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N1-050043	Correction of the conditions for establishment of a voice group call	43.068	031		A	6.3.0	ASCI	Rel-6

CHANGE REQUEST

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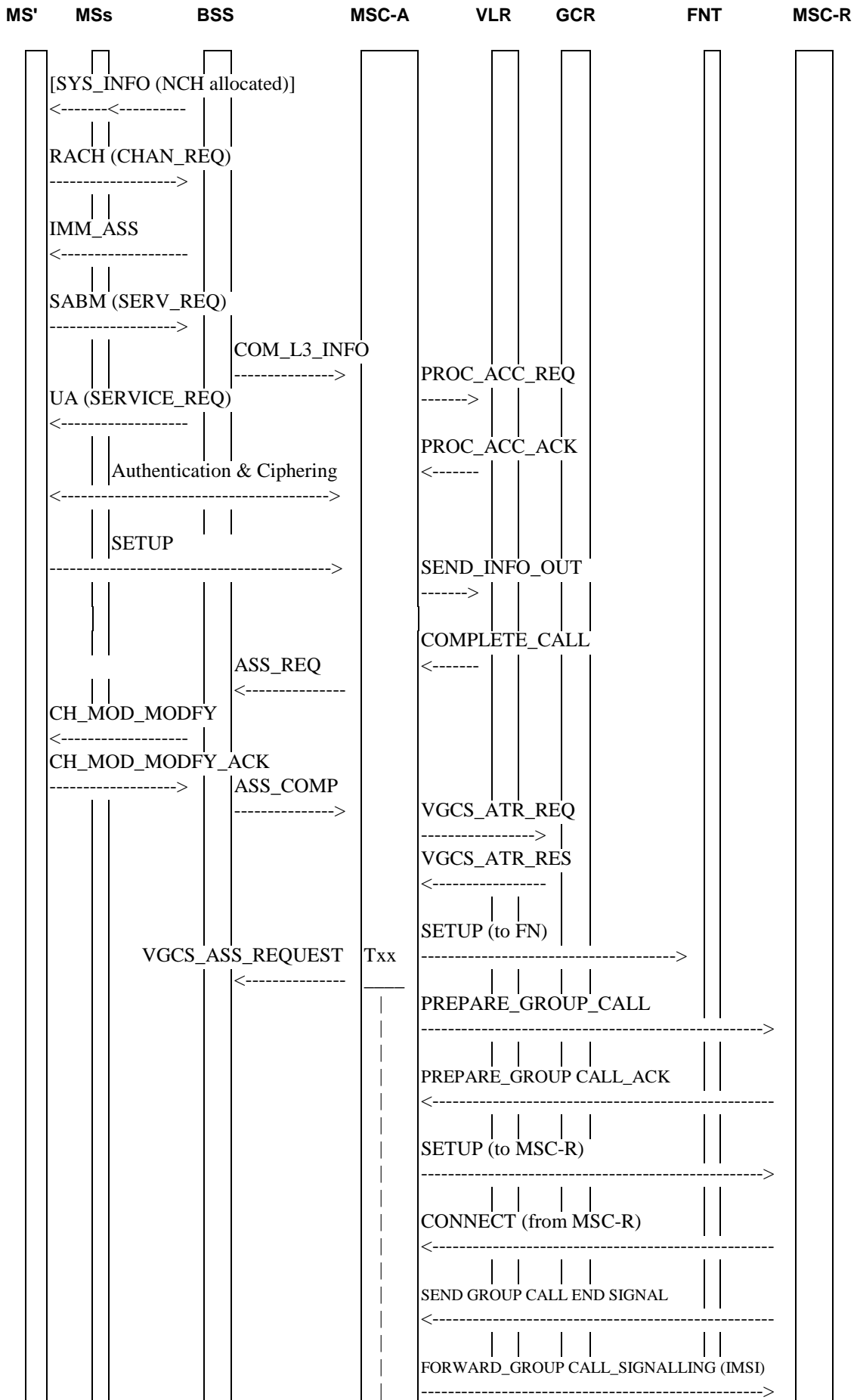
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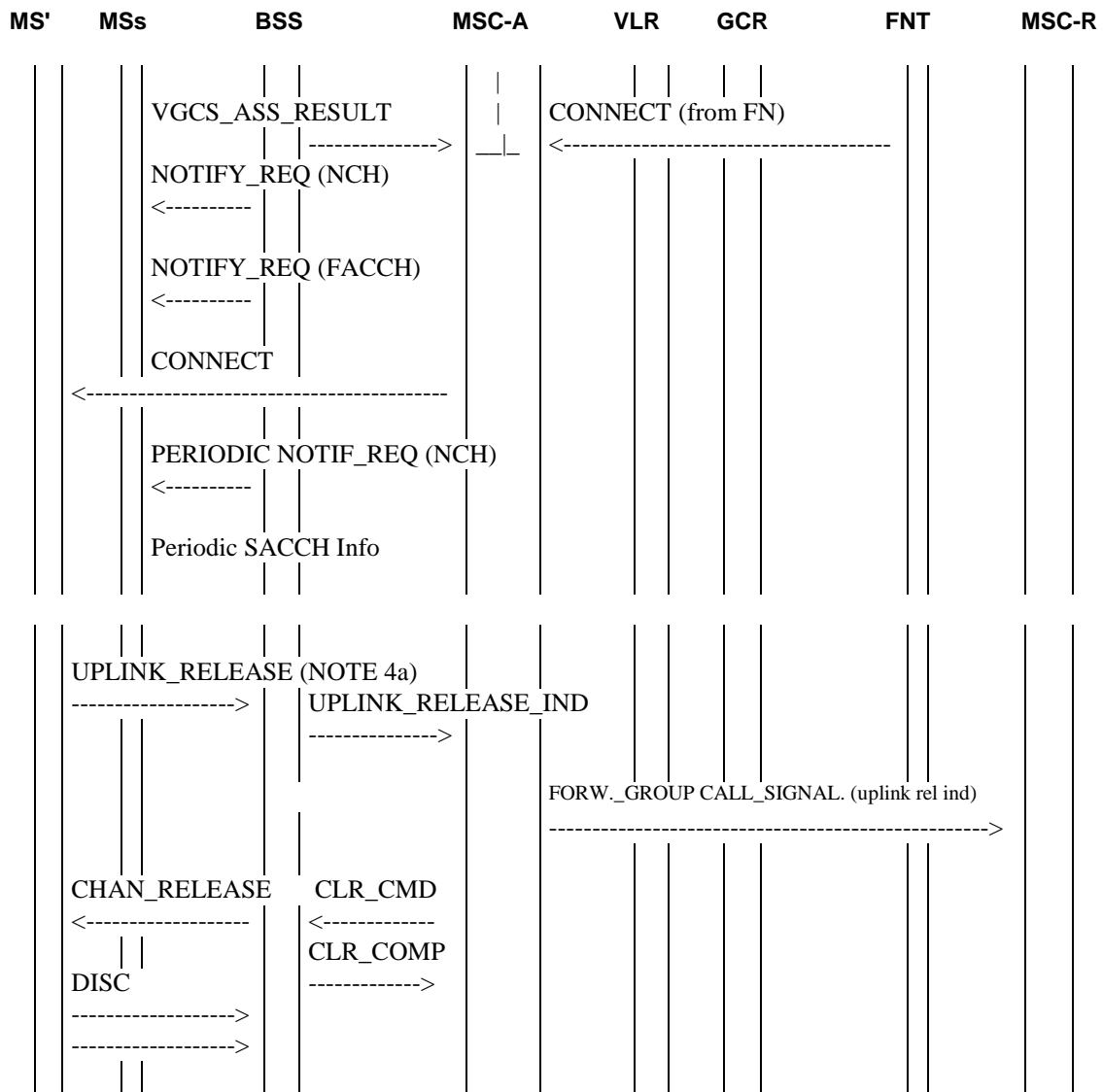
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VGCS_ATR_REQ: The group call attributes are requested from the GCR.

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NOTE 4: As an operator option the voice group call channels, the links to them and optionally also the links to dispatchers can already be established and permanently reserved in order to speed up the call set-up for emergency voice group calls.

VGCS_ASSIGNMENT RESULT: Acknowledgement message from the affected BSC in answer to the assignment requests. If the assignment is not successful, a VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_FAILURE message shall be sent instead.

SETUP to fixed network users: Based on the information determined about the users of external networks to be involved in the call, the MSC shall initiate calls to these users in the normal manner, depending on their mode of connection into the MSC, and shall connect them into the conference bridge. Alternatively normal calls to GSM subscribers may be established for dispatchers being GSM subscribers which is not presented in the diagram.

PREPARE_GROUP CALL: The group call attributes are sent to every relay MSC and a Group Call number for call set-up to is requested.

PREPARE_GROUP CALL ACK: The Group Call number for call set-up is returned to the anchor MSC.

SETUP to MSC-R: The ISUP connection is set-up to the relay MSC.

CONNECT from MSC-R: Set-up of the ISUP connection to the relay MSC is confirmed.

SEND_GROUP CALL_END_SIGNAL: Indicates to the anchor MSC that conversation can start.

FORWARD_GROUP CALL_SIGNALLING (IMSI): The IMSI of the service subscriber who has established the voice group call and who is allowed to terminate the call is sent to every relay MSC.

Txx: Timer implemented in the MSC which is started with the incoming VGCS SETUP message ~~and stops with the outgoing paging message~~. If the timer expires before the MSC receives all of the expected **CHAN_REQ_ACK**, **VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_RESULT** messages from the BSCs and the CONNECT messages from the external networks and SEND_GROUP_CALL_END_SIGNALs from the relay MSCs, the VGCS shall be established by the MSC to all available parts of the group call area if the conditions in subclause 11.3.1.1.2 "Establishment of the transmission means" are met.

NOTIF_REQ (NCH): Messages for notification which contain the group call reference, the priority of the call if eMLPP is applied, and possibly the channel description of the voice group call channel to which the mobile stations shall listen and the number of the group key used for ciphering.

NOTIF_REQ (FACCH): Message for notification sent on the FACCH to the mobile stations currently involved in other calls. The notification on the FACCH shall include the group call reference, and the priority level and may also include the channel description and the group ciphering key numbers.

Periodic NOTIF_REQ (NCH): The notifications are sent periodically so that mobile stations moving into the area can join the voice group call.

Periodic SACCH Info: Periodic messages sent on SACCH. This message may include:

- information of changes of notifications;
- information used for cell re-selection.

CONNECT: Information to the mobile station of the calling subscriber that the VGCS is established with the related group call reference as the connected number.

UPLINK_RELEASE: When the calling service subscriber wants to become a listening service subscriber for the first time, a message indicating release of the uplink is required to be sent from the MS to the BSS in order to set the uplink free.

NOTE 4a: For different cases of uplink release and the related message flows refer to Figure 6.1 to 6.6.

UPLINK_RELEASE_INDICATION: The BSS informs the MSC on the uplink release.

