

ABSTRACT

COMMUNICATION PATH SWITCHING METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM

Embodiments of this application provide a communication path switching method, an
5 apparatus, and a system. The method includes: A second terminal receives a first message sent by
a first terminal, where the first message includes a first identifier corresponding to the first terminal.
The second terminal determines, based on the first identifier, a third identifier, where the third
identifier identifies the first terminal on a relay communication link that is based on the second
terminal, and the third identifier is carried when the second terminal forwards a first RRC
10 connection reconfiguration complete message that is sent by the first terminal to the second
network device. According to the method in embodiments of this application, the second terminal
determines, based on the third identifier, a specific first terminal corresponding to an RRC
connection reconfiguration complete message that is forwarded, to ensure that the second network
device correctly pairs a newly accessed first terminal and a context of a first terminal that is
15 reserved in advance.

Figure 2