--ro idle?      uint32
+---n sadb-seq-overflow {ikeless-notification}?
| +--ro ipsec-sa-name      string
+---n sadb-bad-spi {ikeless-notification}?
    +--ro spi      uint32
```

The data model consists of a unique "ipsec-ikeless" container which, in turn, is integrated by two additional containers: "spd" and "sad". The "spd" container consists of a list of entries that conform the Security Policy Database. Compared to the IKE case data model, this part specifies a few additional parameters necessary due to the absence of an IKE software in the NSF: traffic direction to apply the IPsec policy, and a value to link an IPsec policy with its associated IPsec SAs. The "sad" container is a list of entries that conform the Security Association Database. In general, each entry allows to specify both configuration information (SPI, traffic selectors, tunnel/transport mode, cryptographic algorithms and keying material, soft/hard lifetimes, etc.) as well as state information (time to expire, replay statistics, etc.) of a concrete IPsec SA.

In addition, the module defines a set of notifications to allow the NSF inform I2NSF controller about relevant events such as IPsec SA expiration, sequence number overflow or bad SPI in a received packet.

[Appendix E](#) shows an example of IKE-less case configuration for a NSF, in transport mode (host-to-host), with NSFs authentication based on shared secrets. For the IKE-less case, [Appendix F](#) shows examples of IPsec SA expire, acquire, sequence number overflow and bad SPI notifications.

## 7. IANA Considerations

This document registers three URIs in the "ns" subregistry of the IETF XML Registry [[RFC3688](#)]. Following the format in [[RFC3688](#)], the following registrations are requested:





URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikec  
Registrant Contact: The IESG.  
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ike  
Registrant Contact: The IESG.  
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless  
Registrant Contact: The IESG.  
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

This document registers three YANG modules in the "YANG Module Names" registry [[RFC6020](#)]. Following the format in [[RFC6020](#)], the following registrations are requested:

Name: ietf-i2nsf-ikec  
Namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikec  
Prefix: nsfikec  
Reference: RFC XXXX

Name: ietf-i2nsf-ike  
Namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ike  
Prefix: nsfike  
Reference: RFC XXXX

Name: ietf-i2nsf-ikeless  
Namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless  
Prefix: nsfikels  
Reference: RFC XXXX

## 8. Security Considerations

First of all, this document shares all the security issues of SDN that are specified in the "Security Considerations" section of [[ITU-T.Y.3300](#)] and [[RFC7426](#)].

On the one hand, it is important to note that there MUST exist a security association between the I2NSF Controller and the NSFs to protect the critical information (cryptographic keys, configuration parameter, etc.) exchanged between these entities.

On the other hand, if encryption is mandatory for all traffic of a NSF, its default policy MUST be to drop (DISCARD) packets to prevent cleartext packet leaks. This default policy MUST be pre-configured in the startup configuration datastore in the NSF before the NSF contacts the I2NSF Controller. Moreover, the startup configuration datastore MUST be also pre-configured with the required ALLOW



policies that allow the NSF to communicate with the I2NSF Controller once the NSF is deployed. This pre-configuration step is not carried out by the I2NSF Controller but by some other entity before the NSF deployment. In this manner, when the NSF starts/reboots, it will always first apply the configuration in the startup configuration before contacting the I2NSF Controller.

Finally, we have divided this section in two parts in order to analyze different security considerations for both cases: NSF with IKEv2 (IKE case) and NSF without IKEv2 (IKE-less case). In general, the I2NSF Controller, as typically in the SDN paradigm, is a target for different type of attacks [[SDNSecServ](#)] and [[SDNSecurity](#)]. Thus, the I2NSF Controller is a key entity in the infrastructure and MUST be protected accordingly. In particular, the I2NSF Controller will handle cryptographic material thus the attacker may try to access this information. Although we can assume this attack is not likely to happen due to the assumed security measurements to protect the I2NSF Controller, it still deserves some analysis in the hypothetical case that the attack occurs. The impact is different depending on the IKE case or IKE-less case.

### **8.1. IKE case**

In the IKE case, the I2NSF Controller sends IKEv2 credentials (PSK, public/private keys, certificates, etc.) to the NSFs using the security association between I2NSF Controller and NSFs. The I2NSF Controller MUST NOT store the IKEv2 credentials after distributing them. Moreover, the NSFs MUST NOT allow the reading of these values once they have been applied by the I2NSF Controller (i.e. write only operations). One option is to always return the same value (i.e. all 0s) if a read operation is carried out.

If the attacker has access to the I2NSF Controller during the period of time that key material is generated, it might have access to the key material. Since these values are used during NSF authentication in IKEv2, it may impersonate the affected NSFs. Several recommendations are important.

- o IKEv2 configurations should adhere to the recommendations in [[RFC8247](#)].
- o If PSK authentication is used in IKEv2, the I2NSF Controller MUST remove the PSK immediately after generating and distributing it.
- o When public/private keys are used, the I2NSF Controller MAY generate both public key and private key. In such a case, the I2NSF Controller MUST remove the associated private key immediately after distributing them to the NSFs. Alternatively,



the NSF could generate the private key and export only the public key to the I2NSF Controller.

- o If certificates are used, the NSF MAY generate the private key and export the public key for certification to the I2NSF Controller. How the NSF generates these cryptographic material (public key/private keys) and exports the public key, is out of scope of this document.

## **8.2. IKE-less case**

In the IKE-less case, the I2NSF Controller sends the IPsec SA information to the NSF's SAD that includes the private session keys required for integrity and encryption. The I2NSF Controller MUST NOT store the keys after distributing them. Moreover, the NSFs receiving private key material MUST NOT allow the reading of these values by any other entity (including the I2NSF Controller itself) once they have been applied (i.e. write only operations) into the NSFs. Nevertheless, if the attacker has access to the I2NSF Controller during the period of time that key material is generated, it may obtain these values. In other words, the attacker might be able to observe the IPsec traffic and decrypt, or even modify and re-encrypt, the traffic between peers.

## **8.3. YANG modules**

The YANG modules specified in this document define a schema for data that is designed to be accessed via network management protocols such as NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] or RESTCONF [[RFC8040](#)]. The lowest NETCONF layer is the secure transport layer, and the mandatory-to-implement secure transport is Secure Shell (SSH) [[RFC6242](#)]. The lowest RESTCONF layer is HTTPS, and the mandatory-to-implement secure transport is TLS [[RFC8446](#)].

The Network Configuration Access Control Model (NACM) [[RFC8341](#)] provides the means to restrict access for particular NETCONF or RESTCONF users to a preconfigured subset of all available NETCONF or RESTCONF protocol operations and content.

There are a number of data nodes defined in these YANG modules that are writable/creatable/deletable (i.e., config true, which is the default). These data nodes may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. Write operations (e.g., edit-config) to these data nodes without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

For the IKE case (ietf-i2nsf-ike):



/ipsec-ike: The entire container in this module is sensitive to write operations. An attacker may add/modify the credentials to be used for the authentication (e.g. to impersonate a NSF), the trust root (e.g. changing the trusted CA certificates), the cryptographic algorithms (allowing a downgrading attack), the IPsec policies (e.g. by allowing leaking of data traffic by changing to a allow policy), and in general changing the IKE SA conditions and credentials between any NSF.

For the IKE-less case (ietf-i2nsf-ikeless):

/ipsec-ikeless: The entire container in this module is sensitive to write operations. An attacker may add/modify/delete any IPsec policies (e.g. by allowing leaking of data traffic by changing to a allow policy) in the /ipsec-ikeless/spd container, and add/modify/delete any IPsec SAs between two NSF by means of /ipsec-ikeless/sad container and, in general changing any IPsec SAs and IPsec policies between any NSF.

Some of the readable data nodes in this YANG module may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control read access (e.g., via get, get-config, or notification) to these data nodes. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

For the IKE case (ietf-i2nsf-ike):

/ipsec-ike/pad: This container includes sensitive information to read operations. This information should never be returned to a client. For example, cryptographic material configured in the NSFs: peer-authentication/pre-shared/secret and peer-authentication/digital-signature/private-key are already protected by the NACM extension "default-deny-all" in this document.

For the IKE-less case (ietf-i2nsf-ikeless):

/ipsec-ikeless/sad/sad-entry/ipsec-sa-config/esp-sa: This container includes symmetric keys for the IPsec SAs. For example, encryption/key contains a ESP encryption key value and encryption/iv contains a initialization vector value. Similarly, integrity/key has ESP integrity key value. Those values must not be read by anyone and are protected by the NACM extension "default-deny-all" in this document.





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## **Appendix A. Common YANG model for IKE and IKE-less cases**

This Appendix is Normative.

This YANG module has normative references to [\[RFC3947\]](#), [\[RFC4301\]](#), [\[RFC4303\]](#), [\[RFC8174\]](#), [\[RFC8221\]](#), [\[IANA-Protocols-Number\]](#), [\[IKEv2-Parameters\]](#), [\[IKEv2-Transform-Type-1\]](#) and [\[IKEv2-Transform-Type-3\]](#).

This YANG module has informative references to [\[RFC3948\]](#) and [\[RFC8229\]](#).

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-i2nsf-ikec@2020-10-30.yang"
```

```
module ietf-i2nsf-ikec {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikec";
  prefix "nsfikec";

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
    reference "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }

  organization "IETF I2NSF Working Group";

  contact
    "WG Web: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/i2nsf/>
    WG List: <mailto:i2nsf@ietf.org>

    Author: Rafael Marin-Lopez
           <mailto:rafa@um.es>

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           <mailto:gabilm@um.es>

    Author: Fernando Pereniguez-Garcia
           <mailto:fernando.pereniguez@ud.upct.es>

    ";

  description
    "Common Data model for the IKE and IKE-less cases
    defined by the SDN-based IPsec flow protection service.

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```



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```
revision "2020-10-30" {
  description "Initial version.";
  reference "RFC XXXX: Software-Defined Networking
(SDN)-based IPsec Flow Protection.";
}

typedef encryption-algorithm-type {
  type uint16;
  description
    "The encryption algorithm is specified with a 16-bit
    number extracted from IANA Registry. The acceptable
    values MUST follow the requirement levels for
    encryption algorithms for ESP and IKEv2.";
  reference
    "IANA; Internet Key Exchange V2 (IKEv2) Parameters;
    Transform Attribute Types; Transform Type 1 - Encryption
    Algorithm Transform IDs. RFC 8221 - Cryptographic
    Algorithm Implementation Requirements and Usage
    Guidance for Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)
    and Authentication Header (AH) and RFC 8247 -
    Algorithm Implementation Requirements and Usage
    Guidance for the Internet Key Exchange Protocol
    Version 2 (IKEv2).";
}

typedef integrity-algorithm-type {
  type uint16;
  description
    "The integrity algorithm is specified with a 16-bit
    number extracted from IANA Registry.
    The acceptable values MUST follow the requirement
```





```
    levels for encryption algorithms for ESP and IKEv2.";
reference
    "IANA; Internet Key Exchange V2 (IKEv2) Parameters;
    Transform Attribute Types; Transform Type 3 - Integrity
    Algorithm Transform IDs. RFC 8221 - Cryptographic
    Algorithm Implementation Requirements and Usage
    Guidance for Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)
    and Authentication Header (AH) and RFC 8247 -
    Algorithm Implementation Requirements and Usage
    Guidance for the Internet Key Exchange Protocol
    Version 2 (IKEv2).";
}

typedef ipsec-mode {
    type enumeration {
        enum transport {
            description
                "IPsec transport mode. No Network Address
                Translation (NAT) support.";
        }
        enum tunnel {
            description "IPsec tunnel mode.";
        }
    }
    description
        "Type definition of IPsec mode: transport or
        tunnel.";
    reference
        "Section 3.2 in RFC 4301.";
}

typedef esp-encap {
    type enumeration {
        enum espintcp {
            description
                "ESP in TCP encapsulation.";
            reference
                "RFC 8229 - TCP Encapsulation of IKE and
                IPsec Packets.";
        }
        enum espintls {
            description
                "ESP in TCP encapsulation using TLS.";
            reference
                "RFC 8229 - TCP Encapsulation of IKE and
                IPsec Packets.";
        }
        enum espinudp {
```



```
        description
            "ESP in UDP encapsulation.";
        reference
            "RFC 3948 - UDP Encapsulation of IPsec ESP
            Packets.";
    }
    enum none {
        description
            "NOT ESP encapsulation.";
    }
}
description
    "Types of ESP encapsulation when Network Address
    Translation (NAT) is present between two NSFs.";
reference
    "RFC 8229 - TCP Encapsulation of IKE and IPsec
    Packets and RFC 3948 - UDP Encapsulation of IPsec
    ESP Packets.";
}

typedef ipsec-protocol-parameters {
    type enumeration {
        enum esp { description "IPsec ESP protocol."; }
    }
    description
        "Only the Encapsulation Security Protocol (ESP) is
        supported but it could be extended in the future.";
    reference
        "RFC 4303- IP Encapsulating Security Payload
        (ESP).";
}

typedef lifetime-action {
    type enumeration {
        enum terminate-clear {
            description
                "Terminates the IPsec SA and allows the
                packets through.";
        }
        enum terminate-hold {
            description
                "Terminates the IPsec SA and drops the
                packets.";
        }
        enum replace {
            description
                "Replaces the IPsec SA with a new one:
                rekey. ";
        }
    }
}
```



```
    }
  }
  description
    "When the lifetime of an IPsec SA expires an action
    needs to be performed over the IPsec SA that
    reached the lifetime. There are three possible
    options: terminate-clear, terminate-hold and
    replace.";
  reference
    "Section 4.5 in RFC 4301";
}

typedef ipsec-traffic-direction {
  type enumeration {
    enum inbound {
      description "Inbound traffic.";
    }
    enum outbound {
      description "Outbound traffic.";
    }
  }
  description
    "IPsec traffic direction is defined in two
    directions: inbound and outbound. From a NSF
    perspective inbound means the traffic that enters
    the NSF and outbound is the traffic that is sent
    from the NSF.";
  reference
    "Section 5 in RFC 4301";
}

typedef ipsec-spd-action {
  type enumeration {
    enum protect {
      description
        "PROTECT the traffic with IPsec.";
    }
    enum bypass {
      description
        "BYPASS the traffic. The packet is forwarded
        without IPsec protection.";
    }
    enum discard {
      description
        "DISCARD the traffic. The IP packet is
        discarded.";
    }
  }
}
```



```
description
  "The action when traffic matches an IPsec security
  policy. According to RFC 4301 there are three
  possible values: BYPASS, PROTECT AND DISCARD";
reference
  "Section 4.4.1 in RFC 4301.";
}

typedef ipsec-inner-protocol {
  type union {
    type uint8;
    type enumeration {
      enum any {
        value 256;
        description
          "Any IP protocol number value.";
      }
    }
  }
}
default any;
description
  "IPsec protection can be applied to specific IP
  traffic and layer 4 traffic (TCP, UDP, SCTP, etc.)
  or ANY protocol in the IP packet payload. We
  specify the IP protocol number with an uint8 or
  ANY defining an enumerate with value 256 to
  indicate the protocol number. NOTE: In case
  of IPv6, the protocol in the IP packet payload
  is specified in the Next Header field of the IPv6
  packet.";
reference
  "Section 4.4.1.1 in RFC 4301.
  IANA Registry - Protocol Numbers.";
}

grouping encap {
  description
    "This group of nodes allows to define the type of
    encapsulation in case NAT traversal is
    required and port information.";
  leaf espencap {
    type esp-encap;
    default none;
    description
      "ESP in TCP, ESP in UDP or ESP in TLS.";
  }
  leaf sport {
    type inet:port-number;
```





```
        default 4500;
        description
            "Encapsulation source port.";
    }
    leaf dport {
        type inet:port-number;
        default 4500;
        description
            "Encapsulation destination port.";
    }

    leaf-list oaddr {
        type inet:ip-address;
        description
            "If required, this is the original address that
             was used before NAT was applied over the Packet.
            ";
    }
    reference
        "RFC 3947 and RFC 8229.";
}

grouping lifetime {
    description
        "Different lifetime values limited to an IPsec SA.";
    leaf time {
        type uint32;
        units "seconds";
        default 0;
        description
            "Time in seconds since the IPsec SA was added.
             For example, if this value is 180 seconds it
             means the IPsec SA expires in 180 seconds since
             it was added. The value 0 implies infinite.";
    }
    leaf bytes {
        type uint32;
        default 0;
        description
            "If the IPsec SA processes the number of bytes
             expressed in this leaf, the IPsec SA expires and
             should be rekeyed. The value 0 implies
             infinite.";
    }
    leaf packets {
        type uint32;
        default 0;
        description
```



```
        "If the IPsec SA processes the number of packets
        expressed in this leaf, the IPsec SA expires and
        should be rekeyed. The value 0 implies
        infinite.";
    }
    leaf idle {
        type uint32;
        units "seconds";
        default 0;
        description
            "When a NSF stores an IPsec SA, it
            consumes system resources. In an idle NSF this
            is a waste of resources. If the IPsec SA is idle
            during this number of seconds the IPsec SA
            should be removed. The value 0 implies
            infinite.";
    }
    reference
        "Section 4.4.2.1 in RFC 4301";
}

grouping port-range {
    description
        "This grouping defines a port range, such as
        expressed in RFC 4301. For example: 1500 (Start
        Port Number)-1600 (End Port Number).
        A port range is used in the Traffic Selector.";

    leaf start {
        type inet:port-number;
        description "Start port number.";
    }
    leaf end {
        type inet:port-number;
        must ' . >= ../start' {
            error-message
                "The end port number MUST be equal or greater
                than the start port number.";
        }
        description
            "End port number. To express a single port, set
            the same value as start and end.";
    }
    reference "Section 4.4.1.2 in RFC 4301";
}

grouping tunnel-grouping {
    description
```



