

ABSTRACT

This application discloses an initial access method and apparatus, a terminal, and a network-side device. The method includes: receiving a configuration message sent by a network-side device, where the configuration message includes a plurality of initial access resources, and the plurality of initial access resources are configured for different categories of terminals by the network-side device; selecting, from the plurality of initial access resources, an initial access resource corresponding to a category of the terminal; and performing an initial access operation based on the selected initial access resource.

Figure 2 accompanies.