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**GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
INTERWORKING BETWEEN INTEGRATED
SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORKS (ISDNs) FOR
THE PROVISION OF DATA TRANSMISSION
SERVICES**

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- 2 In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

Recommendation X.321¹⁾

**GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERWORKING
BETWEEN CIRCUIT SWITCHED PUBLIC DATA NETWORKS (CSPDNs)
AND INTEGRATED SERVICE DIGITAL NETWORKS (ISDNs)
FOR THE PROVISION OF DATA TRANSMISSION SERVICES**

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The CCITT,

considering

(a) that Recommendation X.300 defines the general principles for interworking between public networks, and between public networks and other networks for the provision of data transmission services;

(b) that Recommendation X.301 defines the general arrangements for call control within a subnetwork and between subnetworks for the provision of data transmission services;

(c) that Recommendation X.302 defines the general arrangements for internal network utilities within a subnetwork and between subnetworks for the provision of data transmission services;

(d) that Recommendation X.75 specifies detailed procedures applicable to call control between public networks providing data transmission services;

(e) that Recommendation X.10 describes categories of access to CSPDNs and ISDNs for the provision of data transmission services;

(f) that Recommendation X.213 describes the network service definition for open systems interconnection for CCITT applications;

(g) that Recommendation X.305 describes functionalities of subnetworks relating to the support of the OSI network service;

(h) the need for arrangements when interworking between ISDNs and CSPDNs for the provision of data transmission services,

unanimously recommends

that arrangements for the interworking between CSPDNs and ISDNs for the provision of data transmission services be in accordance with the principles and arrangements specified in this Recommendation.

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¹⁾ This Recommendation can also be found in the I-series, under the number I.540.

0 Introduction

This Recommendation is one of a set of Recommendations produced to facilitate considerations of interworking between networks. It is based on Recommendation X.300, which defines the general principles for interworking between public networks, and between public networks and other networks for the provision of data transmission services. Recommendation X.300 indicates in particular how collections of physical equipment can be represented as “subnetworks” for consideration in interworking situations.

This Recommendation describes the interworking arrangements between ISDNs and CSPDNs for the provision of data transmission services.

1 Scope and field of application

The purpose of this Recommendation is to describe the general arrangements for the interworking between CSPDNs and ISDNs for the provision of data transmission services. These arrangements are applicable only to the interworking involving transmission capabilities, and not to interworking involving communication capabilities as described in Recommendation X.300.

Note – The typing of subnetworks in this Recommendation is based on the support for the OSI connection-mode network service and is therefore only valid in this context.

2 References

- [1] Recommendation X.300
- [2] Recommendation X.301
- [3] Recommendation X.302
- [4] Recommendation X.305
- [5] Recommendation X.31
- [6] Recommendation X.75
- [7] Recommendation X.1
- [8] Recommendation X.2
- [9] Recommendation X.10
- [10] I.230 series Recommendations
I.250 series Recommendations
- [11] Recommendation I.500
- [12] Recommendation X.121
- [13] Recommendation X.122
- [14] Recommendation E.164
- [15] Recommendation E.166

3 Definitions

This Recommendation makes use of the following terms defined in Recommendation X.300:

- a) transmission capability,
- b) communication capability,
- c) subnetwork functionality,
- d) data transmission service.

This Recommendation makes use of the following terms defined in Recommendation I.211:

- a) circuit switched bearer service,
- b) packet switched virtual circuit bearer service.

4 Abbreviations

CNIC	Clearing Network Identification Code
CUG	Closed User Group
CUG/OA	Closed User Group with Outgoing Access
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
IWF	Interworking Function
MSS	Mobile Satellite System
PSPDN	Packet Switched Public Data Network
SS No. 7	Signalling System No. 7
TA	Terminal Adaptor
TE	Terminal Equipment
TNIC	Transit Network Identification Code

5 General aspects

This Recommendation, in describing interworking arrangements between two subnetworks for the provision of data transmission services, adheres to the general principles of Recommendation X.300. The environments of these two subnetworks are described in the following sections. See also Table 1/X.321.

5.1 CSPDN

The CSPDN provides circuit switched data transmission services as defined in Recommendations X.1 and X.2 for the provision of data transmission services, the CSPDN may be accessed by DTEs by the category of access B as defined in Recommendation X.10. In addition, the CSPDN may also be accessed via other networks, i.e., PSPDN (X.10 categories C, D and Recommendation X.75), MSS (Recommendation X.75), or ISDN (this Recommendation). Private network access to the CSPDN is for further study (see Recommendation X.300).

5.2 ISDN

The ISDN may provide packet switched and/or circuit switched data transmission services/bearer services as defined in Recommendations X.1, the I.230 series, and X.2 .

