

VARIABLE COMMUNICATION BANDWIDTH FOR CONFERENCE CALL INITIATION

Abstract

When a telecommunication terminal (101) initiates a conference call, it
5 first establishes low speed data links with each of the other telecommunications
terminals (104,106) that are to be part of the conference. When all users of the other
terminals (104,106) are ready for the conference, the other terminals (104,106) signal
the initiating terminal (101) which then adds the necessary bandwidth to establish a
multimedia telecommunication conference call. Since the conference call is already
10 set up, the initiating terminal (101) only has to add the necessary bandwidth to
conference call. Each participant in the conference call designates when they are
ready for the conference call to start, or may choose not to take part in the
conference call.

FIG. 1