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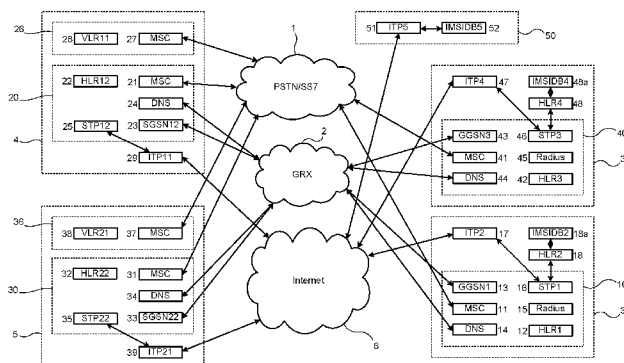
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Fig. 1



(57) Abstract: Method for routing mobile phone signaling messages between different a collaborating network (20, 30) comprising an STP (25, 35) and at least two home networks (10, 40) comprising an STP (16, 36). A collaborating ITP (29, 39) is connected to a collaborating STP (25,35), a home ITP (17, 47) is connected to a home STP (16, 46), and a central ITP (51) is connected to each ITP via a wide area network (6) which is not a PSTN. A visited country IMSI identifies a mobile subscriber as a subscriber to a collaborating network. A visited IMSI is associated with a home network in the central ITP. A signaling message, comprising the visited IMSI, is sent from a collaborating STP to the collaborating ITP, and is forwarded to the central ITP. The message is forwarded from the central ITP to a home ITP with which the visited IMSI is associated, and sent to the corresponding home STP. The invention also relates to a distributed network system.