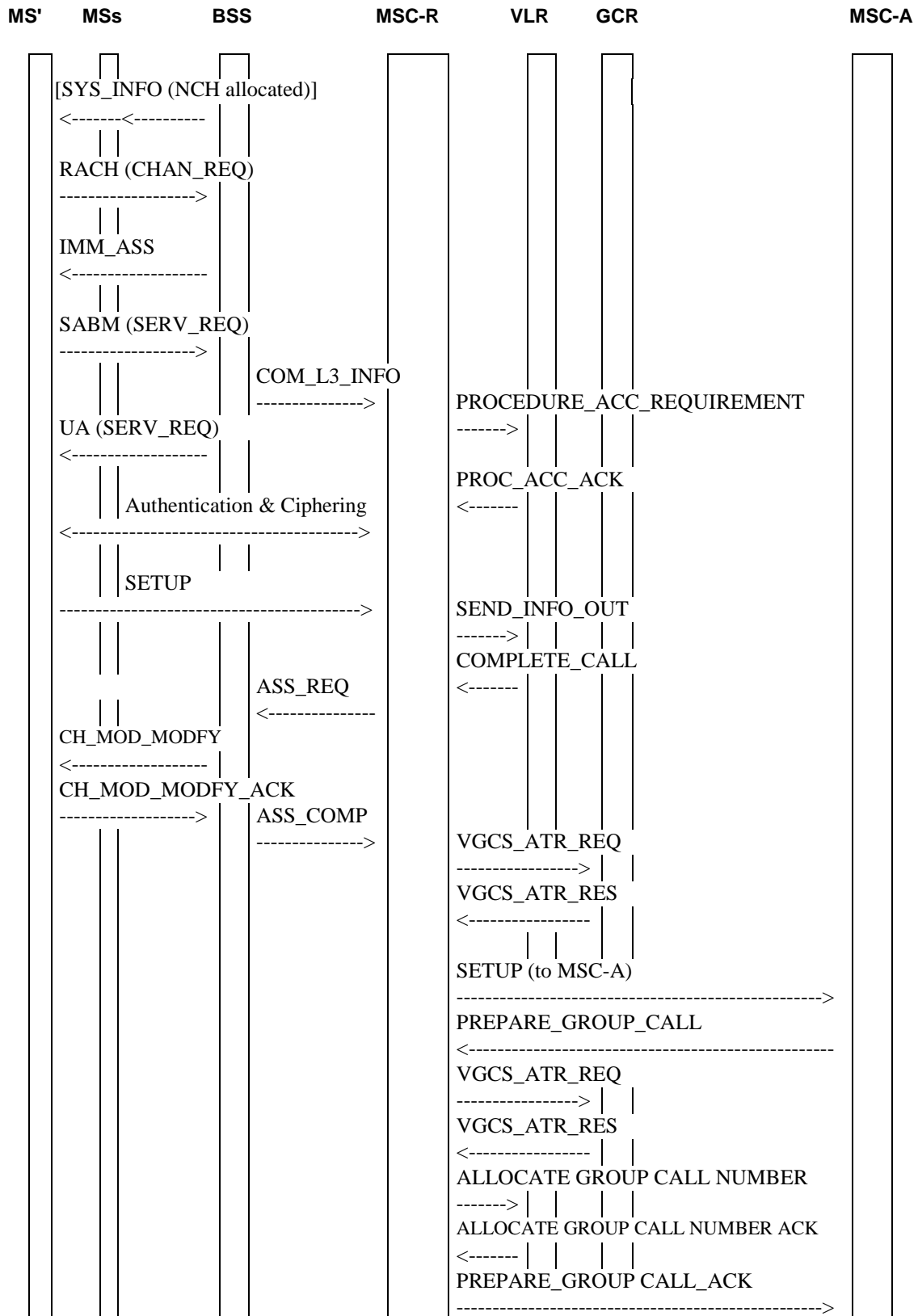
FORWARD_GROUP_CALL_SIGNALLING (uplink release indication): This message is sent to every relay MSC to indicate that the uplink is free.

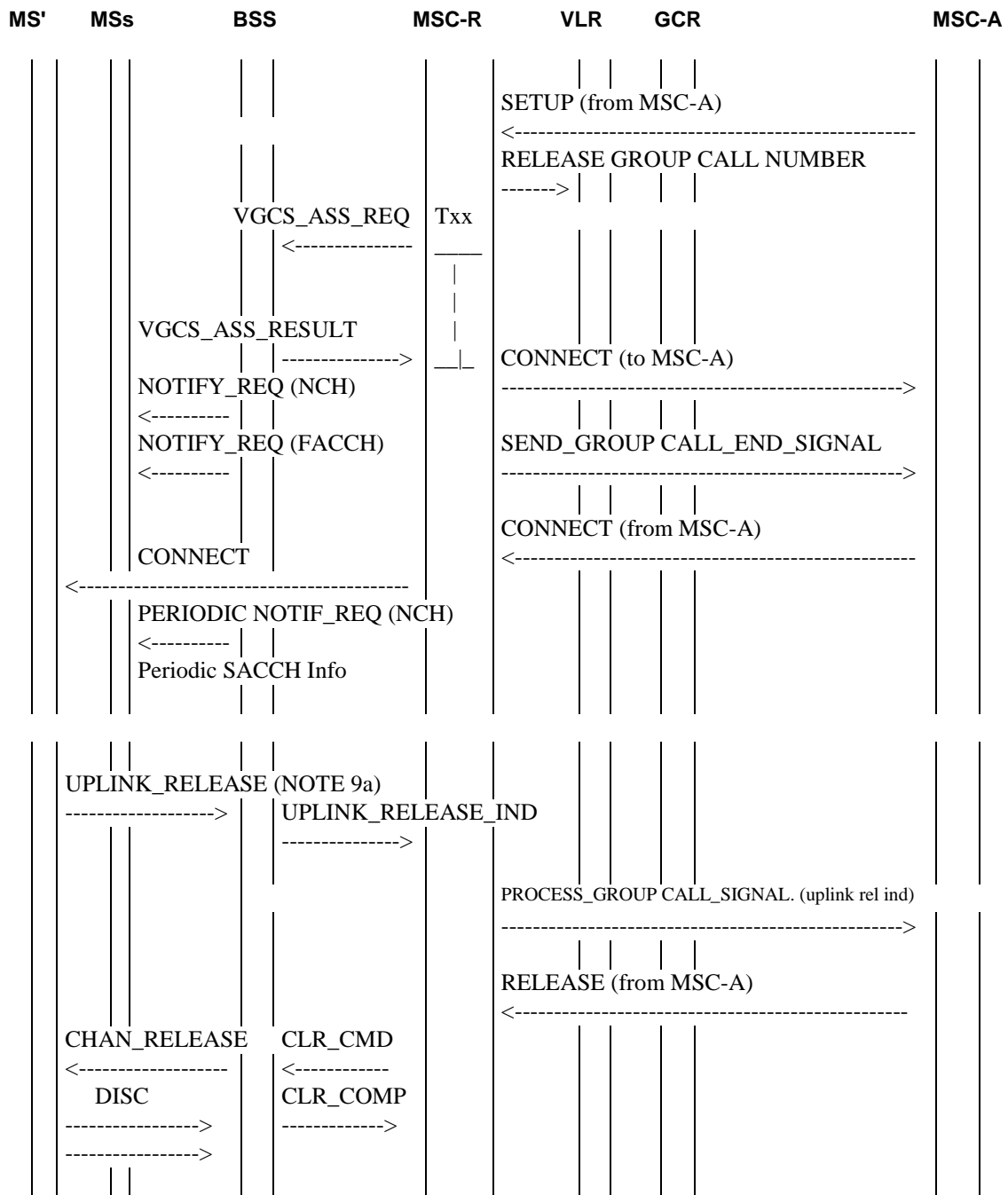
CLEAR COMMAND : The MSC requests the BSS to clear radio and terrestrial resources associated with originator dedicated link if not already done.

CHAN_RELEASE: The BSS sends a channel release message to the calling service subscriber's mobile station including the channel description of the voice group call channel to which the mobile station shall tune to.

NOTE 5: Alternatively, if no UPLINK_RELEASE has been sent to the network by the mobile station, the network may transfer the mobile station to the voice group call channel by the channel mode modify procedure or by an assignment procedure or by a handover procedure.

DISC: Two layer 2 disconnect messages shall be sent by the mobile station to the network.





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VGCS_ATR_REQ: The group call attributes are requested from the GCR.

VGCS_ATR_RES: The requested information (MSC-A address) is returned from the GCR.

SETUP to MSC-A: Based on information received from the GCR the relay MSC shall set-up a dedicated connection for the initiating service subscriber to the anchor MSC.

PREPARE_GROUP CALL: The group call attributes (parts) are received from the anchor MSC.

VGCS_ATR_REQ: The group call attributes are requested from the GCR.

VGCS_ATR_RES: The requested information (cell list) is returned from the GCR.

ALLOCATE GROUP CALL NUMBER: The Group Call number is requested from the VLR.

ALLOCATE GROUP CALL NUMBER ACK: The Group Call number is returned from the VLR.

PREPARE_GROUP_CALL_ACK: The Group Call number is sent to MSC-A.

SETUP from MSC-A: The ISUP connection is set-up between MSC-A and MSC-R.

RELEASE GROUP CALL NUMBER: The VLR is requested to release the Group Call number.

VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_REQ: This message is sent from the MSC to all affected BSCs, [one dedicated message for every requested channel in a cell,] including the group call reference, the channel type and possibly the call priority and details on the ciphering.

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VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_RESULT_COMPLETE: Acknowledgement message from the affected BSC in answer to the assignment requests. If the assignment is not successful, a VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_FAILURE message shall be sent instead.