"The parameters required to define the IP tunnel endpoints when IPsec SA requires tunnel mode. The tunnel is defined by two endpoints: the local IP address and the remote IP address.";

```
leaf local {
  type inet:ip-address;
  mandatory true;
  description
    "Local IP address' tunnel endpoint.";
}
leaf remote {
  type inet:ip-address;
  mandatory true;
  description
    "Remote IP address' tunnel endpoint.";
}
leaf df-bit {
  type enumeration {
    enum clear {
      description
        "Disable the DF (Don't Fragment) bit
        from the outer header. This is the
        default value.";
    }
    enum set {
      description
        "Enable the DF bit in the outer header.";
    }
    enum copy {
      description
        "Copy the DF bit to the outer header.";
    }
  }
  default clear;
  description
    "Allow configuring the DF bit when encapsulating
    tunnel mode IPsec traffic. RFC 4301 describes
    three options to handle the DF bit during
    tunnel encapsulation: clear, set and copy from
    the inner IP header.";
  reference
    "Section 8.1 in RFC 4301.";
}
leaf bypass-dscp {
  type boolean;
  default true;
  description
```



```
        "If DSCP (Differentiated Services Code Point)
        values in the inner header have to be used to
        select one IPsec SA among several that match
        the traffic selectors for an outbound packet";
    reference
        "Section 4.4.2.1. in RFC 4301";
}
leaf-list dscp-mapping {
    type inet:dscp;
    default 0;
    description
        "DSCP values allowed for packets carried over
        this IPsec SA.";
    reference
        "Section 4.4.2.1. in RFC 4301";
}
leaf ecn {
    type boolean;
    default false;
    description
        "Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN). If true
        copy CE bits to inner header.";
    reference
        "Section 5.1.2 and Appendix C in RFC 4301";
}
}

grouping selector-grouping {
    description
        "This grouping contains the definition of a Traffic
        Selector, which is used in the IPsec policies and
        IPsec SAs.";

    leaf local-subnet {
        type inet:ip-prefix;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "Local IP address subnet.";
    }
    leaf remote-subnet {
        type inet:ip-prefix;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "Remote IP address subnet.";
    }
}
leaf inner-protocol {
    type ipsec-inner-protocol;
    default any;
```





```
    description
      "Inner Protocol that is going to be
       protected with IPsec.";
  }
  list local-ports {
    key "start end";
    uses port-range;
    description
      "List of local ports. When the inner
       protocol is ICMP this 16 bit value
       represents code and type.
       If this list is not defined
       it is assumed that start and
       end are 0 by default (any port).";
  }
  list remote-ports {
    key "start end";
    uses port-range;
    description
      "List of remote ports. When the upper layer
       protocol is ICMP this 16 bit value represents
       code and type.If this list is not defined
       it is assumed that start and end are 0 by
       default (any port)";
  }
  reference
    "Section 4.4.1.2 in RFC 4301.";
}

grouping ipsec-policy-grouping {
  description
    "Holds configuration information for an IPsec SPD
     entry.";

  leaf anti-replay-window {
    type uint64;
    default 32;
    description
      "A 64-bit counter used to determine whether an
       inbound ESP packet is a replay.";
    reference
      "Section 4.4.2.1 in RFC 4301.";
  }
  container traffic-selector {
    description
      "Packets are selected for
       processing actions based on the IP and inner
       protocol header information, selectors,
```



```
        matched against entries in the SPD.";
        uses selector-grouping;
    reference
        "Section 4.4.4.1 in RFC 4301";
}
container processing-info {
    description
        "SPD processing. If the required processing
        action is protect, it contains the required
        information to process the packet.";
    leaf action {
        type ipsec-spd-action;
        default discard;
        description
            "If bypass or discard, container
            ipsec-sa-cfg is empty.";
    }
    container ipsec-sa-cfg {
        when "../action = 'protect'";
        description
            "IPsec SA configuration included in the SPD
            entry.";
        leaf pfp-flag {
            type boolean;
            default false;
            description
                "Each selector has a Populate From
                Packet (PFP) flag. If asserted for a
                given selector X, the flag indicates
                that the IPsec SA to be created should
                take its value (local IP address,
                remote IP address, Next Layer
                Protocol, etc.) for X from the value
                in the packet. Otherwise, the IPsec SA
                should take its value(s) for X from
                the value(s) in the SPD entry.";
        }
    }
    leaf ext-seq-num {
        type boolean;
        default false;
        description
            "True if this IPsec SA is using extended
            sequence numbers. True 64 bit counter,
            False 32 bit.";
    }
    leaf seq-overflow {
        type boolean;
        default false;
    }
}
```



```
description
  "The flag indicating whether
  overflow of the sequence number
  counter should prevent transmission
  of additional packets on the IPsec
  SA (false) and, therefore needs to
  be rekeyed, or whether rollover is
  permitted (true). If Authenticated
  Encryption with Associated Data
  (AEAD) is used (leaf
  esp-algorithms/encryption/algorithm-type)
  this flag MUST be false.";
}
leaf stateful-frag-check {
  type boolean;
  default false;
  description
    "Indicates whether (true) or not (false)
    stateful fragment checking applies to
    the IPsec SA to be created.";
}
leaf mode {
  type ipsec-mode;
  default transport;
  description
    "IPsec SA has to be processed in
    transport or tunnel mode.";
}
leaf protocol-parameters {
  type ipsec-protocol-parameters;
  default esp;
  description
    "Security protocol of the IPsec SA:
    Only ESP is supported but it could be
    extended in the future.";
}
container esp-algorithms {
  when "../protocol-parameters = 'esp'";
  description
    "Configuration of Encapsulating
    Security Payload (ESP) parameters and
    algorithms.";

  leaf-list integrity {
    type integrity-algorithm-type;
    default 0;
    ordered-by user;
    description
```



```
        "Configuration of ESP authentication
        based on the specified integrity
        algorithm. With AEAD algorithms,
        the integrity node is not used.";
    reference
        "Section 3.2 in RFC 4303";
}
list encryption {
    key id;
    ordered-by user;
    leaf id {
        type uint8;
        description
            "The index of list with the
            different encryption algorithms and
            its key-length (if required).";
    }
    leaf algorithm-type {
        type nsfikec:encryption-algorithm-type;
        default 20;
        description
            "Default value 20 (ENCR_AES_GCM_16)";
    }
    leaf key-length {
        type uint16;
        default 128;
        description
            "By default key length is 128
            bits";
    }
    description
        "Encryption or AEAD algorithm for the
        IPsec SAs. This list is ordered
        following from the higher priority to
        lower priority. First node of the
        list will be the algorithm with
        higher priority. In case the list
        is empty, then
        no encryption algorithm
        is applied (NULL).";
    reference
        "Section 3.2 in RFC 4303";
}
leaf tfc-pad {
    type boolean;
    default false;
    description
        "If Traffic Flow Confidentiality
```





```
        (TFC) padding for ESP encryption
        can be used (true) or not (false)";
    reference
        "Section 2.7 in RFC 4303";
    }
    reference
        "RFC 4303";
    }
    container tunnel {
        when "../mode = 'tunnel'";
        uses tunnel-grouping;
        description
            "IPsec tunnel endpoints definition.";
    }
    }
    reference
        "Section 4.4.1.2 in RFC 4301";
    }
    container spd-mark {
        description
            "The Mark to set for the IPsec SA of this
            connection. This option is only available
            on linux NETKEY/XFRM kernels. It can be
            used with iptables to create custom
            iptables rules using CONNMARK. It can also
            be used with Virtual Tunnel Interfaces
            (VTI) to direct marked traffic to
            specific vtiXX devices.";

        leaf mark {
            type uint32;
            default 0;
            description
                "Mark used to match XFRM policies and
                states.";
        }
        leaf mask {
            type uint32;
            default 0;
            description
                "Mask used to match XFRM policies and
                states.";
        }
    }
    }
    }
}
```