Note – Supplementary services/optional user facilities for the circuit-mode operation on ISDN are in the I.250 series. Recommendation X.2 applies to ISDN packet switched data transmission services/bearer services.

For the provision of data transmission services, the ISDN may be accessed by DTEs/TEs by the categories of access S, T, U as defined in Recommendation X.10 and/or the access methods defined in the I.230 series Recommendations. In addition, the ISDN may also be accessed via other networks, i.e., PSTN (Recommendation I.530), CSPDN (X.10, category B, and this Recommendation), PSPDN (Recommendations X.325 and X.10, categories C, D), MSS (Recommendation X.324), or ISDN (SS No. 7, Recommendations X.75 and X.10, category Y).

Note – In the context of this Recommendation, and for the purpose of provision of data transmission services only, the following categories of bearer services defined in the I.230 series Recommendations are considered. (Others are for further study.):

- a) circuit-mode 64 kbit/s unrestricted, 8 kHz structured;
- b) circuit-mode 64 kbit/s, 8 kHz structured, usable for speech information transfer;
- c) circuit-mode 64 kbit/s, 8 kHz structured, usable for 3.1 kHz audio information transfer;
- d) virtual call and permanent virtual circuit.

5.3 *Call control between the CSPDN and ISDN*

The general arrangements for call control between the CSPDN and ISDN are as defined in Recommendation X.301. Network utilities used between the CSPDN and ISDN are as defined in Recommendation X.302 (not visible for users). Supplementary services/optional user facilities for the circuit-mode operation on ISDN are in the I.250 series.

5.4 *Functionalities of the CSPDN and ISDN*

The functionalities of different types of subnetworks are described in Recommendation X.305. In the case where the ISDN is used to provide a packet switched data transmission service/bearer service, the functionality of the CSPDN and ISDN differ. Therefore, in order to enable interworking, procedures must be operated over the circuit switched bearer on the CSPDN to achieve functional compatibility. In the case where the ISDN is used to provide a circuit switched data transmission service/bearer service, the CSPDN and ISDN are functionally compatible.

TABLE 1/X.321

Comparison of general characteristics of CSPDN and ISDN

General characteristics	CSPDN	ISDN
Data transmission service/ Bearer service	X.1, X.2	X.1, I.230 Series
Optional user facilities/ Supplementary services	X.2	Circuit-Mode I.250 Series Packet-Mode X.301
Categories of access	X.10 category B	X.10 categories S, T, U See also § 5.2 of this Recommendation
Access via other networks		
PSTN	–	I.530
CSPDN	X.71, X.60	This Recommendation, X.10 category B
PSPDN	Recommendations X.322, X.10 categories C, D	Recommendations X.325, X.10 categories C, D
MSS	X.75	X.324
ISDN	This Recommendation	SS No. 7, X.75 X.10 category Y

6 Specific interworking arrangements

As described in Recommendation X.300, the following interworking cases should be distinguished:

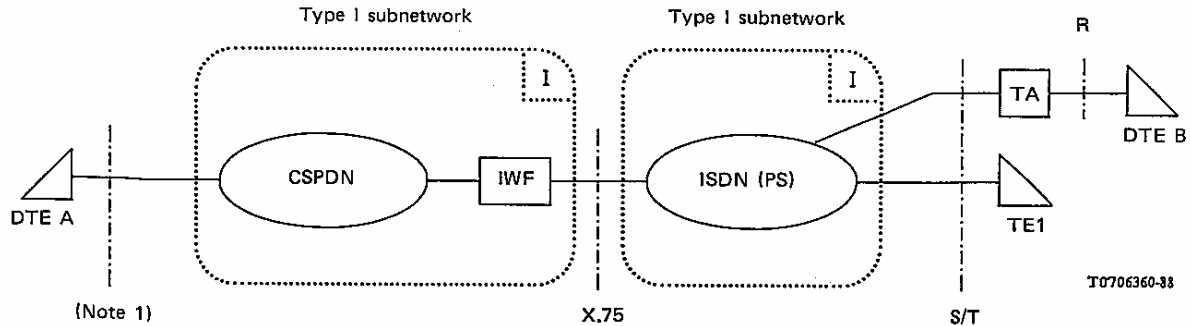
- a) interworking between CSPDN and ISDN where a packet switched bearer is used;
- b) interworking between CSPDN and ISDN where a circuit switched bearer is used.

6.1 *Interworking between CSPDN and ISDN where a packet switched bearer is requested*

The detailed procedures for interworking are defined in Recommendation X.75. See Figure 1/X.321. In particular, the following applies:

6.1.1 Transfer of addressing information

ISDNs and CSPDNs typically utilize different numbering plans (i.e., E.164 and X.121 respectively). The considerations on the transfer of addressing informations of the two different types as described in Recommendation X.301 apply. Further specifics on interworking between the two numbering plans concerned, are detailed in Recommendations E.166 and X.122.



