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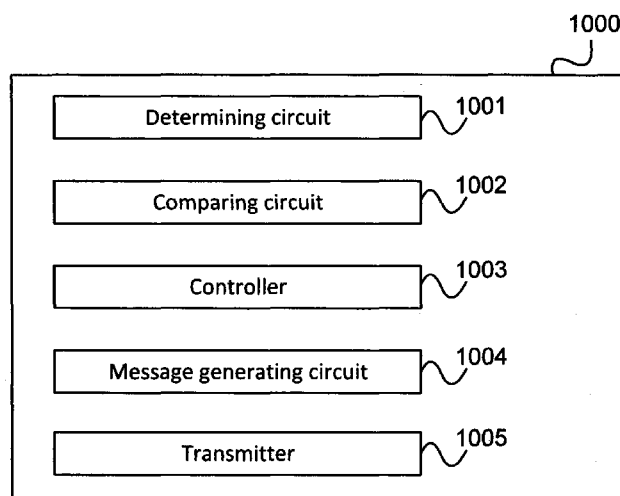


FIG 10

(57) Abstract: According to one embodiment, a communication device is described comprising a determining circuit configured to determine a measure based on the time necessary for the transmission of a message from the communication device to at least one other communication device, a comparing circuit configured to compare the determined measure with a predetermined threshold, a controller configured to decide whether the message should be sent using a collision protection mechanism based on the result of the comparison, a message generating circuit configured to generate the message and a transmitter configured to send the message in accordance with the decision.

