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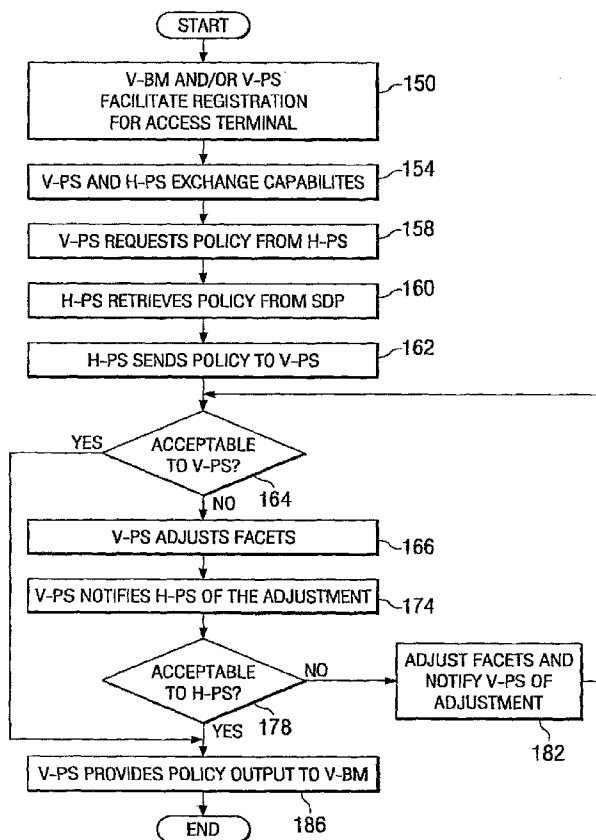
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(57) Abstract: Establishing one or more facets of a policy includes facilitating a communication session for an access terminal at a visited network. The access terminal is associated with a home network having a home policy server. The policy is received at a visited policy server of the visited network. The policy comprises the facets. If the facets are unacceptable, the facets are negotiated until a stopping point is reached. The negotiation includes adjusting by the visited policy server at least one facet of the one or more facets, and notifying the home policy server of the adjustment. The facets are established in accordance with the negotiation.

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