CLAIMS

1. An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory storing instructions for a user plane function, wherein the instructions when executed by the at least one processor cause the apparatus to perform at least:

determining that data duplication over a plurality of respective paths between one or more communication devices and a network entity is to be modified to suspend the data duplication; and

sending a message to respective communication devices of the one or more communication devices, the message comprising an indication that data duplication between the respective communication device and the network entity is to be modified to suspend the data duplication.

2. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining that the data duplication is to be suspended comprises determining at least one of:

for which of the one or communication devices the data duplication is to be reduced or suspended;

on which path for a respective communication device the data duplication is to be reduced or suspended; or

for a respective communication device by how much the data duplication is to be reduced.

3. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the determining that the data duplication is to be suspended comprises determining that the data duplication is to be suspended in response to determining there is network congestion.

4. The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein determining there is network congestion is based on information from one or more communication devices, and/or one or more network entities.

5. The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein determining there is network congestion is based on information received by a network entity via control plane or user plane connections.

6. The apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor, further cause the apparatus to perform: determining an indication of a usefulness of the data duplication.

7. The apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the indication of the usefulness of the data duplication is based on a number of data duplicates which had not previously been successfully received over another path.

8. The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the indication of the usefulness of the data duplication is used to determine at least one of: network congestion; or that data duplication for a respective communication device is to be suspended.

9. The apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9, the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor, further cause the apparatus to perform: receiving rules with an indication that one of more of the one or more communication devices and /or the network entity can determine to suspend data duplication

10. The apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the message comprises at least one of:

information as to a duration of the suspending of the data duplication; or

information indicating on which of the plurality of paths the data duplication is to be suspended.

11. The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the message is sent to the respective communication device via a user plane.

12. The apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor, further cause the apparatus to perform: subsequently sensing a message to the respective communication devices ending the suspending the data duplication.

13. The apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one processor, further cause the apparatus to perform: receiving, from a decision entity, information and wherein the determining that data duplication between the

communication device and the network entity is to be modified to suspend the data duplication is further based on the information.

14. The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the information received from the decision making entity comprises at least one of: network area information associated with data duplication; monitoring information for the monitoring of congestion in the network; or traffic duplication modification information.

15. A communication device comprising:

means for determining that data duplication on one of a plurality of paths between the communication device and a network entity is to be modified to suspend the data duplication.

16. The communication device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the means for determining that data duplication is to be suspended determines that the data duplication is to be reduced or suspended in response to communications device criteria.

17. The communication device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the communications device criteria comprises a battery condition.

18. The communication device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the means for determining that the data duplication is to be suspended determines that the data duplication is to be suspended in response to information received from the network entity.

19. The communication device as claimed in any one of claims 15 to 18, comprising means for determining an indication of a usefulness of the data duplication.

20. The communication device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the indication of the usefulness of the data duplication is determined based on a number of data duplicates which had not previously been successfully received over another path by the communication device.