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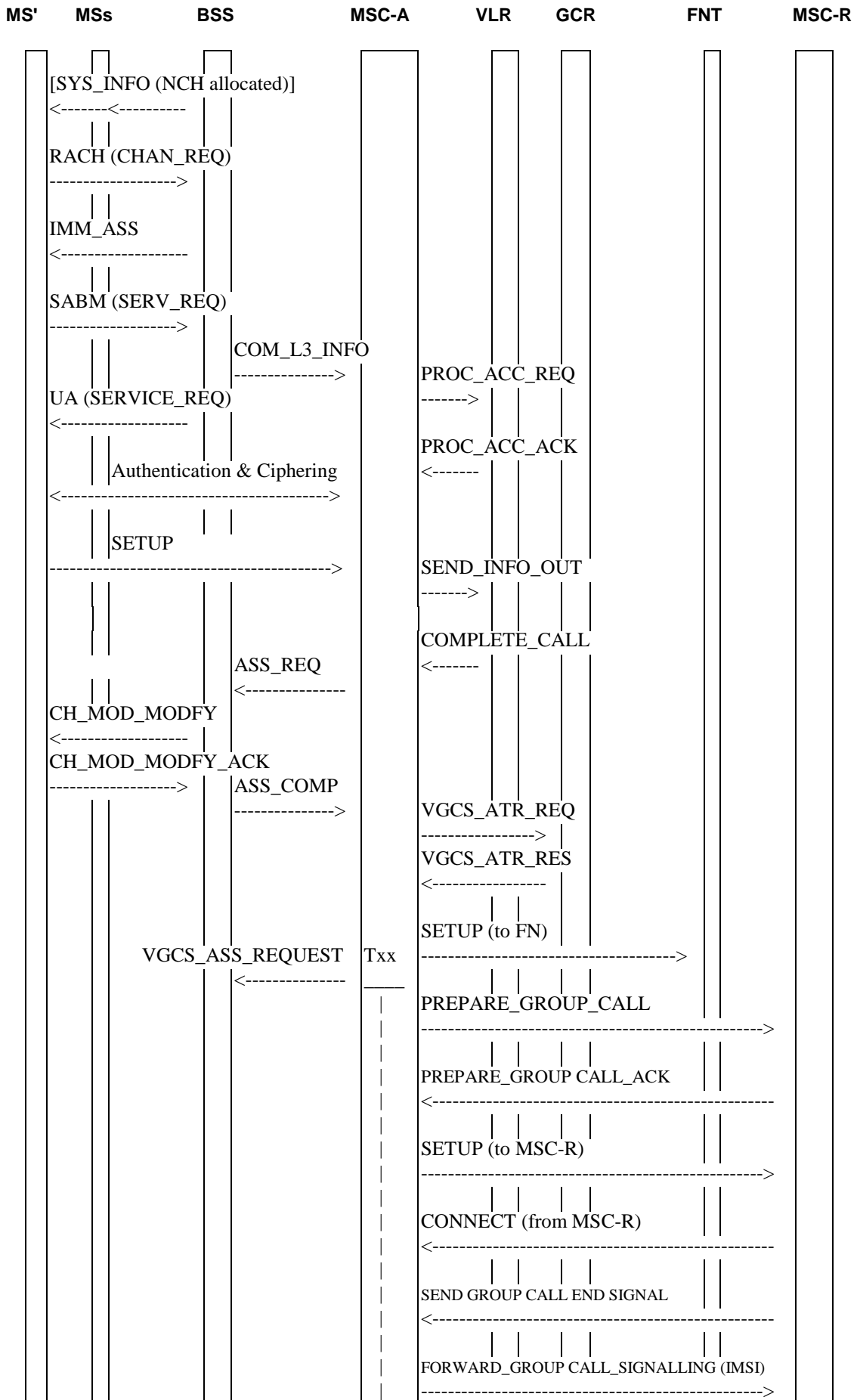
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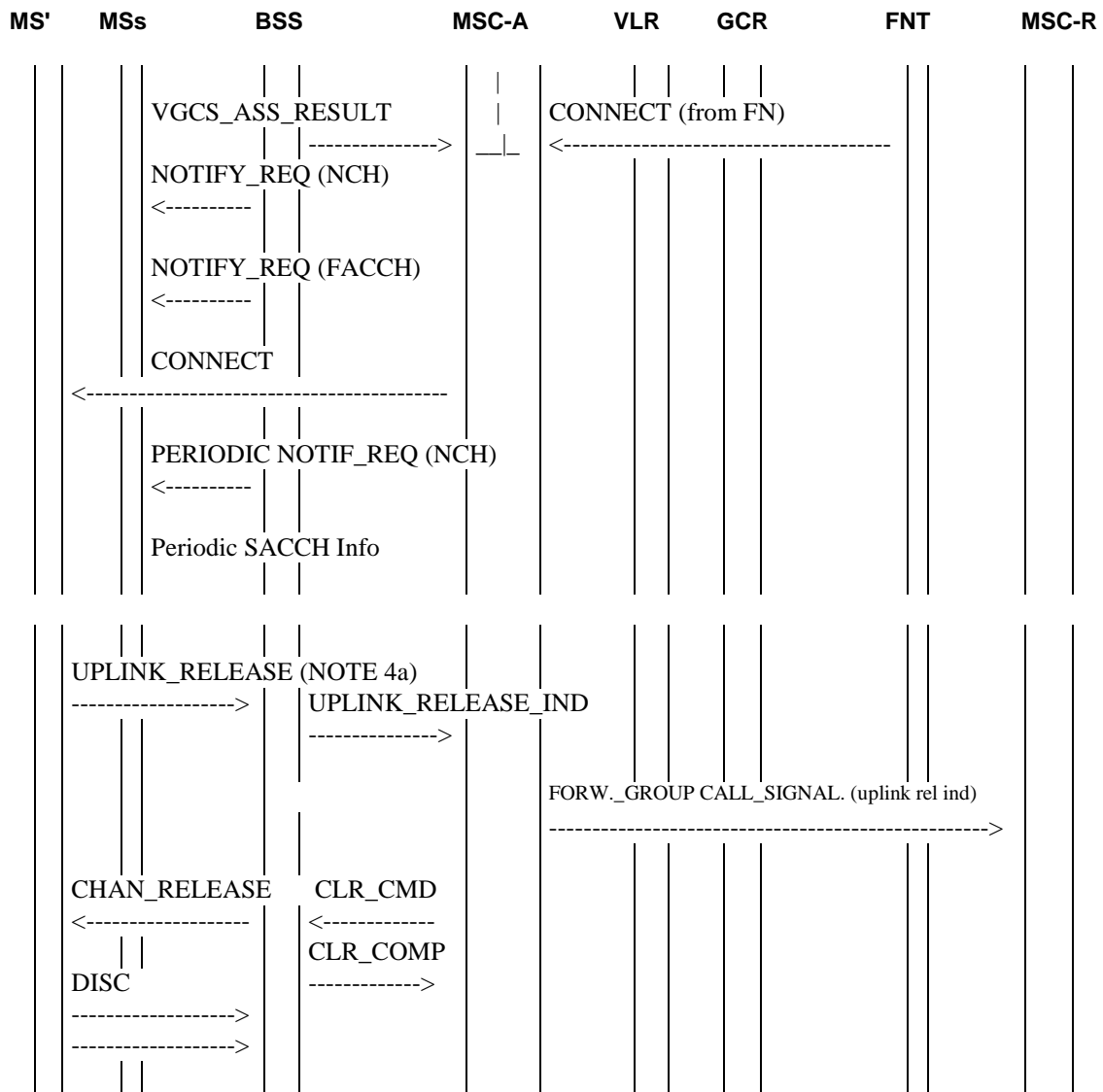
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PREPARE_GROUP CALL: The group call attributes are sent to every relay MSC and a Group Call number for call set-up to is requested.

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SETUP to MSC-R: The ISUP connection is set-up to the relay MSC.

CONNECT from MSC-R: Set-up of the ISUP connection to the relay MSC is confirmed.

SEND_GROUP CALL_END_SIGNAL: Indicates to the anchor MSC that conversation can start.

FORWARD_GROUP CALL_SIGNALLING (IMSI): The IMSI of the service subscriber who has established the voice group call and who is allowed to terminate the call is sent to every relay MSC.

Txx: Timer implemented in the MSC which is started with the incoming VGCS SETUP message ~~and stops with the outgoing paging message~~. If the timer expires before the MSC receives all of the expected **CHAN_REQ_ACK** **VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_RESULT** messages from the BSCs and the CONNECT messages from the external networks and SEND_GROUP_CALL_END_SIGNALs from the relay MSCs, the VGCS shall be established by the MSC to all available parts of the group call area if the conditions in subclause 11.3.1.1.2 "Establishment of the transmission means" are met.

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Periodic SACCH Info: Periodic messages sent on SACCH. This message may include:

- information of changes of notifications;
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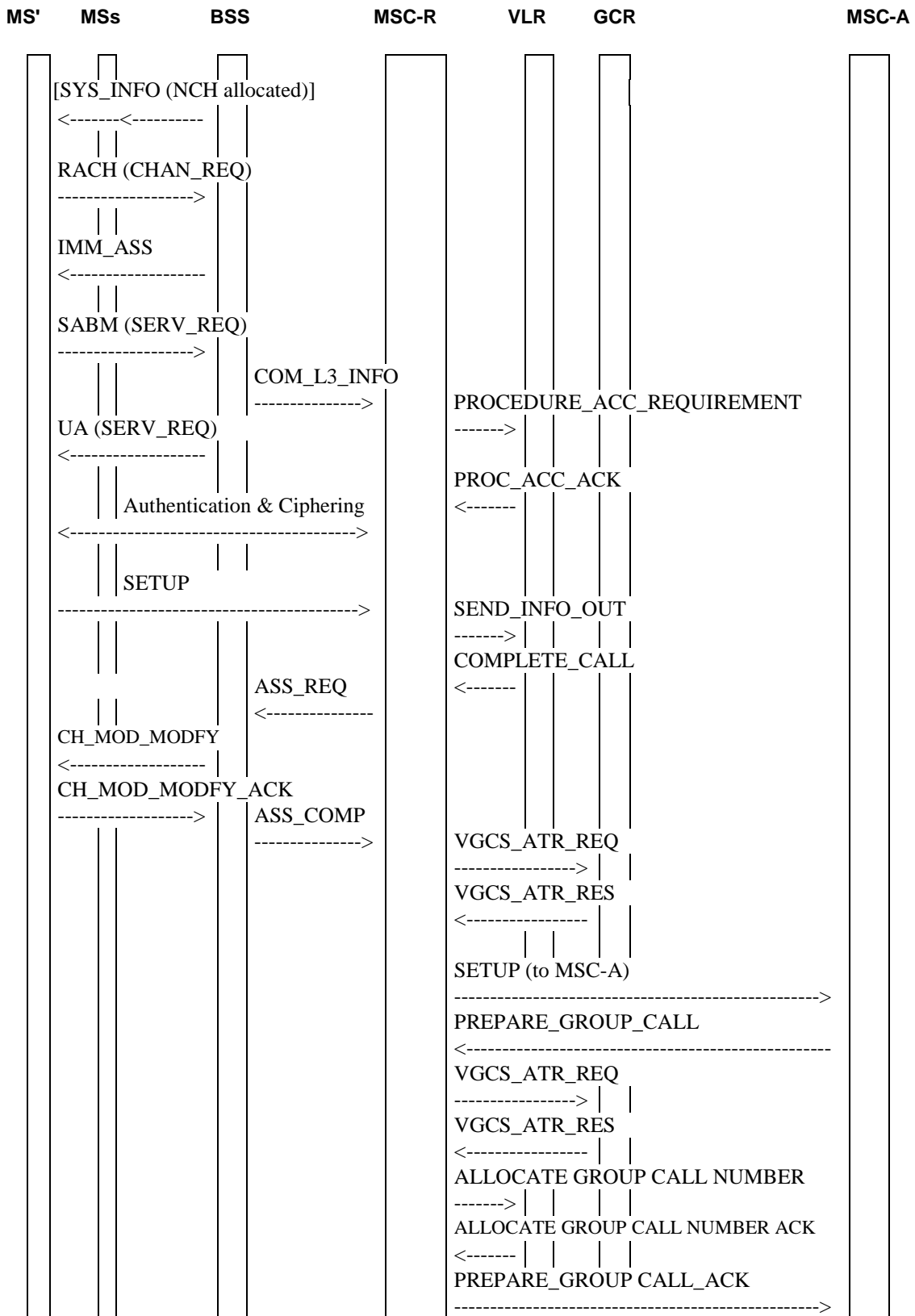
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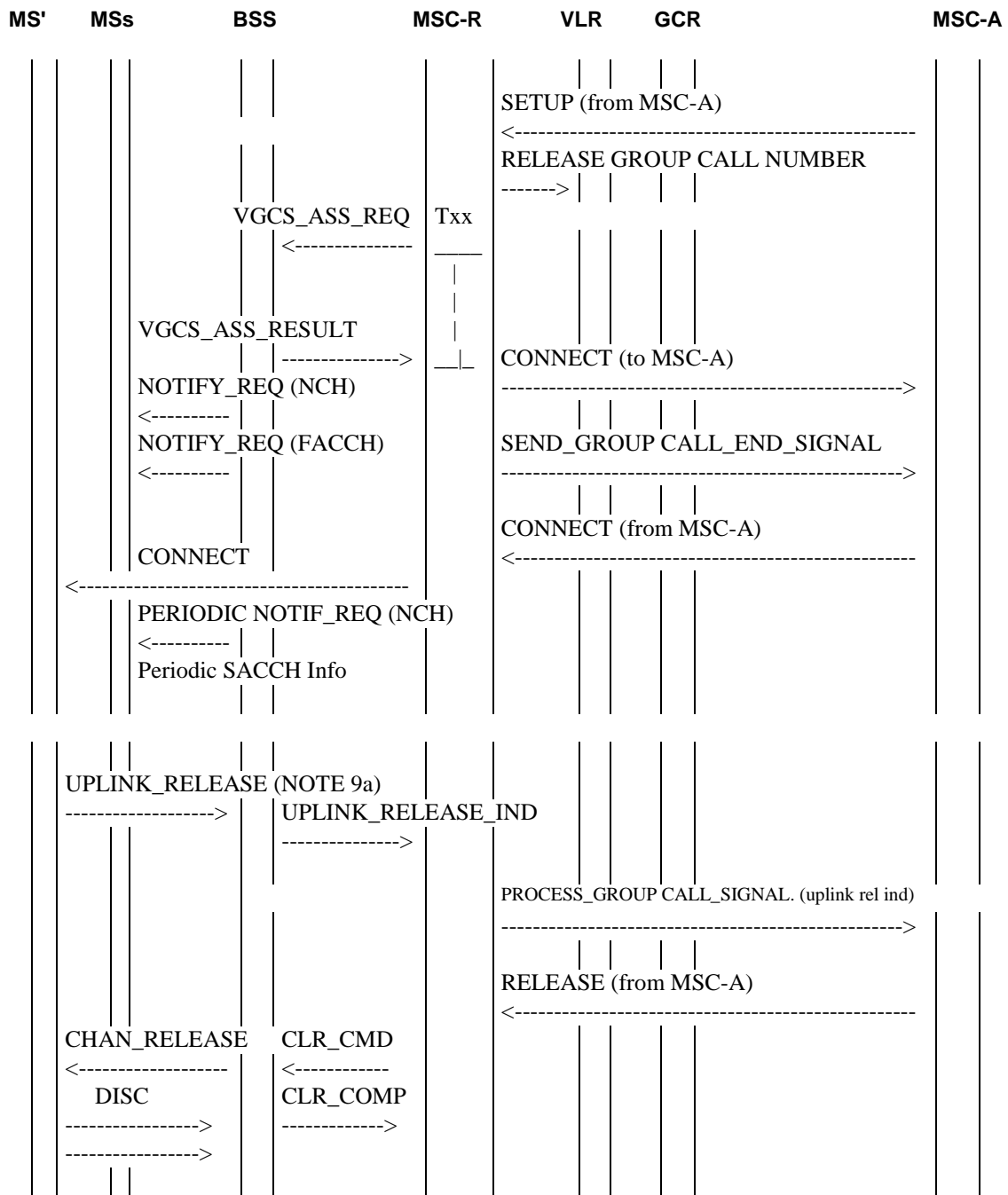
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DISC: Two layer 2 disconnect messages shall be sent by the mobile station to the network.





