

COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

Embodiments of this application provide a communication method and an apparatus, to ensure a multicast service data packet transmission security requirement. An access device may
5 determine a user plane security active state of a multicast DRB in a PDU session, and indicate the user plane security active state of the multicast DRB to a terminal, where the user plane security active state includes whether integrity protection is activated and/or whether confidentiality protection is activated. In addition, the access device configures a multicast PDCP layer entity based on the user plane security active state of the DRB for transmitting multicast service data.
10 The access device may further determine a user plane security active state of a unicast DRB, indicate the user plane security active state to the terminal, and modify a unicast PDCP layer entity. This not only ensures the multicast service data packet transmission security requirement, but also ensures a unicast service data packet transmission security requirement.

15 FIG. 2