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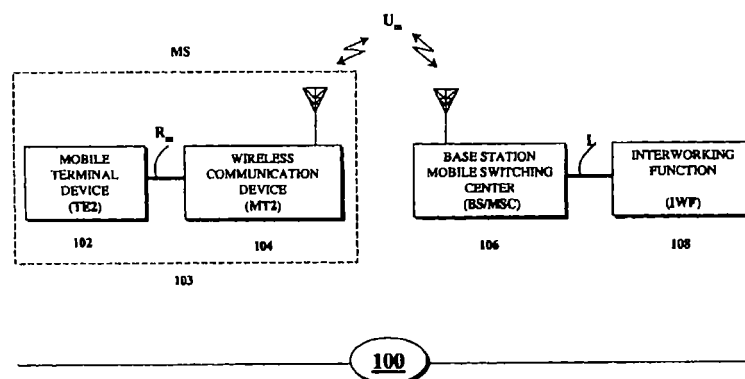
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(57) Abstract: A method for selectively maintaining compression state and applying a compression technique after a PPP renegotiation on a U_m interface of a wireless communication network. A communication device (104) receives packetized data transmitted from a terminal device (102), which is coupled to the communication device via an R_m interface. The communication device determines (S315) whether the received packetized data comprises compressed or uncompressed data. Upon determining that the received packetized data comprises compressed data, the communication device determines (S340) whether connection information exceeds a highest-numbered decompression slot from a plurality of decompression slots on said U_m interface. The communication device sets up (S330) a local decompression slot, in the communication device, which corresponds to the connection information in order to maintain said compression state, wherein the local decompression slot is set up in response to determining (S325) that the connection information exceeds the highest-numbered decompression slot. The communication device decompresses (S350) the compressed packetized data when it receives compressed packetized data containing said connection information.

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