<CODE ENDS>



## [Appendix B](#). YANG model for IKE case

This Appendix is Normative.

This YANG module has normative references to [\[RFC2247\]](#), [\[RFC5280\]](#), [\[RFC4301\]](#), [\[RFC5280\]](#), [\[RFC5915\]](#), [\[RFC6991\]](#), [\[RFC7296\]](#), [\[RFC7383\]](#), [\[RFC7427\]](#), [\[RFC7619\]](#), [\[RFC8017\]](#), [\[ITU-T.X.690\]](#), [\[RFC5322\]](#), [\[RFC8174\]](#), [\[IKEv2-Auth-Method\]](#), [\[IKEv2-Transform-Type-4\]](#) and [\[IKEv2-Parameters\]](#).

This YANG module has informative references to [\[RFC8229\]](#).

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-i2nsf-ike@2020-10-30.yang"

module ietf-i2nsf-ike {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ike";
  prefix "nsfike";

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
    reference "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }

  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
    reference "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }

  import ietf-i2nsf-ikec {
    prefix nsfikec;
    reference
      "RFC XXXX: Software-Defined Networking
      (SDN)-based IPsec Flow Protection.";
  }

  import ietf-netconf-acm {
    prefix nacm;
    reference
      "RFC 8341: Network Configuration Access Control
      Model.";
  }

  organization "IETF I2NSF Working Group";

