

ABSTRACT

This application provides a communication method and apparatus, relating to the field of communication technologies. A first terminal receives, from a second terminal, a first message used to discover a communication target; and sends a response message of the first message to the second terminal if a communication link exists between the first terminal and the communication target. In this application, if the first terminal determines that the communication link exists between the first terminal and the communication target, the first terminal does not broadcast, to other terminals, a message used to discover the communication target, and directly sends the response message to the second terminal, to avoid a waste of signaling resources caused by sending an unnecessary broadcast message used to discover the communication target.