

COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

This application relates to the field of communication technologies, and discloses a communication method and apparatus. The method includes: A first access network device
5 receives a container from each of a plurality of candidate access network devices, and sends the container of each of the plurality of candidate access network devices to a terminal (the container carries a handover parameter). Subsequently, after determining that the terminal needs to switch to a second access network device in the plurality of candidate access network devices, the first access network device sends, to the terminal via a MAC layer message, information for triggering
10 the terminal to switch to the second access network device and information indicating a first NCC. Then, the terminal may switch to the second access network device based on a parameter in a container that is of the second access network device and that is received in advance, and determine, based on the first NCC, a key for communication with the second access network device. In this way, secure communication between the terminal and an access network device in an inter-station
15 LTM switching scenario can be implemented.

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