  contact
    "WG Web: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/i2nsf/>"

```



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";

description

"This module contains IPsec IKE case model for the SDN-based IPsec flow protection service. An NSF will implement this module.

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```
revision "2020-10-30" {  
  description "Initial version."  
  reference  
    "RFC XXXX: Software-Defined Networking  
    (SDN)-based IPsec Flow Protection."  
}
```

```
typedef ike-spi {  
  type uint64 { range "0..max"; }  
  description
```



```
    "Security Parameter Index (SPI)'s IKE SA.";
reference
    "Section 2.6 in RFC 7296";
}

typedef autostartup-type {
    type enumeration {
        enum add {
            description
                "IKE/IPsec configuration is only loaded into
                 IKE implementation but IKE/IPsec SA is not
                 started.";
        }
        enum on-demand {
            description
                "IKE/IPsec configuration is loaded
                 into IKE implementation. The IPsec policies
                 are transferred to the NSF's kernel but the
                 IPsec SAs are not established immediately.
                 The IKE implementation will negotiate the
                 IPsec SAs when the NSF's kernel requests it
                 (i.e. through an ACQUIRE notification).";
        }
        enum start {
            description
                "IKE/IPsec configuration is loaded
                 and transferred to the NSF's kernel, and the
                 IKEv2 based IPsec SAs are established
                 immediately without waiting any packet.";
        }
    }
    description
        "Different policies to set IPsec SA configuration
         into NSF's kernel when IKEv2 implementation has
         started.";
}

typedef pfs-group{
    type uint16;
    description
        "DH groups for IKE and IPsec SA rekey.";
    reference
        "IANA; Internet Key Exchange V2 (IKEv2) Parameters;
         Transform Attribute Types; Transform Type 4 -
         Diffie-Hellman Group Transform IDs.
         Section 3.3.2 in RFC 7296";
}
```





```
typedef auth-protocol-type {
  type enumeration {
    enum ikev2 {
      value 2;
      description
        "IKEv2 authentication protocol. It is the
        only defined right now. An enum is used for
        further extensibility.";
    }
  }
  description
    "IKE authentication protocol version specified in the
    Peer Authorization Database (PAD). It is defined as
    enumerate to allow new IKE versions in the
    future.";
  reference
    "RFC 7296.";
}

typedef auth-method-type {
  type enumeration {
    enum pre-shared {
      description
        "Select pre-shared key as the
        authentication method.";
      reference
        "RFC 7296.";
    }
    enum eap {
      description
        "Select EAP as the authentication method.";
      reference
        "RFC 7296.";
    }
    enum digital-signature {
      description
        "Select digital signature method.";
      reference
        "RFC 7296 and RFC 7427.";
    }
    enum null {
      description
        "Null authentication.";
      reference
        "RFC 7619.";
    }
  }
  description
```



```
    "Peer authentication method specified in the Peer
    Authorization Database (PAD).";
}

container ipsec-ike {
  description
    "IKE configuration for a NSF. It includes PAD
    parameters, IKE connections information and state
    data.";

  container pad {
    description
      "Configuration of Peer Authorization Database
      (PAD). The PAD contains information about IKE
      peer (local and remote). Therefore, the Security
      Controller also stores authentication
      information for this NSF and can include
      several entries for the local NSF not only
      remote peers. Storing local and remote
      information makes possible to specify that this
      NSF with identity A will use some particular
      authentication with remote NSF with identity B
      and what are the authentication mechanisms
      allowed to B.";
    list pad-entry {
      key "name";
      ordered-by user;
      description
        "Peer Authorization Database (PAD) entry. It
        is a list of PAD entries ordered by the
        I2NSF Controller.";
      leaf name {
        type string;
        description
          "PAD unique name to identify this
          entry.";
      }
      choice identity {
        mandatory true;
        description
          "A particular IKE peer will be
          identified by one of these identities.
          This peer can be a remote peer or local
          peer (this NSF).";
        reference
          "Section 4.4.3.1 in RFC 4301";
        case ipv4-address {
          leaf ipv4-address {
```



```
    type inet:ipv4-address;
    description
      "Specifies the identity as a
       single four (4) octet.";
  }
}
case ipv6-address{
  leaf ipv6-address {
    type inet:ipv6-address;
    description
      "Specifies the identity as a
       single sixteen (16) octet IPv6
       address. An example is
       2001:DB8::8:800:200C:417A.";
  }
}
case fqdn-string {
  leaf fqdn-string {
    type inet:domain-name;
    description
      "Specifies the identity as a
       Fully-QualifiedDomain Name
       (FQDN) string. An example is:
       example.com. The string MUST
       NOT contain any terminators
       (e.g., NULL, CR, etc.).";
  }
}
case rfc822-address-string {
  leaf rfc822-address-string {
    type string;
    description
      "Specifies the identity as a
       fully-qualified RFC5322 email
       address string. An example is,
       jsmith@example.com. The string
       MUST NOT contain any
       terminators e.g., NULL, CR,
       etc.).";
    reference
      "RFC 5322.";
  }
}
case dnx509 {
  leaf dnx509 {
    type string;
    description
      "Specifies the identity as a
```



```
ASN.1 X.500 Distinguished
Name. An example is
C=US,O=Example
Organisation,CN=John Smith.";
reference
  "RFC 2247.";
}
}
case gn509 {
  leaf gn509 {
    type string;
    description
      "ASN.1 X.509 GeneralName. RFC
      5280.";
  }
}
case id-key {
  leaf id-key {
    type string;
    description
      "Opaque octet stream that may be
      used to pass vendor-specific
      information for proprietary
      types of identification.";
    reference
      "Section 3.5 in RFC 7296.";
  }
}
case id-null {
  leaf id-null {
    type empty;
    description
      "ID_NULL identification used
      when IKE identification payload
      is not used." ;
    reference
      "RFC 7619.";
  }
}
}

leaf auth-protocol {
  type auth-protocol-type;
  default ikev2;
  description
    "Only IKEv2 is supported right now but
    other authentication protocols may be
    supported in the future.";
```





```
}
container peer-authentication {
  description
    "This container allows the Security
    Controller to configure the
    authentication method (pre-shared key,
    eap, digital-signature, null) that
    will use a particular peer and the
    credentials, which will depend on the
    selected authentication method.";

  leaf auth-method {
    type auth-method-type;
    default pre-shared;
    description
      "Type of authentication method
      (pre-shared, eap, digital signature,
      null).";
    reference
      "Section 2.15 in RFC 7296";
  }
  container eap-method {
    when "../auth-method = 'eap'";
    leaf eap-type {
      type uint8;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "EAP method type. This
        information provides the
        particular EAP method to be
        used. Depending on the EAP
        method, pre-shared keys or
        certificates may be used.";
    }
    description
      "EAP method description used when
      authentication method is 'eap'.";
    reference
      "Section 2.16 in RFC 7296";
  }
  container pre-shared {
    when
      "../auth-method[.='pre-shared' or
      .='eap']";
    leaf secret {
      nacm:default-deny-all;
      type yang:hex-string;
      mandatory true;
    }
  }
}
```



```
    description
      "Pre-shared secret value. The
      NSF has to prevent read access
      to this value for security
      reasons.";
  }
  description
    "Shared secret value for PSK or
    EAP method authentication based on
    PSK.";
}
container digital-signature {
  when
    "../auth-method[.='digital-signature'
    or .='eap']";
  leaf ds-algorithm {
    type uint8;
    default 1;
    description
      "The digital signature
      algorithm is specified with a
      value extracted from the IANA
      Registry. Default is RSA Digital
      Signature. Depending on the
      algorithm, the following leafs
      MUST contain information. For
      example if digital signature
      involves a certificate then leaf
      'cert-data' and 'private-key'
      will contain this information.";
    reference
      "IANA Registry; Internet Key
      Exchange Version 2 (IKEv2);
      Parameters; IKEv2 Authentication Method.";
  }

  choice public-key {
    mandatory true;
    leaf raw-public-key {
      type binary;
      description
        "A binary that contains the
        value of the public key. The
        interpretation of the content
        is defined by the digital
        signature algorithm. For
        example, an RSA key is
        represented as RSAPublicKey as
```



```
        defined in RFC 8017, and an
        Elliptic Curve Cryptography
        (ECC) key is represented
        using the 'publicKey'
        described in RFC 5915.";
    }

    leaf cert-data {
        type binary;
        description
            "X.509 certificate data -
            PEM4. If raw-public-key
            is defined this leaf is
            empty.";
    }
    description
        "If the I2NSF Controller
        knows that the NSF
        already owns a private key
        associated to this public key
        (the NSF generated the pair
        public key/private key out of
        band), it will only configure
        one of the leaf of this
        choice but not the leaf
        private-key. The NSF, based on
        the public key value, can know
        the private key to be used.";
}
leaf private-key {
    nacm:default-deny-all;
    type binary;
    description
        "A binary that contains the
        value of the private key. The
        interpretation of the content
        is defined by the digital
        signature algorithm. For
        example, an RSA key is
        represented as RSAPrivateKey as
        defined in RFC 8017, and an
        Elliptic Curve Cryptography
        (ECC) key is represented as
        ECPrivateKey as defined in RFC
        5915. This value is set
        if public-key is defined and
        I2NSF controller is in charge
        of configuring the
```



```
        private-key. Otherwise, it is
        not set and the value is
        kept in secret.";
    }
    leaf-list ca-data {
        type binary;
        description
            "List of trusted Certification
            Authorities (CA) certificates
            encoded using ASN.1
            distinguished encoding rules
            (DER). If it is not defined
            the default value is empty.";
    }
    leaf crl-data {
        type binary;
        description
            "A CertificateList structure, as
            specified in RFC 5280,
            encoded using ASN.1
            distinguished encoding rules
            (DER), as specified in ITU-T
            X.690. If it is not defined
            the default value is empty.";
    }
    leaf crl-uri {
        type inet:uri;
        description
            "X.509 CRL certificate URI.
            If it is not defined
            the default value is empty.";
    }
    leaf oscp-uri {
        type inet:uri;
        description
            "OCSP URI.
            If it is not defined
            the default value is empty.";
    }
    description
        "Digital Signature container.";
    } /*container digital-signature*/
    } /*container peer-authentication*/
}

list conn-entry {
    key "name";
```





```
description
  "IKE peer connection information. This list
  contains the IKE connection for this peer
  with other peers. This will be translated in
  real time by IKE Security Associations
  established with these nodes.";
leaf name {
  type string;
  description
    "Identifier for this connection
    entry.";
}
leaf autostartup {
  type autostartup-type;
  default add;
  description
    "By-default: Only add configuration
    without starting the security
    association.";
}
leaf initial-contact {
  type boolean;
  default false;
  description
    "The goal of this value is to deactivate the
    usage of INITIAL_CONTACT notification
    (true). If this flag remains to false it
    means the usage of the INITIAL_CONTACT
    notification will depend on the IKEv2
    implementation.";
}
leaf version {
  type auth-protocol-type;
  default ikev2;
  description
    "IKE version. Only version 2 is supported
    so far.";
}
leaf fragmentation {
  type boolean;
  default false;
  description
    "Whether or not to enable IKE
    fragmentation as per RFC 7383 (true or
    false).";
  reference
    "RFC 7383.";
}
```



```
container ike-sa-lifetime-soft {
  description
    "IKE SA lifetime soft. Two lifetime values
    can be configured: either rekey time of the
    IKE SA or reauth time of the IKE SA. When
    the rekey lifetime expires a rekey of the
    IKE SA starts. When reauth lifetime
    expires a IKE SA reauthentication starts.";
  leaf rekey-time {
    type uint32;
    units "seconds";
    default 0;
    description
      "Time in seconds between each IKE SA
      rekey. The value 0 means infinite.";
  }
  leaf reauth-time {
    type uint32;
    units "seconds";
    default 0;
    description
      "Time in seconds between each IKE SA
      reauthentication. The value 0 means
      infinite.";
  }
  reference
    "Section 2.8 in RFC 7296";
}
container ike-sa-lifetime-hard {
  description
    "Hard IKE SA lifetime. When this
    time is reached the IKE SA is removed.";
  leaf over-time {
    type uint32;
    units "seconds";
    default 0;
    description
      "Time in seconds before the IKE SA is
      removed. The value 0 means infinite.";
  }
  reference
    "RFC 7296";
}
leaf-list authalg {
  type nsfikec:integrity-algorithm-type;
  default 12;
  ordered-by user;
  description
```



```
    "Authentication algorithm for establishing
    the IKE SA. This list is ordered following
    from the higher priority to lower priority.
    First node of the list will be the algorithm
    with higher priority.";
}
list encalg {
  key id;
  min-elements 1;
  ordered-by user;
  leaf id {
    type uint8;
    description
      "The index of the list with the
      different encryption algorithms and its
      key-length (if required). E.g. AES-CBC,
      128 bits";
  }
  leaf algorithm-type {
    type nsfikec:encryption-algorithm-type;
    default 12;
    description
      "Default value 12 (ENCR_AES_CBC)";
  }
  leaf key-length {
    type uint16;
    default 128;
    description
      "By default key length is 128 bits";
  }
  description
    "Encryption or AEAD algorithm for the IKE
    SAs. This list is ordered following
    from the higher priority to lower priority.
    First node of the list will be the algorithm
    with higher priority.";
}
leaf dh-group {
  type pfs-group;
  default 14;
  description
    "Group number for Diffie-Hellman
    Exponentiation used during IKE_SA_INIT
    for the IKE SA key exchange.";
}
leaf half-open-ike-sa-timer {
  type uint32;
  default 0;
```



```
    description
      "Set the half-open IKE SA timeout
      duration.";
    reference
      "Section 2 in RFC 7296.";
  }
  leaf half-open-ike-sa-cookie-threshold {
    type uint32;
    default 0;
    description
      "Number of half-open IKE SAs that activate
      the cookie mechanism." ;
    reference
      "Section 2.6 in RFC 7296.";
  }
  container local {
    leaf local-pad-entry-name {
      type string;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "Local peer authentication information.
        This node points to a specific entry in
        the PAD where the authorization
        information about this particular local
        peer is stored. It MUST match a
        pad-entry-name.";
    }
    description
      "Local peer authentication information.";
  }
  container remote {
    leaf remote-pad-entry-name {
      type string;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "Remote peer authentication information.
        This node points to a specific entry in
        the PAD where the authorization
        information about this particular
        remote peer is stored. It MUST match a
        pad-entry-name.";
    }
    description
      "Remote peer authentication information.";
  }
  container encapsulation-type {
    uses nsfikec:encap;
    description
```





```
    "This container carries configuration
    information about the source and destination
    ports of encapsulation that IKE should use
    and the type of encapsulation that
    should use when NAT traversal is required.
    However, this is just a best effort since
    the IKE implementation may need to use a
    different encapsulation as
    described in RFC 8229.";
  reference
    "RFC 8229.";
}
container spd {
  description
    "Configuration of the Security Policy
    Database (SPD). This main information is
    placed in the grouping
    ipsec-policy-grouping.";
  list spd-entry {
    key "name";
    ordered-by user;
    leaf name {
      type string;
      description
        "SPD entry unique name to identify
        the IPsec policy.";
    }
  }
  container ipsec-policy-config {
    description
      "This container carries the
      configuration of a IPsec policy.";
    uses nsfikec:ipsec-policy-grouping;
  }
  description
    "List of entries which will constitute
    the representation of the SPD. Since we
    have IKE in this case, it is only
    required to send a IPsec policy from
    this NSF where 'local' is this NSF and
    'remote' the other NSF. The IKE
    implementation will install IPsec
    policies in the NSF's kernel in both
    directions (inbound and outbound) and
    their corresponding IPsec SAs based on
    the information in this SPD entry.";
}
reference
  "Section 2.9 in RFC 7296.";
```



```
}
container child-sa-info {
  leaf-list pfs-groups {
    type pfs-group;
    default 0;
    ordered-by user;
    description
      "If non-zero, perfect forward secrecy
      is required when requesting new
      IPsec SA. The non-zero value is
      the required group number. This list is
      ordered following from the higher
      priority to lower priority. First node
      of the list will be the algorithm
      with higher priority.";
  }
  container child-sa-lifetime-soft {
    description
      "Soft IPsec SA lifetime soft.
      After the lifetime the action is
      defined in this container
      in the leaf action.";
    uses nsfikec:lifetime;
    leaf action {
      type nsfikec:lifetime-action;
      default replace;
      description
        "When the lifetime of an IPsec SA
        expires an action needs to be
        performed over the IPsec SA that
        reached the lifetime. There are
        three possible options:
        terminate-clear, terminate-hold and
        replace.";
      reference
        "Section 4.5 in RFC 4301 and Section 2.8
        in RFC 7296.";
    }
  }
}
container child-sa-lifetime-hard {
  description
    "IPsec SA lifetime hard. The action will
    be to terminate the IPsec SA.";
  uses nsfikec:lifetime;
  reference
    "Section 2.8 in RFC 7296.";
}
description
```



```
    "Specific information for IPsec SAs
    SAs. It includes PFS group and IPsec SAs
    rekey lifetimes.";
}
container state {
  config false;
  leaf initiator {
    type boolean;
    description
      "It is acting as initiator for this
      connection.";
  }
  leaf initiator-ikesa-spi {
    type ike-spi;
    description
      "Initiator's IKE SA SPI.";
  }
  leaf responder-ikesa-spi {
    type ike-spi;
    description
      "Responder's IKE SA SPI.";
  }
  leaf nat-local {
    type boolean;
    description
      "True, if local endpoint is behind a
      NAT.";
  }
  leaf nat-remote {
    type boolean;
    description
      "True, if remote endpoint is behind
      a NAT.";
  }
  container encapsulation-type {
    uses nsfikec:encap;
    description
      "This container provides information
      about the source and destination
      ports of encapsulation that IKE is
      using, and the type of encapsulation
      when NAT traversal is required.";
    reference
      "RFC 8229.";
  }
  leaf established {
    type uint64;
    description
```



```
        "Seconds since this IKE SA has been
        established.";
    }
    leaf current-rekey-time {
        type uint64;
        units "seconds";
        description
            "Seconds before IKE SA MUST be rekeyed.";
    }
    leaf current-reauth-time {
        type uint64;
        units "seconds";
        description
            "Seconds before IKE SA MUST be
            re-authenticated.";
    }
    description
        "IKE state data for a particular
        connection.";
} /* ike-sa-state */
} /* ike-conn-entries */

container number-ike-sas {
    config false;
    leaf total {
        type uint64;
        description
            "Total number of active IKE SAs.";
    }
    leaf half-open {
        type uint64;
        description
            "Number of half-open active IKE SAs.";
    }
    leaf half-open-cookies {
        type uint64;
        description
            "Number of half open active IKE SAs with
            cookie activated.";
    }
    description
        "General information about the IKE SAs. In
        particular, it provides the current number of
        IKE SAs.";
}
} /* container ipsec-ike */
}
```