Note 1 — The exact protocols to be used in this case are for further study.

FIGURE 1/X.321
CSPDN/ISDN(PS) interworking

6.1.2 Arrangements for facilities related to the QOS of the call

These arrangements are as described in Recommendation X.301. However, for the throughput facility, different classes are supported in the ISDN and CSPDN (i.e., the class of 64 kbit/s). Whenever a request is made for a throughput class higher than 48 kbit/s from the ISDN, the request should be negotiated down to a lower user class supported on the CSPDN.

6.1.3 Arrangements for facilities related to charging conditions applying to the call

For further study.

6.1.4 Arrangements for facilities related to specific routing conditions requested by the user

For further study.

6.1.5 Arrangements for facilities related to protection mechanisms requested by the user of a call

These arrangements are as described in Recommendation X.301. In particular, for the CUG and CUG/OA facilities the interlock code mechanism described in Recommendation X.180 shall be applied.

6.1.6 Arrangements for facilities to convey user data in addition to the normal data flow in the data transfer phase

For further study.

6.1.7 Arrangements for other facilities

For further study.

6.1.8 Arrangements for internal network utilities (not visible for users)

These arrangements are as described in Recommendation X.302. In particular, the mechanisms for network identification are applied as follows:

- the CSPDN is identified by the DNIC/DCC method;
- the ISDN is identified by the Recommendation X.302 method.

These network identifications are then further applied in the TNIC and CNIC utilities of Recommendation X.75.

6.2 Interworking between a CSPDN and ISDN where a circuit switched *bearer is requested*

The detailed procedures for interworking are defined in Recommendation X.81 (see Figure 2/X.321). In particular, the following applies:

6.2.1 *Transfer of addressing information*

ISDNs and CSPDNs typically utilize different numbering plans (i.e., E.164 and X.121 respectively). The considerations on the transfer of addressing information of the two different types as described in Recommendation X.301 apply. Further specifics on interworking between the two numbering plans concerned, are detailed in Recommendations E.166 and X.122.

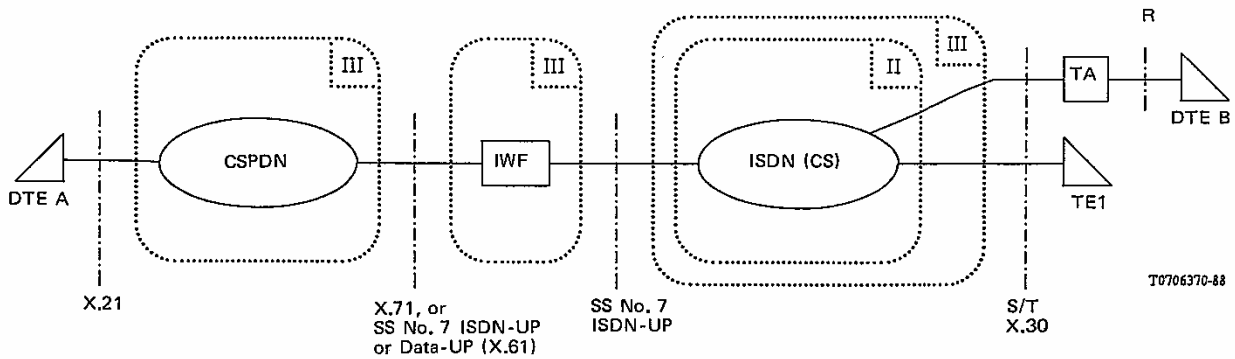


FIGURE 2/X.321
CSPDN/ISDN interworking where a circuit switched bearer is requested to the ISDN

6.2.2 *Arrangements related to QOS of the call*

These arrangements for the CSPDN are described in Recommendation X.301. For the ISDN (CS), the arrangements are for further study.

6.2.3 *Arrangements for facilities related to the changing condition requested by the user of the call*

For further study.

6.2.4 *Arrangements for facilities related to specific routing conditions requested by the user of the call*

For further study.

6.2.5 *Arrangements for facilities related to protection mechanisms requested by the user of the call*

These arrangements for CSPDN are described in Recommendation X.301. Arrangements for ISDN (CS) are for further study.

6.2.6 *Arrangements for facilities to convey user data in addition to the normal data flow in the data transfer phase*

For further study.

6.2.7 *Arrangements for other facilities*

For further study.

6.2.8 *Arrangements for internal network*

These arrangements for CSPDN are described in Recommendation X.302. The arrangements for ISDN (CS) are for further study.

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