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 MSs = destination subscriber mobile stations;
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 MSC-R = relay MSC

Figure 3: Signalling information required for establishing voice group calls by a service subscriber roaming in the relay MSC area

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SETUP: The MSC is provided with details about the voice group call.

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SEND_INFO_OUT: The requested group ID is transferred to the VLR in the MAP_SEND_INFO_FOR_OUTGOING_CALL message.

COMPLETE_CALL: The VLR returns the MAP_COMPLETE_CALL message confirming the use of the requested group ID.

ASSIGNMENT_REQUEST: Standard message.

CHAN_MOD_MODIFY: Standard message to modify the channel mode in case of very early assignment.

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NOTE 8: Alternatively, early assignment or OACSU procedures might be applied with the corresponding assignment messages not presented in figure 3.

VGCS_ATR_REQ: The group call attributes are requested from the GCR.

VGCS_ATR_RES: The requested information (MSC-A address) is returned from the GCR.

SETUP to MSC-A: Based on information received from the GCR the relay MSC shall set-up a dedicated connection for the initiating service subscriber to the anchor MSC.

PREPARE_GROUP CALL: The group call attributes (parts) are received from the anchor MSC.

VGCS_ATR_REQ: The group call attributes are requested from the GCR.

VGCS_ATR_RES: The requested information (cell list) is returned from the GCR.

ALLOCATE GROUP CALL NUMBER: The Group Call number is requested from the VLR.

ALLOCATE GROUP CALL NUMBER ACK: The Group Call number is returned from the VLR.

PREPARE_GROUP_CALL_ACK: The Group Call number is sent to MSC-A.

SETUP from MSC-A: The ISUP connection is set-up between MSC-A and MSC-R.

RELEASE GROUP CALL NUMBER: The VLR is requested to release the Group Call number.

VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_REQ: This message is sent from the MSC to all affected BSCs, [one dedicated message for every requested channel in a cell,] including the group call reference, the channel type and possibly the call priority and details on the ciphering.

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VGCS_ASSIGNMENT RESULT: Acknowledgement message from the affected BSC in answer to the assignment requests. If the assignment is not successful, a VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_FAILURE message shall be sent instead.

CONNECT to MSC-A: Set-up of the ISUP connection from the anchor MSC is confirmed.

SEND_GROUP_CALL_END_SIGNAL: Indicates to the anchor MSC that conversation can start. In addition the IMSI of service subscriber who has established the voice group call and who is allowed to terminate the call is included.

Txx: Timer implemented in the relay MSC which is started with the incoming SETUP message from the anchor MSC ~~and stops with the outgoing paging message~~. If the timer expires before the MSC receives all of the expected ~~VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_RESULT messages~~ ~~CHAN_REQ_ACK~~ from the BSCs, the VGCS shall be established by the relay MSC to all available parts of the group call area and the anchor MSC shall be informed that conversation can start: if the conditions in subclause 11.3.1.1.2 "Establishment of the transmission means" are met.

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Periodic NOTIF_REQ (NCH): The notifications are sent periodically so that mobile stations moving into the area can join the voice group call.

Periodic SACCH Info: Periodic messages sent on the downlink of the SACCH informing mobile stations of:

- information of changes of notifications;
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CONNECT: Information to the mobile station of the calling subscriber that the VGCS is established with the related group call reference as the connected number.

UPLINK_RELEASE: When the calling service subscriber wants to become a listening service subscriber for the first time, a message indicating release of the uplink is required to be sent from the MS to the BSS in order to set the uplink free.

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UPLINK_RELEASE_INDICATION: The BSS informs the MSC on the uplink release.

PROCESS_GROUP_CALL_SIGNALLING (uplink release indication): To indicate to the anchor MSC that the uplink is free.

CLEAR COMMAND: The MSC requests the BSS to clear radio and terrestrial resources associated with originator dedicated link if not already done.

CHAN_RELEASE: The BSS sends a channel release message to the calling service subscriber's mobile station including the channel description of the voice group call channel to which the mobile station shall tune to.

NOTE 10: Alternatively, if no UPLINK_RELEASE has been sent to the network by the mobile station, the network may transfer the mobile station to the voice group call channel by the channel mode modify procedure or by an assignment procedure or by a handover procedure.

DISC: Two layer 2 disconnect messages shall be sent by the mobile station to the network.

RELEASE from MSC-A: The dedicated connection for the initiating service subscriber is released.

END OF MODIFICATIONS

CHANGE REQUEST

⌘ **43.068 CR 031** ⌘ rev **-** ⌘ Current version: **6.3.0** ⌘

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Proposed change affects: UICC apps ME Radio Access Network Core Network

Title:	⌘ Correction of the conditions for establishment of a voice group call		
Source:	⌘ Nortel Networks, Siemens		
Work item code:	⌘ ASCI	Date:	⌘ 26/01/2005
Category:	⌘ A	Release:	⌘ Rel-6
	Use <u>one</u> of the following categories: <i>F</i> (correction) <i>A</i> (corresponds to a correction in an earlier release) <i>B</i> (addition of feature), <i>C</i> (functional modification of feature) <i>D</i> (editorial modification) Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP TR 21.900 .		Use <u>one</u> of the following releases: <i>Ph2</i> (GSM Phase 2) <i>R96</i> (Release 1996) <i>R97</i> (Release 1997) <i>R98</i> (Release 1998) <i>R99</i> (Release 1999) <i>Rel-4</i> (Release 4) <i>Rel-5</i> (Release 5) <i>Rel-6</i> (Release 6) <i>Rel-7</i> (Release 7)

Reason for change:	⌘ If a voice group call fails to become established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time, TS 02.68 defines exceptional conditions with which to determine whether the call can be considered to be established. These conditions are different depending upon whether the calling subscriber is a service subscriber or a dispatcher. This distinction is missing in the 03.68 specification. As decided by STF139 #5 in Dec.1999 (refer to Tdoc U-99-134), the Release 99 is used as basis for the GSM-R projects and for corresponding IOT test specifications. Therefore this correction should be implemented from Release 99 onwards.
Summary of change:	⌘ If a voice group call fails to become established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time then the call is considered to be established if at least the downlink channel in the originating cell is established (for the case of a service subscriber originated voice group call) or the downlink channel in any one cell within the group call area is established (for the case of a dispatcher originated voice group call).
Consequences if not approved:	⌘ A voice group call may be established where the cell of origin has no downlink channel. This may result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the calling service subscriber being dropped out of the voice group call, when he ceases to be the talker ▪ failure of the most relevant service subscribers to be included in the voice group call (e.g. in an emergency call scenario some of the most relevant service subscribers may be those within the cell or origin)

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FIRST MODIFIED SECTION

11.3.1.1.2 Establishment of the transmission means

A voice group call channel shall be established in all the cells throughout the identified group call area using physical channels selected by the BSCs as appropriate. The downlink channels shall be established without any return signalling from mobile stations. Whilst the downlink channel is being established, the MSC shall form a conference bridge containing the appropriate channels on all BTSs in the group call area. The MSC is responsible for adding dispatchers to the conference bridge.

Alternatively, the network may establish voice group call channels in a cell on demand, i.e. if mobile stations respond to the notifications as defined in subclause 4.2.2.1.

In parallel, a dedicated suitable channel is allocated to the caller if not already the case. If a voice group call cannot be established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time (Txx, see figure 2 and 3), the call will be considered established provided that ~~Once this is done, and~~ at least the downlink channel in the originating cell, in the case of a service subscriber originated voice group call, or the downlink channel in any one cell within the group call area, in the case of a dispatcher originated voice group call, ~~one downlink channel~~ is established. The MSC shall signal to the calling subscriber that this has occurred so that he knows when to start speaking. If a voice group call cannot be established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time (Txx) and the call does not meet the above conditions in order to be considered as established, then the call shall be released.

