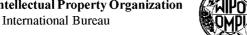
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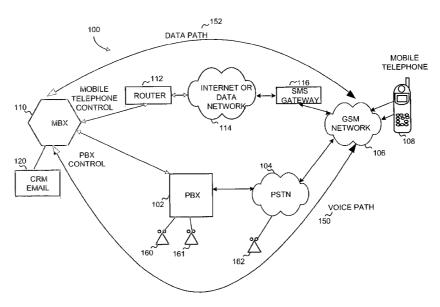
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Claims refer to the execution of a conference call, involving a mobile communications device, in a communications network.

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Claims refer to data processing procedures in a communications network.

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