

## ABSTRACT

The present disclosure belongs to the field of communications technologies, and relates to a method and an apparatus for transmitting system information. The method includes: sending, in a random access process, a random access message III carrying a system information request to a base station, where the system information request is used to request for system information; receiving a random access message IV carrying the system information and sent by the base station; and reading the system information from the random access message IV. The present disclosure resolves a problem of signaling waste caused by broadcasting, by the base station, the system information to the terminal by using the beamforming technology for many times and a problem of signaling waste caused by sending, by the terminal, a single system information request to the base station and sending, by the base station, a single piece of system information to the terminal in reply, and produces an effect of saving signaling.

Figure 2