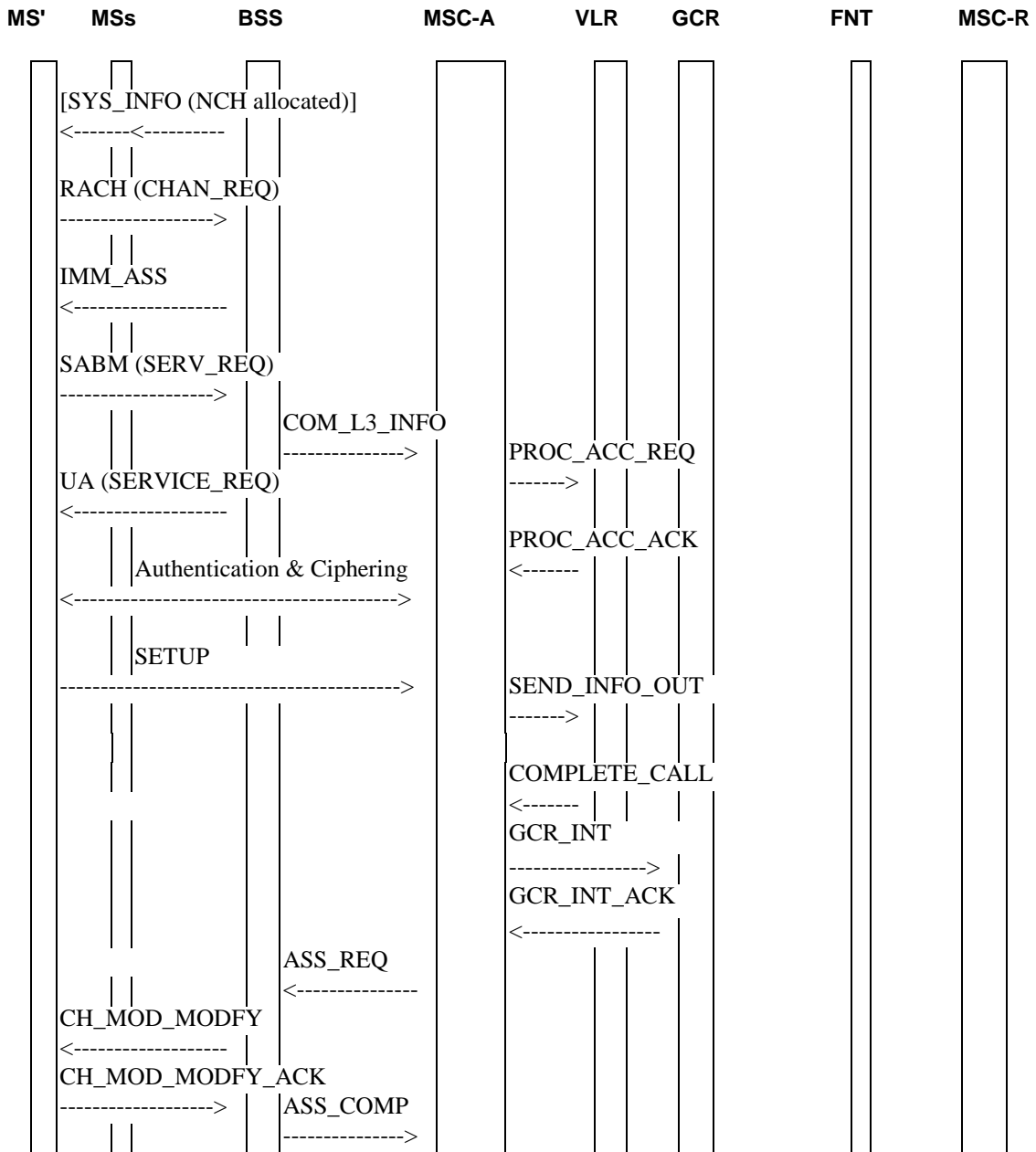
The mobile station shall indicate connection to the subscriber. If channels could not be established in particular cells because of congestion, channels are allocated to these cells as soon as possible.

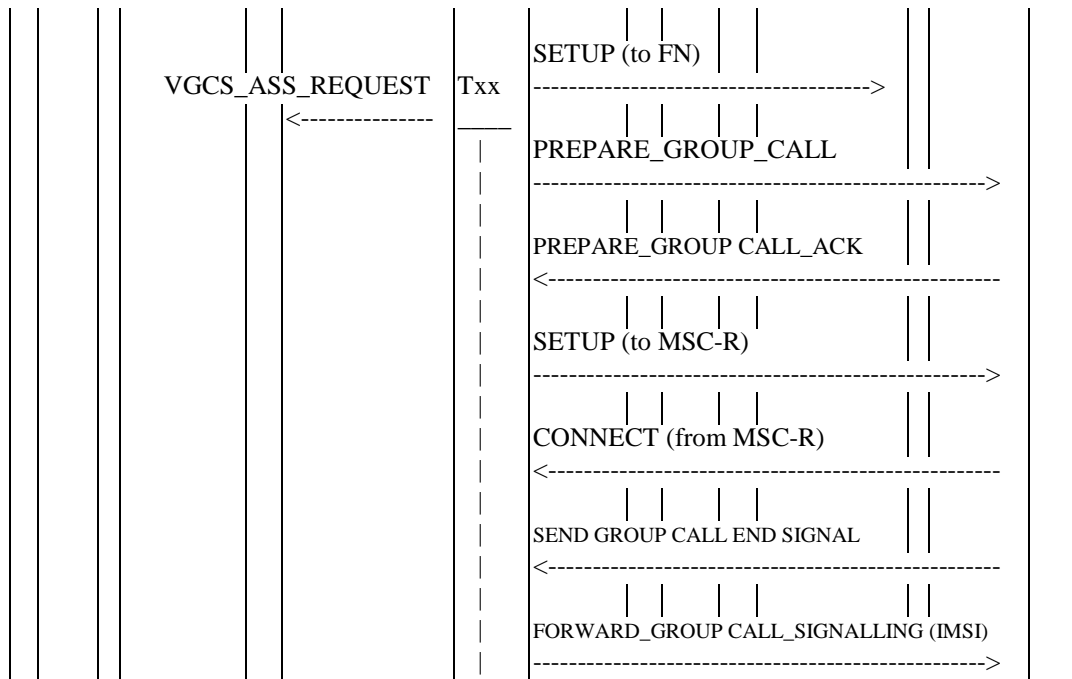
NEXT MODIFIED SECTION

11.3.8 Overview of signalling

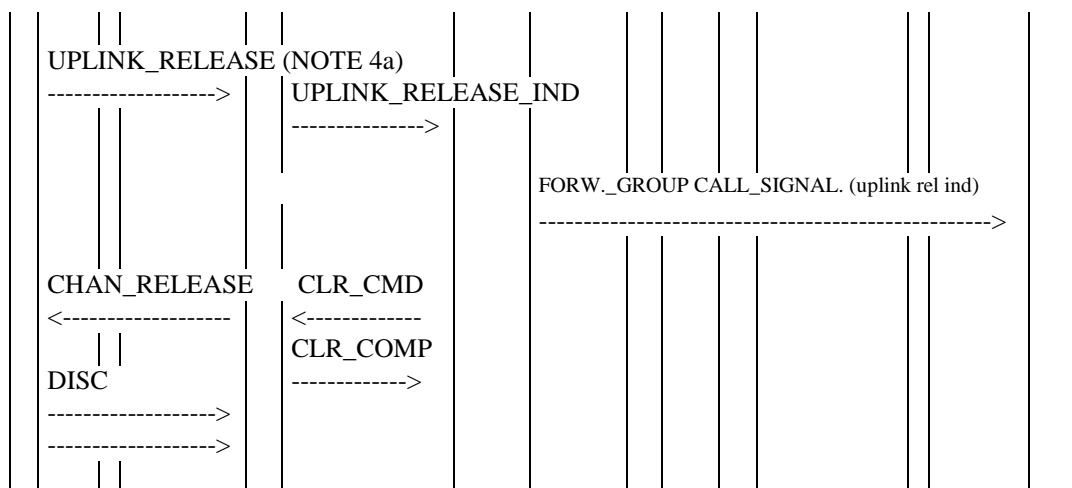
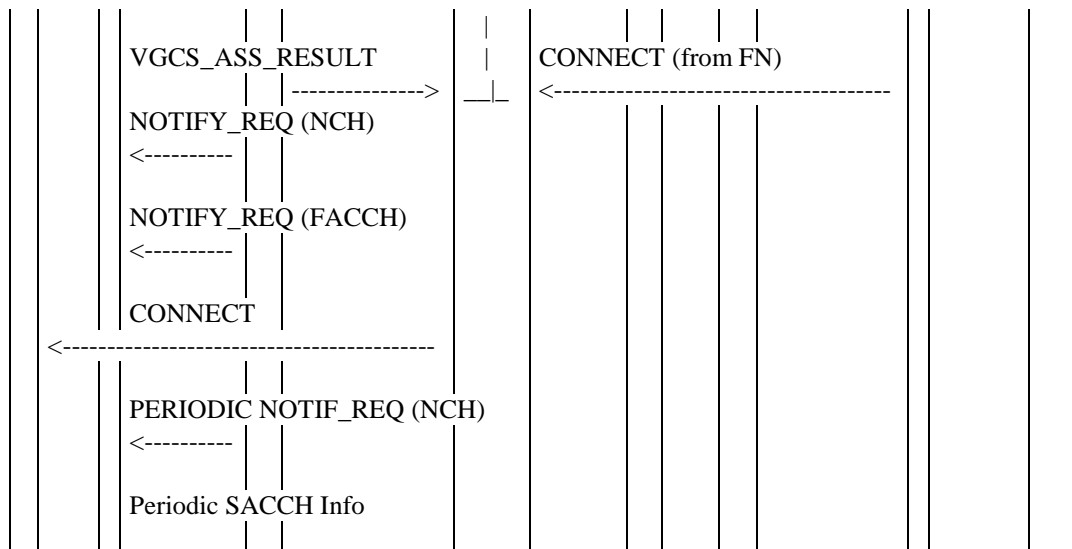
In this overview, the messages required to implement the specified concept are identified, and brief details are given of each message.

A diagrammatic representation of the voice group call message structure proposed and actions required is given in figures 2 to 7d.