<CODE ENDS>

### **Appendix C. YANG model for IKE-less case**

This Appendix is Normative.

This YANG module has normative references to [\[RFC4301\]](#), [\[RFC6991\]](#), [\[RFC8174\]](#) and [\[RFC8341\]](#).

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-i2nsf-ikeless@2020-10-30.yang"

module ietf-i2nsf-ikeless {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless";

  prefix "nsfikels";

  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
    reference "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }

  import ietf-i2nsf-ikec {
    prefix nsfikec;
    reference
      "RFC XXXX: Software-Defined Networking
      (SDN)-based IPsec Flow Protection.";
  }

  import ietf-netconf-acm {
    prefix nacm;
    reference
      "RFC 8341: Network Configuration Access Control
      Model.";
  }

  organization "IETF I2NSF Working Group";

  contact
    "WG Web: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/i2nsf/>
    WG List: <mailto:i2nsf@ietf.org>

    Author: Rafael Marin-Lopez
           <mailto:rafa@um.es>
```



Author: Gabriel Lopez-Millan  
<mailto:gabilm@um.es>

Author: Fernando Pereniguez-Garcia  
<mailto:fernando.pereniguez@ud.upct.es>

";

description

"Data model for IKE-less case in the SDN-base IPsec flow protection service.

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```
revision "2020-10-30" {  
  description "Initial version."  
  reference  
    "RFC XXXX: Software-Defined Networking  
    (SDN)-based IPsec Flow Protection."  
}
```

```
feature ikeless-notification {  
  description  
    "This feature indicates that the server supports  
    generating notifications in the ikeless module.  
  
    To ensure broader applicability of this module,  
    the notifications are marked as a feature.  
    For the implementation of ikeless case,  
    the NSF is expected to implement this  
    feature."  
}
```



```
container ipsec-ikeless {
  description
    "Container for configuration of the IKE-less
    case. The container contains two additional
    containers: 'spd' and 'sad'. The first allows the
    I2NSF Controller to configure IPsec policies in
    the Security Policy Database SPD, and the second
    allows to configure IPsec Security Associations
    (IPsec SAs) in the Security Association Database
    (SAD).";
  reference "RFC 4301";

  container spd {
    description
      "Configuration of the Security Policy Database
      (SPD).";
    reference "Section 4.4.1.2 in RFC 4301";

    list spd-entry {
      key "name";
      ordered-by user;
      leaf name {
        type string;
        description
          "SPD entry unique name to identify this
          entry.";
      }
      leaf direction {
        type nsfikec:ipsec-traffic-direction;
        mandatory true;
        description
          "Inbound traffic or outbound
          traffic. In the IKE-less case the
          I2NSF Controller needs to
          specify the policy direction to be
          applied in the NSF. In the IKE case
          this direction does not need to be
          specified since IKE
          will determine the direction that
          IPsec policy will require.";
      }
      leaf reqid {
        type uint64;
        default 0;
        description
          "This value allows to link this
          IPsec policy with IPsec SAs with the
          same reqid. It is only required in
```



```
        the IKE-less model since, in the IKE
        case this link is handled internally
        by IKE.";
    }

    container ipsec-policy-config {
        description
            "This container carries the
            configuration of a IPsec policy.";
        uses nsfikec:ipsec-policy-grouping;
    }
    description
        "The SPD is represented as a list of SPD
        entries, where each SPD entry represents an
        IPsec policy.";
    } /*list spd-entry*/
} /*container spd*/

container sad {
    description
        "Configuration of the IPsec Security Association
        Database (SAD)";
    reference "Section 4.4.2.1 in RFC 4301";

    list sad-entry {
        key "name";
        ordered-by user;
        leaf name {
            type string;
            description
                "SAD entry unique name to identify this
                entry.";
        }
        leaf reqid {
            type uint64;
            default 0;
            description
                "This value allows to link this
                IPsec SA with an IPsec policy with
                the same reqid.";
        }
    }

    container ipsec-sa-config {
        description
            "This container allows configuring
            details of an IPsec SA.";
        leaf spi {
            type uint32 { range "0..max"; }
        }
    }
}
```





```
    mandatory true;
    description
      "Security Parameter Index (SPI)'s
      IPsec SA.";
  }
  leaf ext-seq-num {
    type boolean;
    default true;
    description
      "True if this IPsec SA is using
      extended sequence numbers. True 64
      bit counter, false 32 bit.";
  }
  leaf seq-number-counter {
    type uint64;
    default 0;
    description
      "A 64-bit counter when this IPsec
      SA is using Extended Sequence
      Number or 32-bit counter when it
      is not. It used to generate the
      initial Sequence Number field
      in ESP headers.";
  }
  leaf seq-overflow {
    type boolean;
    default false;
    description
      "The flag indicating whether
      overflow of the sequence number
      counter should prevent transmission
      of additional packets on the IPsec
      SA (false) and, therefore needs to
      be rekeyed, or whether rollover is
      permitted (true). If Authenticated
      Encryption with Associated Data
      (AEAD) is used (leaf
      esp-algorithms/encryption/algorithm-type)
      this flag MUST BE false.";
  }
  leaf anti-replay-window {
    type uint32;
    default 32;
    description
      "A 32-bit counter and a bit-map (or
      equivalent) used to determine
      whether an inbound ESP packet is a
      replay. If set to 0 no anti-replay
```



```
        mechanism is performed.";
    }
    container traffic-selector {
        uses nsfikec:selector-grouping;
        description
            "The IPsec SA traffic selector.";
    }
    leaf protocol-parameters {
        type nsfikec:ipsec-protocol-parameters;
        default esp;
        description
            "Security protocol of IPsec SA: Only
            ESP so far.";
    }
    leaf mode {
        type nsfikec:ipsec-mode;
        default transport;
        description
            "Tunnel or transport mode.";
    }
    container esp-sa {
        when "../protocol-parameters = 'esp'";
        description
            "In case the IPsec SA is
            Encapsulation Security Payload
            (ESP), it is required to specify
            encryption and integrity
            algorithms, and key material.";

        container encryption {
            description
                "Configuration of encryption or
                AEAD algorithm for IPsec
                Encapsulation Security Payload
                (ESP).";

            leaf encryption-algorithm {
                type nsfikec:encryption-algorithm-type;
                default 12;
                description
                    "Configuration of ESP
                    encryption. With AEAD
                    algorithms, the integrity-algorithm
                    leaf is not used.";
            }
        }

        leaf key {
            nacm:default-deny-all;
        }
    }
}
```



```
    type yang:hex-string;
    description
      "ESP encryption key value.
      If this leaf is not defined
      the key is not defined
      (e.g. encryption is NULL).
      The key length is
      determined by the
      length of the key set in
      this leaf. By default is
      128 bits.";
  }
  leaf iv {
    nacm:default-deny-all;
    type yang:hex-string;
    description
      "ESP encryption IV value. If
      this leaf is not defined the
      IV is not defined (e.g.
      encryption is NULL)";
  }
}

container integrity {
  description
    "Configuration of integrity for
    IPsec Encapsulation Security
    Payload (ESP). This container
    allows to configure integrity
    algorithm when no AEAD
    algorithms are used, and
    integrity is required.";
  leaf integrity-algorithm {
    type nsfikec:integrity-algorithm-type;
    default 12;
    description
      "Message Authentication Code
      (MAC) algorithm to provide
      integrity in ESP
      (default
      AUTH_HMAC_SHA2_256_128).
      With AEAD algorithms,
      the integrity leaf is not
      used.";
  }
  leaf key {
    nacm:default-deny-all;
    type yang:hex-string;
```



```
        description
        "ESP integrity key value.
        If this leaf is not defined
        the key is not defined (e.g.
        AEAD algorithm is chosen and
        integrity algorithm is not
        required). The key length is
        determined by the length of
        the key configured.";
    }
}
} /*container esp-sa*/

container sa-lifetime-hard {
    description
    "IPsec SA hard lifetime. The action
    associated is terminate and
    hold.";
    uses nsfikec:lifetime;
}
container sa-lifetime-soft {
    description
    "IPsec SA soft lifetime.";
    uses nsfikec:lifetime;
    leaf action {
        type nsfikec:lifetime-action;
        description
        "Action lifetime:
        terminate-clear,
        terminate-hold or replace.";
    }
}
container tunnel {
    when "../mode = 'tunnel'";
    uses nsfikec:tunnel-grouping;
    description
    "Endpoints of the IPsec tunnel.";
}
container encapsulation-type {
    uses nsfikec:encap;
    description
    "This container carries
    configuration information about
    the source and destination ports
    which will be used for ESP
    encapsulation that ESP packets the
    type of encapsulation when NAT
    traversal is in place.";
```





```
    }  
  } /*ipsec-sa-config*/  
  
  container ipsec-sa-state {  
    config false;  
    description  
      "Container describing IPsec SA state  
      data.";  
    container sa-lifetime-current {  
      uses nsfikec:lifetime;  
      description  
        "SAD lifetime current.";  
    }  
    container replay-stats {  
      description  
        "State data about the anti-replay  
        window.";  
      leaf replay-window {  
        type uint64;  
        description  
          "Current state of the replay  
          window.";  
      }  
      leaf packet-dropped {  
        type uint64;  
        description  
          "Packets detected out of the  
          replay window and dropped  
          because they are replay  
          packets.";  
      }  
      leaf failed {  
        type uint32;  
        description  
          "Number of packets detected out  
          of the replay window.";  
      }  
      leaf seq-number-counter {  
        type uint64;  
        description  
          "A 64-bit counter when this  
          IPsec SA is using Extended  
          Sequence Number or 32-bit  
          counter when it is not.  
          Current value of sequence  
          number.";  
      }  
    }  
  } /* container replay-stats*/
```



```
    } /*ipsec-sa-state*/

    description
        "List of SAD entries that conforms the SAD.";
    } /*list sad-entry*/
} /*container sad*/
}/*container ipsec-ikeless*/

/* Notifications */
notification sadb-acquire {
    if-feature ikeless-notification;
    description
        "An IPsec SA is required. The traffic-selector
        container contains information about the IP packet
        that triggers the acquire notification.";
    leaf ipsec-policy-name {
        type string;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "It contains the SPD entry name (unique) of
            the IPsec policy that hits the IP packet
            required IPsec SA. It is assumed the
            I2NSF Controller will have a copy of the
            information of this policy so it can
            extract all the information with this
            unique identifier. The type of IPsec SA is
            defined in the policy so the Security
            Controller can also know the type of IPsec
            SA that MUST be generated.";
    }
    container traffic-selector {
        description
            "The IP packet that triggered the acquire
            and requires an IPsec SA. Specifically it
            will contain the IP source/mask and IP
            destination/mask; protocol (udp, tcp,
            etc...); and source and destination
            ports.";
        uses nsfikec:selector-grouping;
    }
}

notification sadb-expire {
    if-feature ikeless-notification;
    description "An IPsec SA expiration (soft or hard).";
    leaf ipsec-sa-name {
        type string;
        mandatory true;
    }
}
```



```
    description
      "It contains the SAD entry name (unique) of
      the IPsec SA that has expired. It is assumed
      the I2NSF Controller will have a copy of the
      IPsec SA information (except the cryptographic
      material and state data) indexed by this name
      (unique identifier) so it can know all the
      information (crypto algorithms, etc.) about
      the IPsec SA that has expired in order to
      perform a rekey (soft lifetime) or delete it
      (hard lifetime) with this unique identifier.";
  }
  leaf soft-lifetime-expire {
    type boolean;
    default true;
    description
      "If this value is true the lifetime expired is
      soft. If it is false is hard.";
  }
  container lifetime-current {
    description
      "IPsec SA current lifetime. If
      soft-lifetime-expired is true this container is
      set with the lifetime information about current
      soft lifetime.";
    uses nsfikec:lifetime;
  }
}
notification sadb-seq-overflow {
  if-feature ikeless-notification;
  description "Sequence overflow notification.";
  leaf ipsec-sa-name {
    type string;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "It contains the SAD entry name (unique) of
      the IPsec SA that is about to have sequence
      number overflow and rollover is not permitted.
      It is assumed the I2NSF Controller will have
      a copy of the IPsec SA information (except the
      cryptographic material and state data) indexed
      by this name (unique identifier) so the it can
      know all the information (crypto algorithms,
      etc.) about the IPsec SA that has expired in
      order to perform a rekey of the IPsec SA.";
  }
}
notification sadb-bad-spi {
```



```

    if-feature ikeless-notification;
    description
      "Notify when the NSF receives a packet with an
       incorrect SPI (i.e. not present in the SAD).";
    leaf spi {
      type uint32 { range "0..max"; }
      mandatory true;
      description
        "SPI number contained in the erroneous IPsec
         packet.";
    }
  }
}