MS' MSs BSS MSC-A VLR GCR FNT MSC-R



NOTE: MS' = calling subscriber mobile station;
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Figure 2: Signalling information required for establishing voice group calls by a service subscriber roaming in the anchor MSC area

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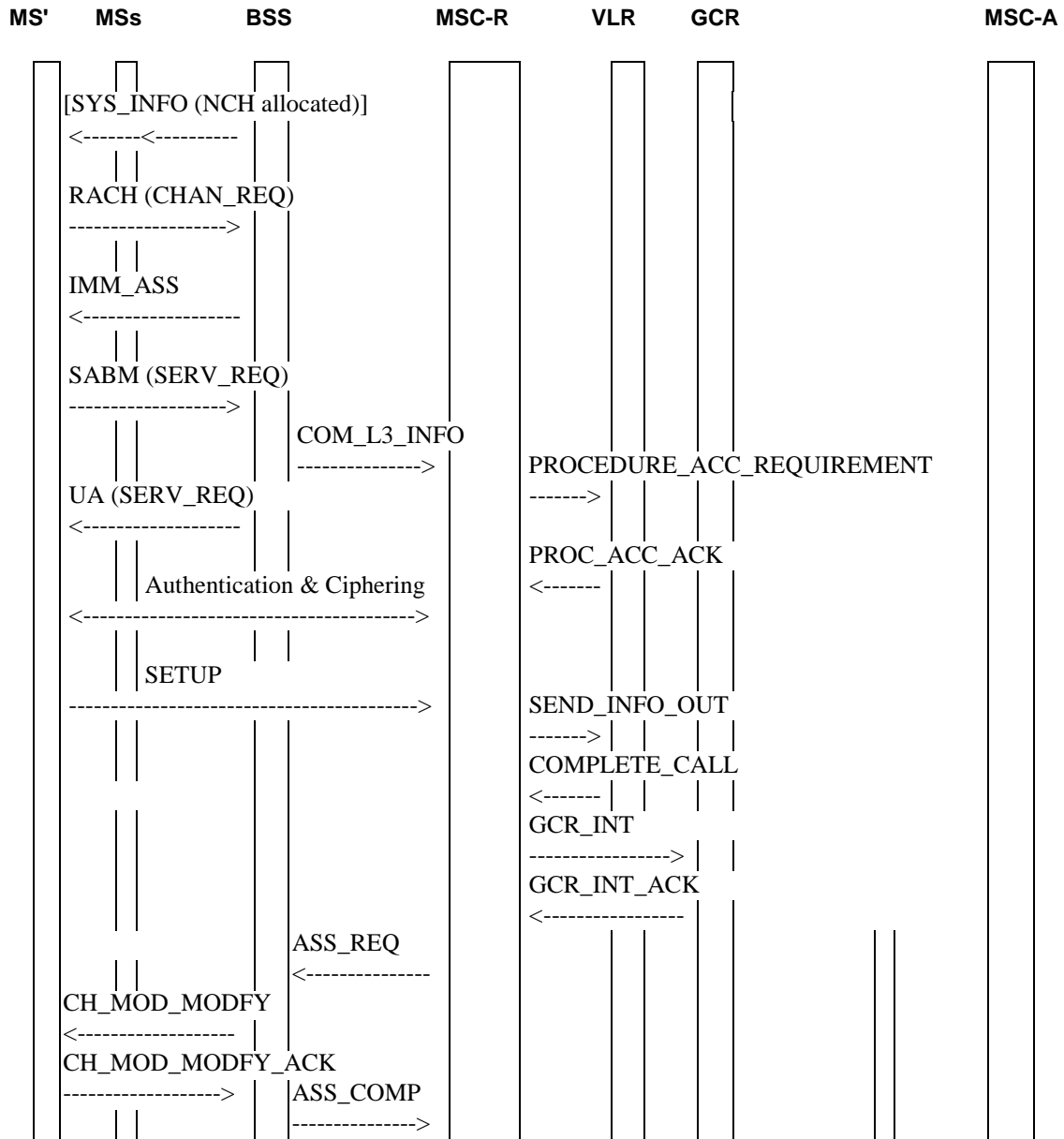
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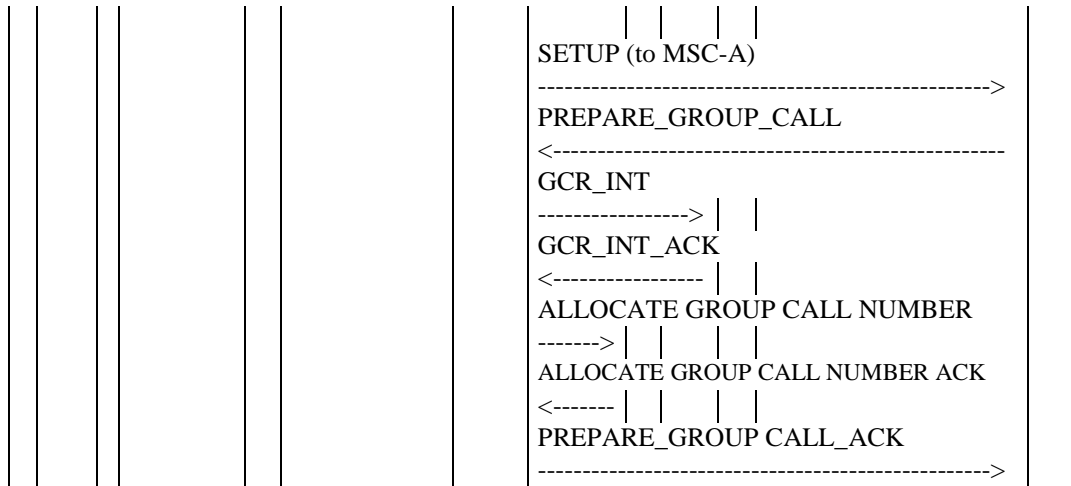
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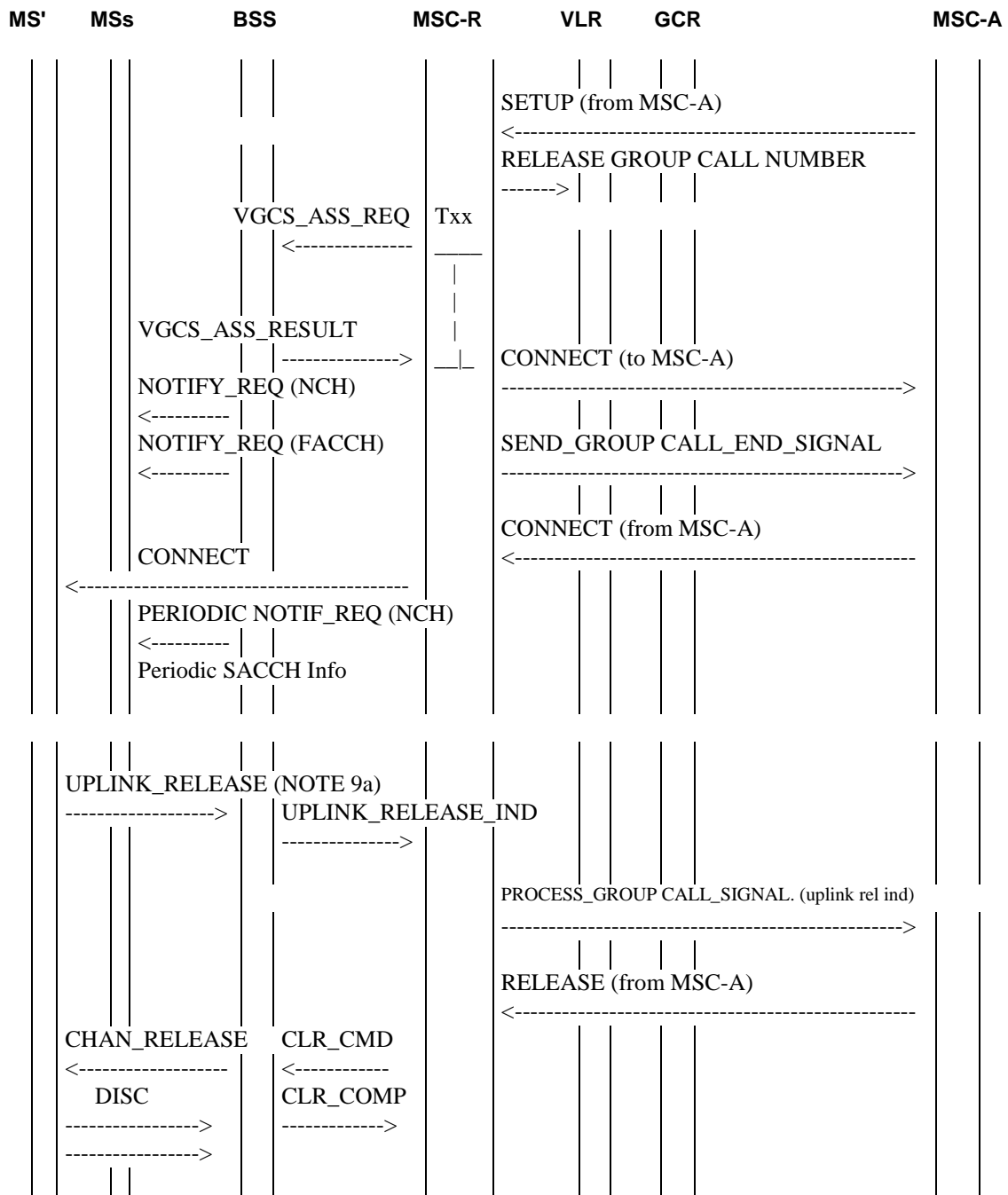
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ALLOCATE GROUP CALL NUMBER: The Group Call number is requested from the VLR.

ALLOCATE GROUP CALL NUMBER ACK: The Group Call number is returned from the VLR.

PREPARE_GROUP_CALL_ACK: The Group Call number is sent to MSC-A.

SETUP from MSC-A: The ISUP connection is set-up between MSC-A and MSC-R.

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- information used for cell re-selection.

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CONNECT: Information to the mobile station of the calling subscriber that the VGCS is established with the related group call reference as the connected number.

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PROCESS_GROUP_CALL_SIGNALLING (uplink release indication): To indicate to the anchor MSC that the uplink is free.

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DISC: Two layer 2 disconnect messages shall be sent by the mobile station to the network.

RELEASE from MSC-A: The dedicated connection for the initiating service subscriber is released.

END OF MODIFICATIONS

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CHANGE REQUEST

⌘ **03.68 CR A040** ⌘ rev **2** ⌘ Current version: **8.4.0** ⌘

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Proposed change affects: UICC apps ME Radio Access Network Core Network

Title:	⌘ Correction of the conditions for establishment of a voice group call		
Source:	⌘ Nortel Networks, Siemens		
Work item code:	⌘ ASCII	Date:	⌘ 26.01.2005
Category:	⌘ F Use <u>one</u> of the following categories: F (correction) A (corresponds to a correction in an earlier release) B (addition of feature), C (functional modification of feature) D (editorial modification) Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP TR 21.900 .	Release:	⌘ R99 Use <u>one</u> of the following releases: Ph2 (GSM Phase 2) R96 (Release 1996) R97 (Release 1997) R98 (Release 1998) R99 (Release 1999) Rel-4 (Release 4) Rel-5 (Release 5) Rel-6 (Release 6) Rel-7 (Release 7)

Reason for change: ⌘ If a voice group call fails to become established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time, TS 02.68 defines exceptional conditions with which to determine whether the call can be considered to be established. These conditions are different depending upon whether the calling subscriber is a service subscriber or a dispatcher. This distinction is missing in the 03.68 specification.

As decided by STF139 #5 in Dec.1999 (refer to Tdoc U-99-134), the Release 99 is used as basis for the GSM-R projects and for corresponding IOT test specifications. Therefore this correction should be implemented from Release 99 onwards.

Extract from 02.68 v8.1.0:

6 Exceptional procedures or unsuccessful outcome

If a service subscriber wants to establish a voice group call while not subscribed to the service or the network cannot provide the service for some reason, an indication will be provided to the calling subscriber to notify him of the reason of failure.

If a dispatcher wants to establish a voice group call while not entitled to do it or the network cannot provide the service for some reason, the call shall be rejected. The network shall give an appropriate indication to dispatchers who are GSM subscribers.

If a voice group call cannot be established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time, the

call will be considered established provided that at least the originating cell in case of a service subscriber originated voice group call or any one cell within the group call area in case of a dispatcher originated voice group call has been included within this specified time.