```

<CODE ENDS>

#### [Appendix D](#). XML configuration example for IKE case (gateway-to-gateway)

This example shows a XML configuration file sent by the I2NSF Controller to establish a IPsec Security Association between two NSFs (see Figure 3) in tunnel mode (gateway-to-gateway) with ESP, authentication based on X.509 certificates and applying the IKE case.

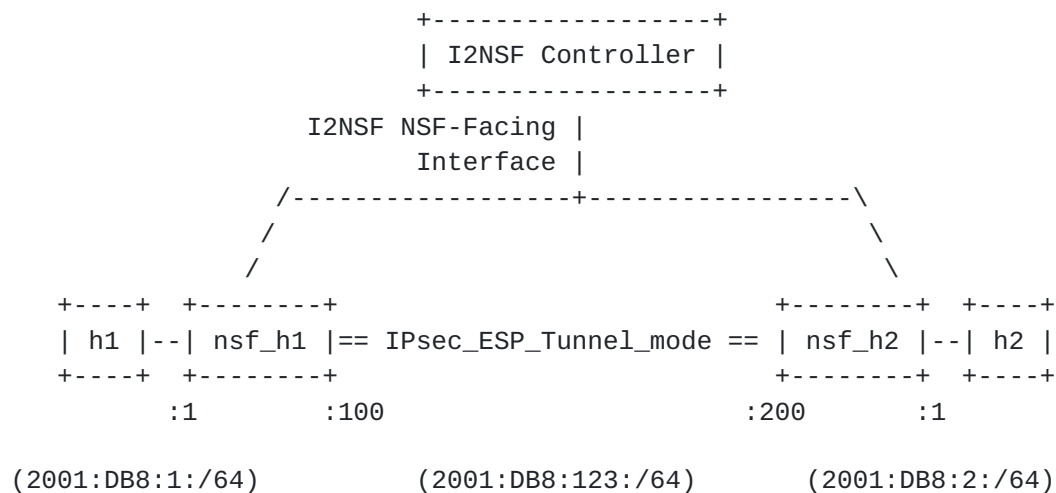


Figure 3: IKE case, tunnel mode , X.509 certificate authentication.

```

<ipsec-ike xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ike"
xmlns:nc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <pad>

```





```
<pad-entry>
  <name>nsf_h1_pad</name>
  <ipv6-address>2001:DB8:123::100</ipv6-address>
  <peer-authentication>
    <auth-method>digital-signature</auth-method>
    <digital-signature>
      <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
      <private-key>base64encodedvalue==</private-key>
      <ca-data>base64encodedvalue==</ca-data>
    </digital-signature>
  </peer-authentication>
</pad-entry>
<pad-entry>
  <name>nsf_h2_pad</name>
  <ipv6-address>2001:DB8:123::200</ipv6-address>
  <auth-protocol>ikev2</auth-protocol>
  <peer-authentication>
    <auth-method>digital-signature</auth-method>
    <digital-signature>
      <!-- RSA Digital Signature -->
      <ds-algorithm>1</ds-algorithm>
      <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
      <ca-data>base64encodedvalue==</ca-data>
    </digital-signature>
  </peer-authentication>
</pad-entry>
</pad>
<conn-entry>
  <name>nsf_h1-nsf_h2</name>
  <autostartup>start</autostartup>
  <version>ikev2</version>
  <initial-contact>>false</initial-contact>
  <fragmentation>>true</fragmentation>
  <ike-sa-lifetime-soft>
    <rekey-time>60</rekey-time>
    <reauth-time>120</reauth-time>
  </ike-sa-lifetime-soft>
  <ike-sa-lifetime-hard>
    <over-time>3600</over-time>
  </ike-sa-lifetime-hard>
  <!-- AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_160 -->
  <authalg>7</authalg>
  <!-- ENCR_AES_CBC - 128 bits -->
  <encalg>
    <id>1</id>
  </encalg>
  <!-- 8192-bit MODP Group -->
  <dh-group>18</dh-group>
```



```
<half-open-ike-sa-timer>30</half-open-ike-sa-timer>
<half-open-ike-sa-cookie-threshold>
  15
</half-open-ike-sa-cookie-threshold>
<local>
  <local-pad-entry-name>nsf_h1_pad</local-pad-entry-name>
</local>
<remote>
  <remote-pad-entry-name>nsf_h2_pad</remote-pad-entry-name>
</remote>
<spd>
  <spd-entry>
    <name>nsf_h1-nsf_h2</name>
    <ipsec-policy-config>
      <anti-replay-window>32</anti-replay-window>
      <traffic-selector>
        <local-subnet>2001:DB8:1::0/64</local-subnet>
        <remote-subnet>2001:DB8:2::0/64</remote-subnet>
        <inner-protocol>any</inner-protocol>
        <local-ports>
          <start>0</start>
          <end>0</end>
        </local-ports>
        <remote-ports>
          <start>0</start>
          <end>0</end>
        </remote-ports>
      </traffic-selector>
      <processing-info>
        <action>protect</action>
      <ipsec-sa-cfg>
        <pfp-flag>false</pfp-flag>
        <ext-seq-num>true</ext-seq-num>
        <seq-overflow>false</seq-overflow>
        <stateful-frag-check>false</stateful-frag-check>
        <mode>tunnel</mode>
        <protocol-parameters>esp</protocol-parameters>
        <esp-algorithms>
          <!-- AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96 -->
          <integrity>2</integrity>
          <encryption>
            <!-- ENCR_AES_CBC -->
            <id>1</id>
            <algorithm-type>12</algorithm-type>
            <key-length>128</key-length>
          </encryption>
          <encryption>
            <!-- ENCR_3DES -->
```



```
        <id>2</id>
        <algorithm-type>3</algorithm-type>
    </encryption>
    <tfc-pad>false</tfc-pad>
</esp-algorithms>
<tunnel>
    <local>2001:DB8:123::100</local>
    <remote>2001:DB8:123::200</remote>
    <df-bit>clear</df-bit>
    <bypass-dscp>true</bypass-dscp>
    <ecn>false</ecn>
</tunnel>
</ipsec-sa-cfg>
</processing-info>
</ipsec-policy-config>
</spd-entry>
</spd>
<child-sa-info>
    <!--8192-bit MODP Group -->
    <pfs-groups>18</pfs-groups>
    <child-sa-lifetime-soft>
        <bytes>1000000</bytes>
        <packets>1000</packets>
        <time>30</time>
        <idle>60</idle>
        <action>replace</action>
    </child-sa-lifetime-soft>
    <child-sa-lifetime-hard>
        <bytes>2000000</bytes>
        <packets>2000</packets>
        <time>60</time>
        <idle>120</idle>
    </child-sa-lifetime-hard>
</child-sa-info>
</conn-entry>
</ipsec-ike>
```

#### [Appendix E](#). XML configuration example for IKE-less case (host-to-host)

This example shows a XML configuration file sent by the I2NSF Controller to establish a IPsec Security Association between two NSFs (see Figure 4) in transport mode (host-to-host) with ESP, and applying the IKE-less case.