If a cell is excluded from the group call area because of pre-emption, the voice group call shall be maintained.

Summary of change: ⌘ If a voice group call fails to become established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time then the call is considered to be established if at least the downlink channel in the originating cell is established (for the case of a service subscriber originated voice group call) or the downlink channel in any one cell within the group call area is established (for the case of a dispatcher originated voice group call).

Consequences if not approved: ⌘ A voice group call may be established where the cell of origin has no downlink channel. This may result in:

- the calling service subscriber being dropped out of the voice group call, when he ceases to be the talker
- failure of the most relevant service subscribers to be included in the voice group call (e.g. in an emergency call scenario some of the most relevant service subscribers may be those within the cell or origin)

Clauses affected: ⌘ 11.3.1.1.2, 11.3.8

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- 1) Fill out the above form. The symbols above marked ⌘ contain pop-up help information about the field that they are closest to.
- 2) Obtain the latest version for the release of the specification to which the change is proposed. Use the MS Word "revision marks" feature (also known as "track changes") when making the changes. All 3GPP specifications can be downloaded from the 3GPP server under <ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/> For the latest version, look for the directory name with the latest date e.g. 2001-03 contains the specifications resulting from the March 2001 TSG meetings.
- 3) With "track changes" disabled, paste the entire CR form (use CTRL-A to select it) into the specification just in front of the clause containing the first piece of changed text. Delete those parts of the specification which are not relevant to the change request.

FIRST MODIFIED SECTION

11.3.1.1.2 Establishment of the transmission means

A voice group call channel shall be established in all the cells throughout the identified group call area using physical channels selected by the BSCs as appropriate. The downlink channels shall be established without any return signalling from mobile stations. Whilst the downlink channel is being established, the MSC shall form a conference bridge containing the appropriate channels on all BTSs in the group call area. The MSC is responsible for adding dispatchers to the conference bridge.

Alternatively, the network may establish voice group call channels in a cell on demand, i.e. if mobile stations respond to the notifications as defined in subclause 4.2.2.1.

In parallel, a dedicated suitable channel is allocated to the caller if not already the case. If a voice group call cannot be established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time (Txx, see figure 2 and 3), the call will be considered established provided that ~~Once this is done, and~~ at least the downlink channel in the originating cell, in the case of a service subscriber originated voice group call, or the downlink channel in any one cell within the group call area, in the case of a dispatcher originated voice group call, ~~one downlink channel~~ is established. The MSC shall signal to the calling subscriber that this has occurred so that he knows when to start speaking. If a voice group call cannot be established to all cells and dispatchers in a pre-set time (Txx) and the call does not meet the above conditions in order to be considered as established, then the call shall be released.

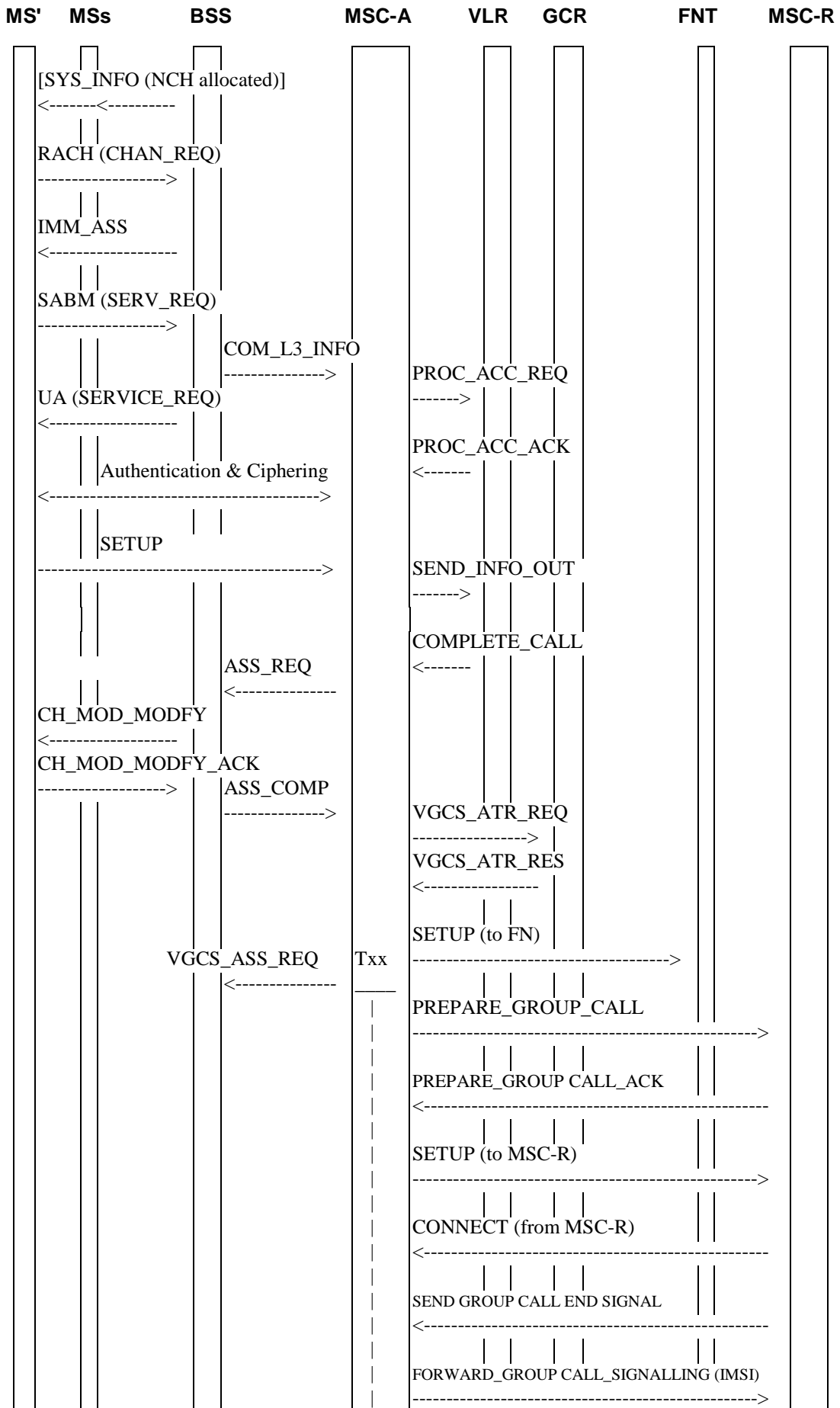
The mobile station shall indicate connection to the subscriber. If channels could not be established in particular cells because of congestion, channels are allocated to these cells as soon as possible.

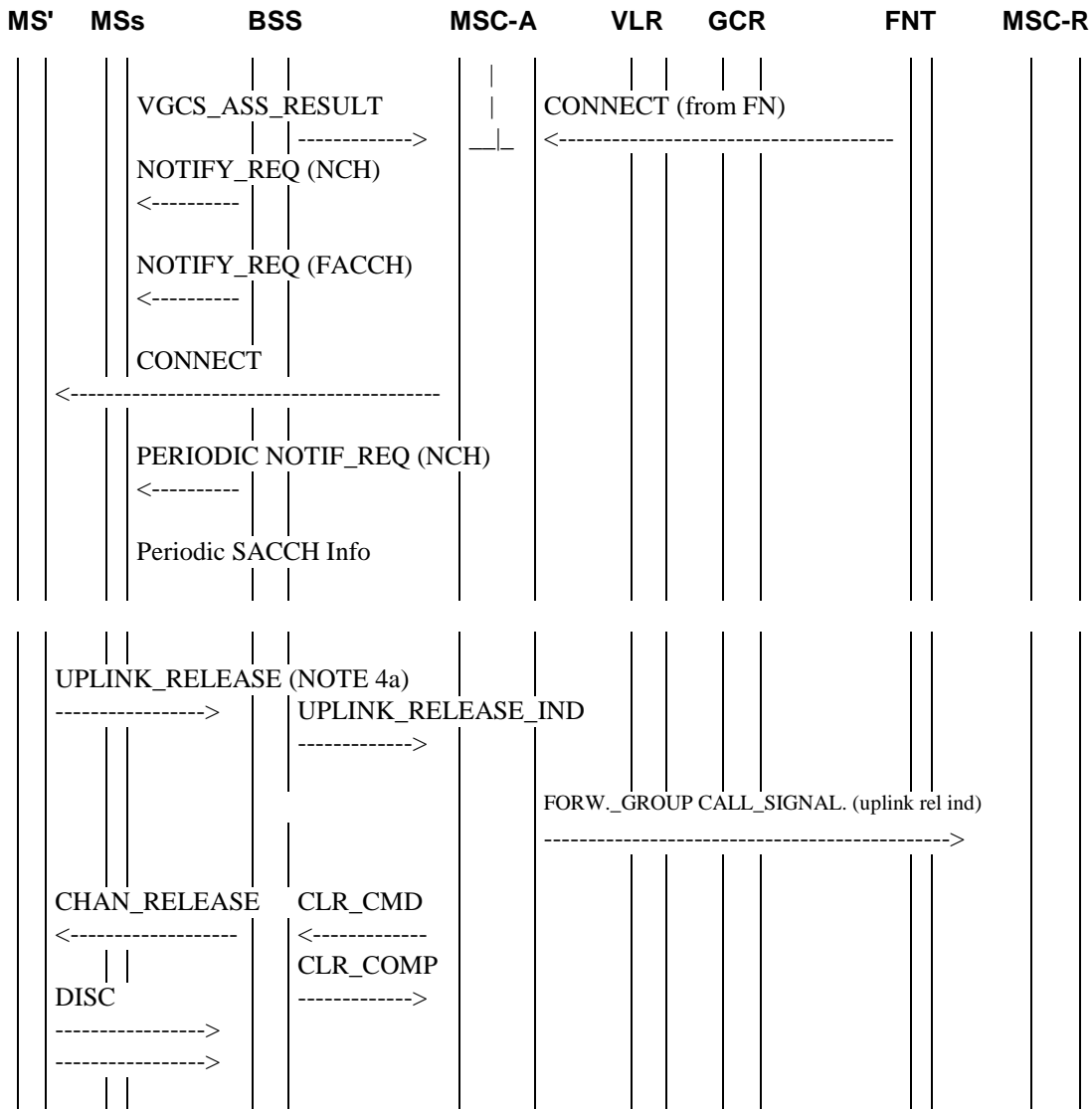
NEXT MODIFIED SECTION

11.3.8 Overview of signalling

In this overview, the messages required to implement the specified concept are identified, and brief details are given of each message.

A diagrammatic representation of the voice group call message structure proposed and actions required is given in figures 2 to 7a.





NOTE: MS' = calling subscriber mobile station;
 MSs = destination subscriber mobile stations;
 FNT = fixed network user terminal;
 MSC-A = anchor MSC;
 MSC-R = relay MSC

Figure 2: Signalling information required for establishing voice group calls by a service subscriber roaming in the anchor MSC area

SYS_INFO (NCH allocated): Message used to indicate if the NCH is allocated on the CCCH in the cell.

Initial RACH CHAN_REQ: Standard message.

IMM_ASS: Standard message send on the PCH.

SERV_REQ (voice group call): Modified form of the current call request message L3-MM CM SERVICE REQUEST sent on the allocated channel. Teleservice Voice group call is indicated.

UA (SERV_REQ): This message is used to acknowledge the layer 2 link and provide contention resolution of the service request.

COM_L3_INFO: The MSC is provided with initial information about the voice group call.

NOTE 1: Messages flows for authentication and ciphering are not represented although performed as normal.

PROC_ACC_REQ: The MAP_PROCESS_ACC_REQ message is sent to the VLR to check the requested VGCS teleservice against the subscription data.

PROC_ACC_ACK: The MAP_PROCESS_ACC_ACK message acknowledges the requested service.

Authentication and Ciphering: Authentication and Ciphering may be performed. Acknowledgement of the service request can also be performed by sending the CM SERVICE ACCEPT.

SETUP: The MSC is provided with details about the voice group call.

NOTE 2: Alternatively, an IMMEDIATE_SETUP may have been send as the initial message including all details of the voice group call. In this case no SETUP message must be sent.

SEND_INFO_OUT: The requested group ID is transferred to the VLR in the MAP_SEND_INFO_FOR_OUTGOING_CALL message.

COMPLETE_CALL: The VLR returns the MAP_COMPLETE_CALL message confirming the use of the requested group ID.

ASSIGNMENT_REQUEST: Standard message.

CHAN_MOD_MODIFY: Standard message to modify the channel mode in case of very early assignment.

CHAN_MOD_MODIFY_ACK: Standard message to acknowledge the modification of the channel mode.

ASSIGNMENT_COMPLETE: Standard message.

NOTE 3: Alternatively, early assignment or OACSU procedures might be applied with the corresponding assignment messages not presented in figure 2.

VGCS_ATR_REQ: The group call attributes are requested from the GCR.

VGCS_ATR_RES: The requested information is returned from the GCR.

VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_REQ: This message is sent from the MSC to all affected BSCs, [including the group call reference, the channel type and possibly the call priority and details on the ciphering.

NOTE 4: As an operator option the voice group call channels, the links to them and optionally also the links to dispatchers can already be established and permanently reserved in order to speed up the call set-up for emergency voice group calls.

VGCS_ASSIGNMENT RESULT: Acknowledgement message from the affected BSC in answer to the assignment requests. If the assignment is not successful, a VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_FAILURE message shall be sent instead.

SETUP to fixed network users: Based on the information determined about the users of external networks to be involved in the call, the MSC shall initiate calls to these users in the normal manner, depending on their mode of connection into the MSC, and shall connect them into the conference bridge. Alternatively normal calls to GSM subscribers may be established for dispatchers being GSM subscribers which is not presented in the diagram.

PREPARE_GROUP CALL: The group call attributes are sent to every relay MSC and a Group Call number for call set-up to is requested.

PREPARE_GROUP CALL ACK: The Group Call number for call set-up is returned to the anchor MSC.

SETUP to MSC-R: The ISUP connection is set-up to the relay MSC.

CONNECT from MSC-R: Set-up of the ISUP connection to the relay MSC is confirmed.

SEND_GROUP CALL_END_SIGNAL: Indicates to the anchor MSC that conversation can start.

FORWARD_GROUP CALL_SIGNALLING (IMSI): The IMSI of the service subscriber who has established the voice group call and who is allowed to terminate the call is sent to every relay MSC.

Txx: Timer implemented in the MSC which is started with the incoming VGCS SETUP message ~~and stops with the outgoing paging message~~. If the timer expires before the MSC receives all of the expected **CHAN_REQ_ACK** **VGCS_ASSIGNMENT_RESULT** messages from the BSCs and the CONNECT messages from the external networks and SEND_GROUP_CALL_END_SIGNALs from the relay MSCs, the VGCS shall be established by the MSC to all available parts of the group call area if the conditions in subclause 11.3.1.1.2 "Establishment of the transmission means" are met.

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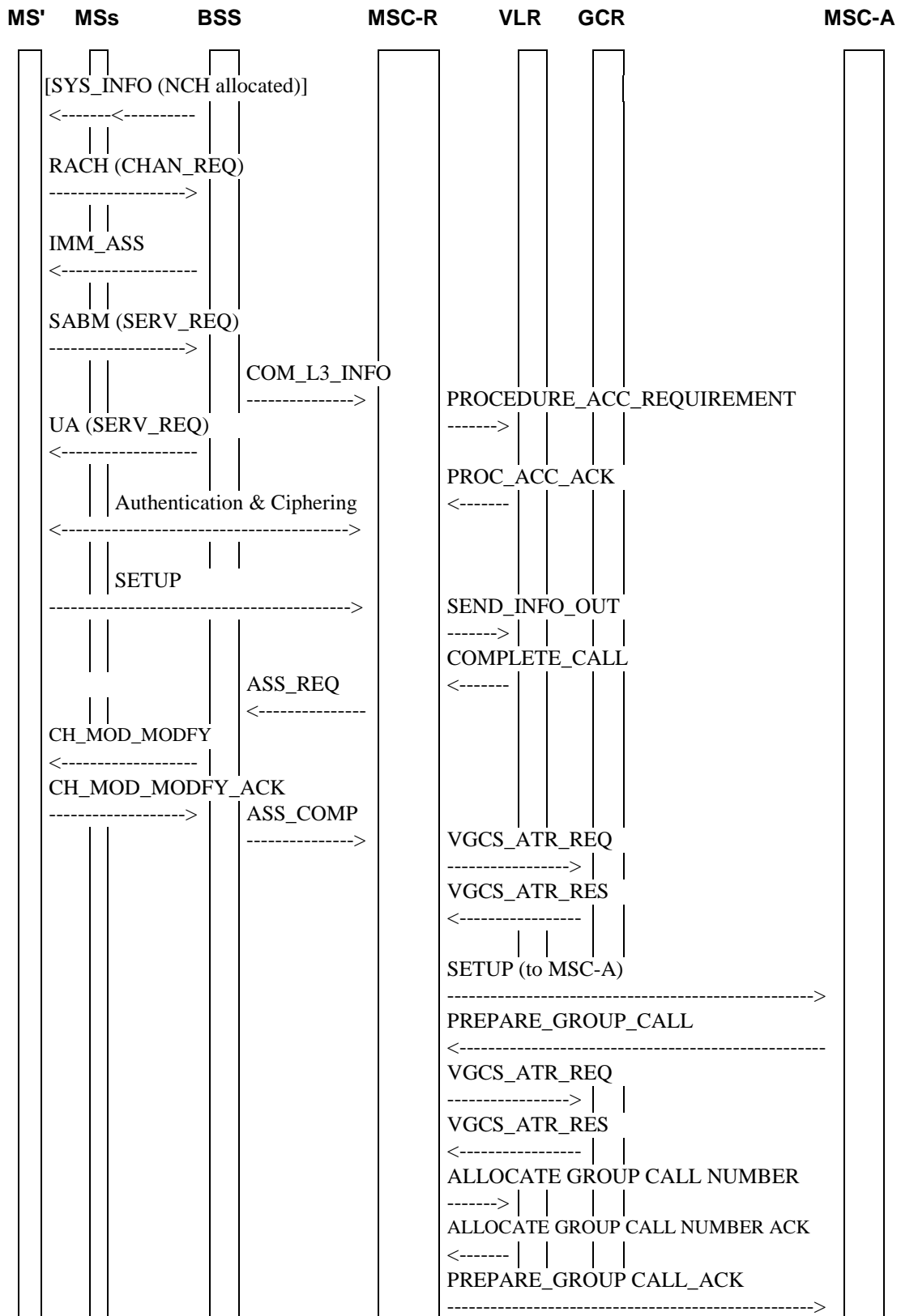
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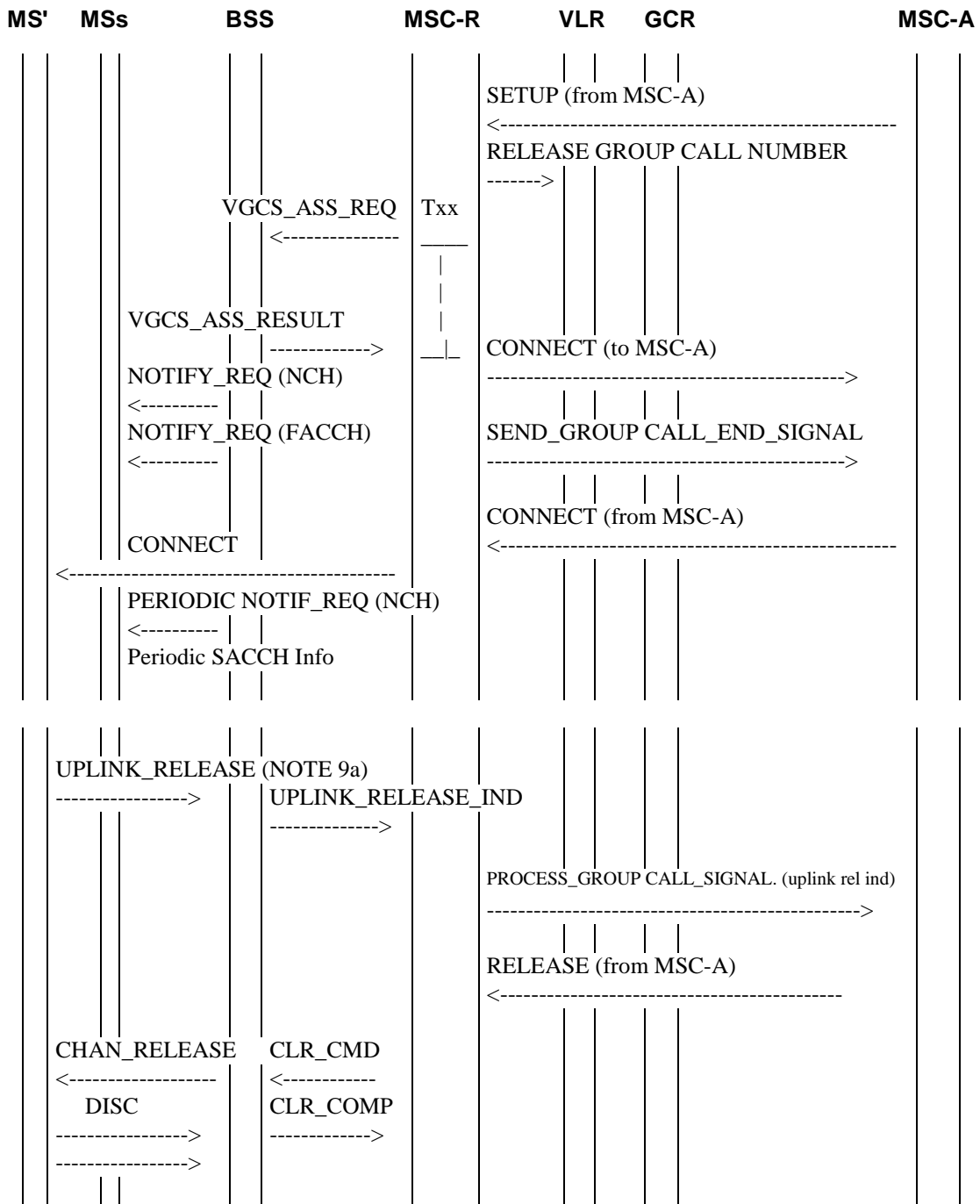
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