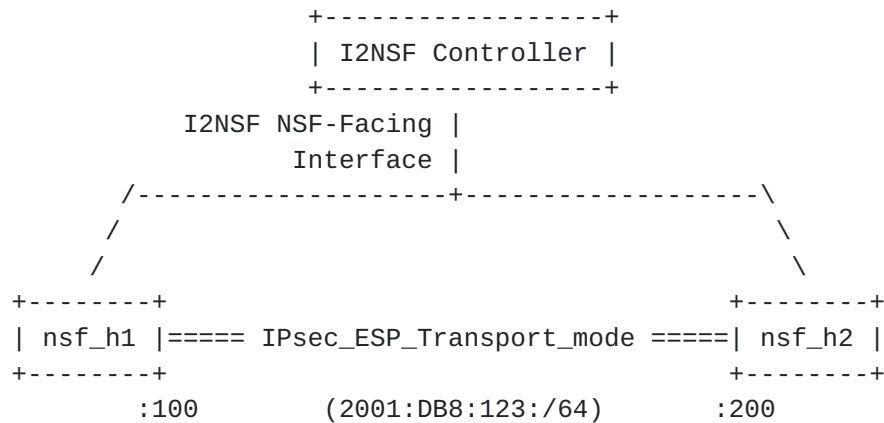


Figure 4: IKE-less case, transport mode.

```

<ipsec-ikeless
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless"
  xmlns:nc="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <spd>
    <spd-entry>
      <name>
        in/trans/2001:DB8:123::200/2001:DB8:123::100
      </name>
      <direction>inbound</direction>
      <reqid>1</reqid>
      <ipsec-policy-config>
        <traffic-selector>
          <local-subnet>2001:DB8:123::200/128</local-subnet>
          <remote-subnet>2001:DB8:123::100/128</remote-subnet>
          <inner-protocol>any</inner-protocol>
          <local-ports>
            <start>0</start>
            <end>0</end>
          </local-ports>
          <remote-ports>
            <start>0</start>
            <end>0</end>
          </remote-ports>
        </traffic-selector>
        <processing-info>
          <action>protect</action>
          <ipsec-sa-cfg>
            <ext-seq-num>true</ext-seq-num>
            <seq-overflow>true</seq-overflow>
            <mode>transport</mode>
          </ipsec-sa-cfg>
        </processing-info>
      </ipsec-policy-config>
    </spd-entry>
  </spd>
</ipsec-ikeless>
  
```





```
<protocol-parameters>esp</protocol-parameters>
<esp-algorithms>
  <!--AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96-->
  <integrity>2</integrity>
  <!--ENCR_AES_CBC -->
  <encryption>
    <id>1</id>
    <algorithm-type>12</algorithm-type>
    <key-length>128</key-length>
  </encryption>
  <encryption>
    <id>2</id>
    <algorithm-type>3</algorithm-type>
  </encryption>
</esp-algorithms>
</ipsec-sa-cfg>
</processing-info>
</ipsec-policy-config>
</spd-entry>
<spd-entry>
  <name>out/trans/2001:DB8:123::100/2001:DB8:123::200</name>
  <direction>outbound</direction>
  <reqid>1</reqid>
  <ipsec-policy-config>
    <traffic-selector>
      <local-subnet>2001:DB8:123::100/128</local-subnet>
      <remote-subnet>2001:DB8:123::200/128</remote-subnet>
      <inner-protocol>any</inner-protocol>
      <local-ports>
        <start>0</start>
        <end>0</end>
      </local-ports>
      <remote-ports>
        <start>0</start>
        <end>0</end>
      </remote-ports>
    </traffic-selector>
    <processing-info>
      <action>protect</action>
    </processing-info>
    <ipsec-sa-cfg>
      <ext-seq-num>true</ext-seq-num>
      <seq-overflow>true</seq-overflow>
      <mode>transport</mode>
      <protocol-parameters>esp</protocol-parameters>
      <esp-algorithms>
        <!-- AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96 -->
        <integrity>2</integrity>
        <!-- ENCR_AES_CBC -->
```



```
<encryption>
  <id>1</id>
  <algorithm-type>12</algorithm-type>
  <key-length>128</key-length>
</encryption>
<encryption>
  <id>2</id>
  <algorithm-type>3</algorithm-type>
</encryption>
</esp-algorithms>
</ipsec-sa-cfg>
</processing-info>
</ipsec-policy-config>
</spd-entry>
</spd>
<sad>
  <sad-entry>
    <name>out/trans/2001:DB8:123::100/2001:DB8:123::200</name>
    <reqid>1</reqid>
    <ipsec-sa-config>
      <spi>34501</spi>
      <ext-seq-num>true</ext-seq-num>
      <seq-number-counter>100</seq-number-counter>
      <seq-overflow>true</seq-overflow>
      <anti-replay-window>32</anti-replay-window>
      <traffic-selector>
        <local-subnet>2001:DB8:123::100/128</local-subnet>
        <remote-subnet>2001:DB8:123::200/128</remote-subnet>
        <inner-protocol>any</inner-protocol>
        <local-ports>
          <start>0</start>
          <end>0</end>
        </local-ports>
        <remote-ports>
          <start>0</start>
          <end>0</end>
        </remote-ports>
      </traffic-selector>
      <protocol-parameters>esp</protocol-parameters>
      <mode>transport</mode>
      <esp-sa>
        <encryption>
          <!-- //ENCR_AES_CBC -->
          <encryption-algorithm>12</encryption-algorithm>
          <key>01:23:45:67:89:AB:CE:DF</key>
          <iv>01:23:45:67:89:AB:CE:DF</iv>
        </encryption>
        <integrity>
```



```
        <!-- //AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96 -->
        <integrity-algorithm>2</integrity-algorithm>
        <key>01:23:45:67:89:AB:CE:DF</key>
    </integrity>
</esp-sa>
</ipsec-sa-config>
</sad-entry>
<sad-entry>
    <name>in/trans/2001:DB8:123::200/2001:DB8:123::100</name>
    <reqid>1</reqid>
    <ipsec-sa-config>
        <spi>34502</spi>
        <ext-seq-num>true</ext-seq-num>
        <seq-number-counter>100</seq-number-counter>
        <seq-overflow>true</seq-overflow>
        <anti-replay-window>32</anti-replay-window>
        <traffic-selector>
            <local-subnet>2001:DB8:123::200/128</local-subnet>
            <remote-subnet>2001:DB8:123::100/128</remote-subnet>
            <inner-protocol>any</inner-protocol>
            <local-ports>
                <start>0</start>
                <end>0</end>
            </local-ports>
            <remote-ports>
                <start>0</start>
                <end>0</end>
            </remote-ports>
        </traffic-selector>
        <protocol-parameters>esp</protocol-parameters>
        <mode>transport</mode>
        <esp-sa>
            <encryption>
                <!-- //ENCR_AES_CBC -->
                <encryption-algorithm>12</encryption-algorithm>
                <key>01:23:45:67:89:AB:CE:DF</key>
                <iv>01:23:45:67:89:AB:CE:DF</iv>
            </encryption>
            <integrity>
                <!-- //AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96 -->
                <integrity-algorithm>2</integrity-algorithm>
                <key>01:23:45:67:89:AB:CE:DF</key>
            </integrity>
        </esp-sa>
    </ipsec-sa-config>
    <sa-lifetime-hard>
        <bytes>2000000</bytes>
        <packets>2000</packets>
        <time>60</time>
```



```
        <idle>120</idle>
      </sa-lifetime-hard>
      <sa-lifetime-soft>
        <bytes>1000000</bytes>
        <packets>1000</packets>
        <time>30</time>
        <idle>60</idle>
        <action>replace</action>
      </sa-lifetime-soft>
    </ipsec-sa-config>
  </sad-entry>
</sad>
</ipsec-ikeless>
```

#### [Appendix F](#). XML notification examples

Below we show several XML files that represent different types of notifications defined in the IKE-less YANG model, which are sent by the NSF to the I2NSF Controller. The notifications happen in the IKE-less case.

```
<sadb-expire xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless">
  <ipsec-sa-name>in/trans/2001:DB8:123::200/2001:DB8:123::100
</ipsec-sa-name>
  <soft-lifetime-expire>true</soft-lifetime-expire>
    <lifetime-current>
      <bytes>1000000</bytes>
      <packets>1000</packets>
      <time>30</time>
      <idle>60</idle>
    </lifetime-current>
</sadb-expire>
```

Figure 5: Example of sadb-expire notification.





```
<sadb-acquire xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless">
  <ipsec-policy-name>in/trans/2001:DB8:123::200/2001:DB8:123::100
</ipsec-policy-name>
  <traffic-selector>
    <local-subnet>2001:DB8:123::200/128</local-subnet>
    <remote-subnet>2001:DB8:123::100/128</remote-subnet>
    <inner-protocol>any</inner-protocol>
    <local-ports>
      <start>0</start>
      <end>0</end>
    </local-ports>
    <remote-ports>
      <start>0</start>
      <end>0</end>
    </remote-ports>
  </traffic-selector>
</sadb-acquire>
```

Figure 6: Example of sadb-acquire notification.

```
<sadb-seq-overflow
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless">
  <ipsec-sa-name>in/trans/2001:DB8:123::200/2001:DB8:123::100
  </ipsec-sa-name>
</sadb-seq-overflow>
```

Figure 7: Example of sadb-seq-overflow notification.

```
<sadb-bad-spi
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-i2nsf-ikeless">
  <spi>666</spi>
</sadb-bad-spi>
```

Figure 8: Example of sadb-bad-spi notification.

## [Appendix G](#). Operational use cases examples

### [G.1](#). Example of IPsec SA establishment

This appendix exemplifies the applicability of IKE case and IKE-less case to traditional IPsec configurations, that is, host-to-host and gateway-to-gateway. The examples we show in the following assume the existence of two NSFs needing to establish an end-to-end IPsec SA to



protect their communications. Both NSFs could be two hosts that exchange traffic (host-to-host) or gateways (gateway-to-gateway), for example, within an enterprise that needs to protect the traffic between the networks of two branch offices.

Applicability of these configurations appear in current and new networking scenarios. For example, SD-WAN technologies are providing dynamic and on-demand VPN connections between branch offices, or between branches and SaaS cloud services. Besides, IaaS services providing virtualization environments are deployments that often rely on IPsec to provide secure channels between virtual instances (host-to-host) and providing VPN solutions for virtualized networks (gateway-to-gateway).

As we will show in the following, the I2NSF-based IPsec management system (for IKE and IKE-less cases), exhibits various advantages:

1. It allows to create IPsec SAs among two NSFs, based only on the application of general Flow-based Protection Policies at the I2NSF User. Thus, administrators can manage all security associations in a centralized point with an abstracted view of the network.
2. Any NSF deployed in the system does not need manual configuration, therefore allowing its deployment in an automated manner.

#### **G.1.1. IKE case**



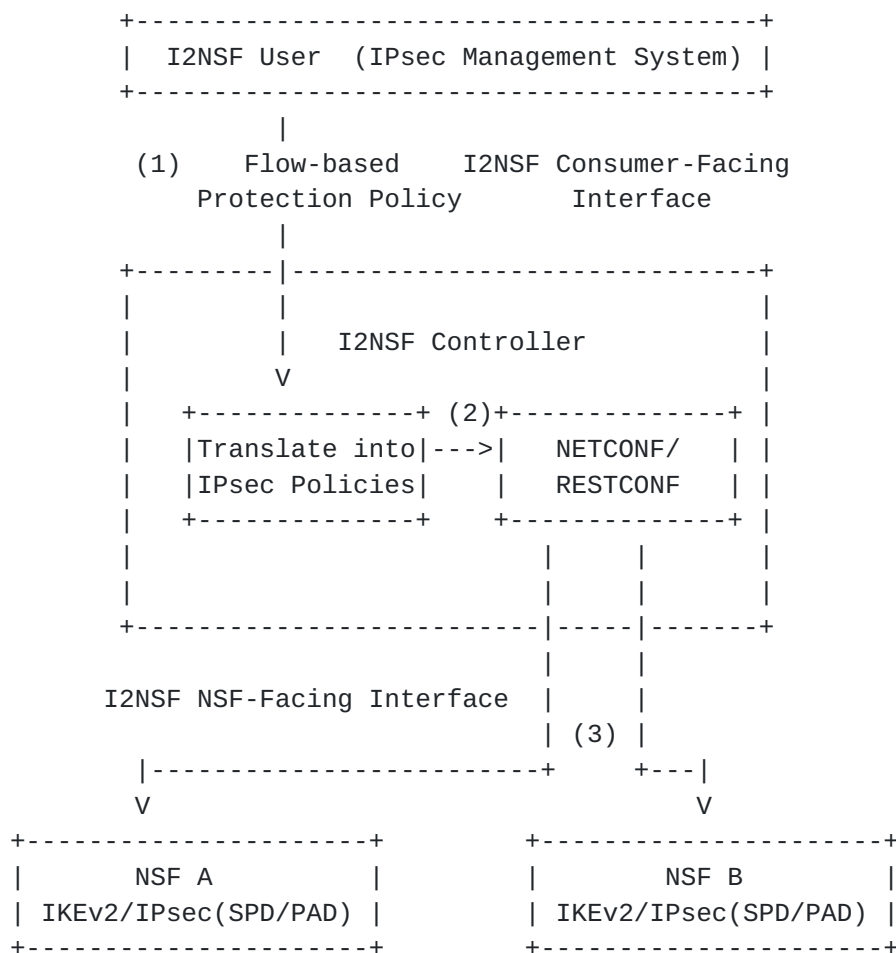


Figure 9: Host-to-host / gateway-to-gateway for the IKE case.

Figure 9 describes the application of the IKE case when a data packet needs to be protected in the path between the NSF A and NSF B:

1. The I2NSF User defines a general flow-based protection policy (e.g. protect data traffic between NSF A and B). The I2NSF Controller looks for the NSFs involved (NSF A and NSF B).
2. The I2NSF Controller generates IKEv2 credentials for them and translates the policies into SPD and PAD entries.
3. The I2NSF Controller inserts an IKEv2 configuration that includes the SPD and PAD entries in both NSF A and NSF B. If some of operations with NSF A and NSF B fail the I2NSF Controller will stop the process and perform a rollback operation by deleting any IKEv2, SPD and PAD configuration that had been successfully installed in NSF A or B.



If the previous steps are successful, the flow is protected by means of the IPsec SA established with IKEv2 between NSF A and NSF B.

#### [G.1.2.](#) IKE-less case

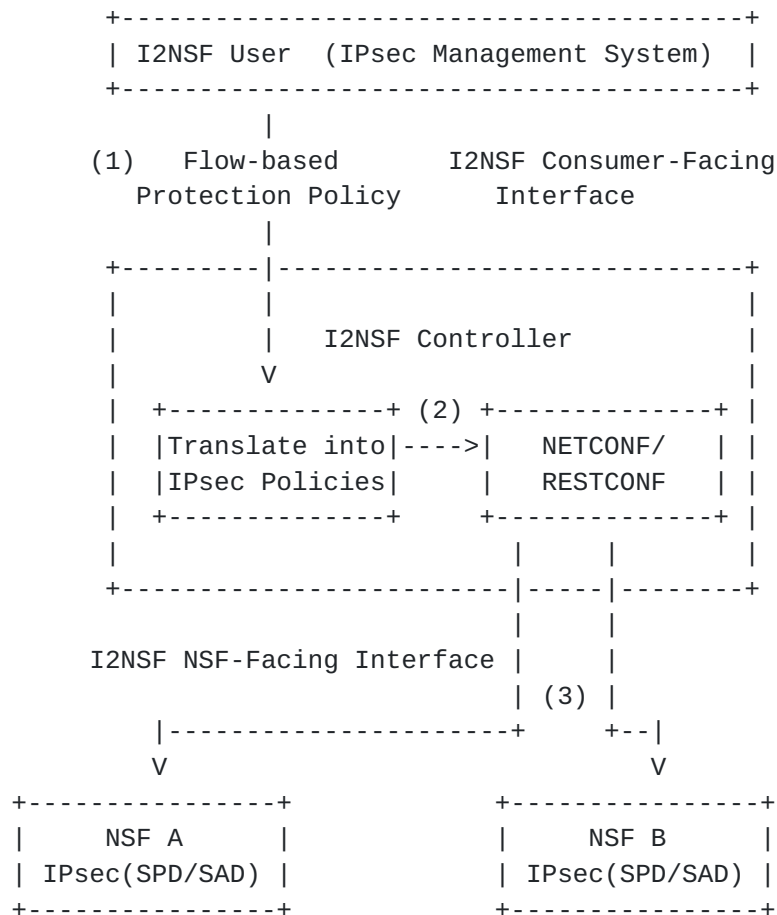


Figure 10: Host-to-host / gateway-to-gateway for IKE-less case.

Figure 10 describes the application of the IKE-less case when a data packet needs to be protected in the path between the NSF A and NSF B:

1. The I2NSF User establishes a general Flow-based Protection Policy and the I2NSF Controller looks for the involved NSFs.
2. The I2NSF Controller translates the flow-based security policies into IPsec SPD and SAD entries.
3. The I2NSF Controller inserts these entries in both NSF A and NSF B IPsec databases (SPD and SAD). The following text describes how this would happen:





- \* The I2NSF Controller chooses two random values as SPIs: for example, SPIa1 for NSF A and SPIb1 for NSF B. These numbers MUST NOT be in conflict with any IPsec SA in NSF A or NSF B. It also generates fresh cryptographic material for the new inbound/outbound IPsec SAs and their parameters.
- \* After that, the I2NSF Controller sends simultaneously the new inbound IPsec SA with SPIa1 and new outbound IPsec SA with SPIb1 to NSF A; and the new inbound IPsec SA with SPIb1 and new outbound IPsec SA with SPIa1 to B, together with the corresponding IPsec policies.
- \* Once the I2NSF Controller receives confirmation from NSF A and NSF B, it knows that the IPsec SAs are correctly installed and ready.

Other alternative to this operation is: the I2NSF Controller sends first the IPsec policies and new inbound IPsec SAs to A and B and once it obtains a successful confirmation of these operations from NSF A and NSF B, it proceeds with installing to the new outbound IPsec SAs. Even though this procedure may increase the latency to complete the process, no traffic is sent over the network until the IPsec SAs are completely operative. In any case other alternatives MAY be possible to implement step 3.

4. If some of the operations described above fail (e.g. the NSF A reports an error when the I2NSF Controller is trying to install the SPD entry, the new inbound or outbound IPsec SAs) the I2NSF Controller MUST perform rollback operations by deleting any new inbound or outbound SA and SPD entry that had been successfully installed in any of the NSFs (e.g NSF B) and stop the process. Note that the I2NSF Controller may retry several times before giving up.
5. Otherwise, if the steps 1 to 3 are successful, the flow between NSF A and NSF B is protected by means of the IPsec SAs established by the I2NSF Controller. It is worth mentioning that the I2NSF Controller associates a lifetime to the new IPsec SAs. When this lifetime expires, the NSF will send a sadb-expire notification to the I2NSF Controller in order to start the rekeying process.

Instead of installing IPsec policies (in the SPD) and IPsec SAs (in the SAD) in step 3 (proactive mode), it is also possible that the I2NSF Controller only installs the SPD entries in step 3 (reactive mode). In such a case, when a data packet requires to be protected with IPsec, the NSF that saw first the data packet will send a sadb-



acquire notification that informs the I2NSF Controller that needs SAD entries with the IPsec SAs to process the data packet. Again, if some of the operations installing the new inbound/outbound IPsec SAs fail, the I2NSF Controller stops the process and performs a rollback operation by deleting any new inbound/outbound SAs that had been successfully installed.

## **G.2. Example of the rekeying process in IKE-less case**

To explain an example of the rekeying process between two IPsec NSFs A and B, let assume that SPIa1 identifies the inbound IPsec SA in A, and SPIb1 the inbound IPsec SA in B. The rekeying process will take the following steps:

1. The I2NSF Controller chooses two random values as SPI for the new inbound IPsec SAs: for example, SPIa2 for A and SPIb2 for B. These numbers MUST NOT be in conflict with any IPsec SA in A or B. Then, the I2NSF Controller creates an inbound IPsec SA with SPIa2 in A and another inbound IPsec SA in B with SPIb2. It can send this information simultaneously to A and B.
2. Once the I2NSF Controller receives confirmation from A and B, the controller knows that the inbound IPsec SAs are correctly installed. Then it proceeds to send in parallel to A and B, the outbound IPsec SAs: the outbound IPsec SA to A with SPIb2, and the outbound IPsec SA to B with SPIa2. At this point the new IPsec SAs are ready.
3. Once the I2NSF Controller receives confirmation from A and B that the outbound IPsec SAs have been installed, the I2NSF Controller, in parallel, deletes the old IPsec SAs from A (inbound SPIa1 and outbound SPIb1) and B (outbound SPIa1 and inbound SPIb1).

If some of the operations in step 1 fail (e.g. the NSF A reports an error when the I2NSF Controller is trying to install a new inbound IPsec SA) the I2NSF Controller MUST perform rollback operations by removing any new inbound SA that had been successfully installed during step 1.

If step 1 is successful but some of the operations in step 2 fails (e.g. the NSF A reports an error when the I2NSF Controller is trying to install the new outbound IPsec SA), the I2NSF Controller MUST perform a rollback operation by deleting any new outbound SA that had been successfully installed during step 2 and by deleting the inbound SAs created in step 1.

If the steps 1 and 2 are successful but the step 3 fails, the I2NSF Controller will avoid any rollback of the operations carried out in



step 1 and step 2 since new and valid IPsec SAs were created and are functional. The I2NSF Controller may reattempt to remove the old inbound and outbound SAs in NSF A and NSF B several times until it receives a success or it gives up. In the last case, the old IPsec SAs will be removed when their corresponding hard lifetime is reached.

### **G.3. Example of managing NSF state loss in IKE-less case**

In the IKE-less case, if the I2NSF Controller detects that a NSF has lost the IPsec state, it could follow the next steps:

1. The I2NSF Controller SHOULD delete the old IPsec SAs on the non-failed nodes, established with the failed node. This prevents the non-failed nodes from leaking plaintext.
2. If the affected node restarts, the I2NSF Controller configures the new inbound IPsec SAs between the affected node and all the nodes it was talking to.
3. After these inbound IPsec SAs have been established, the I2NSF Controller configures the outbound IPsec SAs in parallel.

Step 2 and step 3 can be performed at the same time at the cost of a potential packet loss. If this is not critical then it is an optimization since the number of exchanges between I2NSF Controller and NSFs is lower.

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