Specifications of a Simplified Transport Protocol Using Different Formal Description Techniques

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Abstract. Formal description techniques have been developed for the specification of OSI communication protocols and services, and can also be used as specification languages for other application areas. This paper presents two complete example specifications of a simplified Transport protocol (class 2) written in Estelle and LOTOS, and the outline of a similar specification in SDL. These examples are of sufficient complexity to demonstrate the difficulties encountered in the development of formal specifications. They may also be taken as a basis for a comparative evaluation of the three languages, Estelle, LOTOS and SDL, bearing in mind that they are particular examples.

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1. Introduction

The orderly introduction of new communication protocols, for proprietary systems or Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) [39], requires a careful analysis of the proposed protocols and services, and much effort for the development and testing of protocol implementations. Much research effort has gone into improving the working methods for these activities. In this context, the use of formal description techniques (FDTs) for the specification of communication protocols and services has received much attention, since such techniques allow a more systematic approach for protocol validation, implementation and testing, as compared to the traditional use of protocol specifications given in natural language (see for instance [6] or [4]).

Three FDTs are presently considered for application in this area, namely Estelle [13,26], LOTOS [11,27] and SDL [15,35]. Estelle and LOTOS are developed within ISO for application to OSI, but can also be used in other areas of application. Estelle is based on a finite state machine model which is extended by Pascal data structures, expressions and statements for the description of interaction parameters, additional state variables and related processing. A specified system may consist of a large number of interconnected state machine modules. LOTOS is a combination of a variation of Milner's CCS formalism [32] with a particular notation for abstract data types called ACT ONE [19]. Similar to the other FDTs, it allows the construction of a specification from several smaller components. SDL was originally developed by CCITT for the description of switching systems, but can also be used in other areas of application. Like Estelle, it is based on an extended finite state machine model. It is largely oriented towards a graphical representation. The original language has been considerably extended during the past years, also including facilities for

defining data structures, interaction parameters and additional state variables. Abstract data types are also supported.

The purpose of this paper is two-fold. First, we try to demonstrate the difficulties that arise in the development of formal specifications of protocols as they appear in real systems by discussing an example of sufficient complexity and detail. A simplified version of the OSI class 2 Transport protocol is chosen for this purpose. It includes, in particular, the provision of multiple parallel connections, multiplexing and flow control. Complete specifications in Estelle and LOTOS for this example are given in Annexes 1 and 2. A detailed explanation of these specifications is given in Section 3 and highlights the similarities and differences of the different specifications. A sketch of a specification in SDL is given in Annex 3.

In order to provide a basis for the comparison of the different FDTs, an effort was made to present specifications that are similar to one another, as much as this was possible and reasonable. For example, similar specification structures, design choices, and identifier names were chosen wherever possible. However, certain structural and other differences between the specifications remained and are largely due to the nature of the underlying FDTs. Some of these differences are discussed in Section 4. The discussion in Section 4 concentrates on those aspects of the specifications and underlying FDTs which appear to be most important for a comparative evaluation of the different FDTs. Section 5 provides some concluding remarks.

2. The Role of Protocol Specifications

Protocol specifications play an important role in the development life cycle of distributed systems. During the design phase of a distributed system, the protocol specifications are developed in relation with the communication service to be provided by the system and the service available from the system layer below, as indicated in Fig. 1. It is important to thoroughly validate the protocol specification, since it is the reference for the implementations in all the system components. During the implementation phase, it is not only used for deriving large parts of the implementation code, but should also serve as the basis for the selection of test cases for conformance testing and for the evaluation of test results. A more detailed discussion of these issues can be found in [4,6].

If formal specification languages are used in the design and implementation phases, different descriptions can be used in the successive stages of the development process. Starting with abstract service and protocol specifications, which correspond for instance to the OSI service and protocol standards, successively more detailed and implementation-oriented protocol specifications can be developed, which finally lead to the implemented program code [9,38]. It seems that these successive specifications differ from one another in respect to two aspects:

(a) The specified behavior: Certain behavior aspects, not defined in the original specification, are determined during the implementation process. This may include the addition of behavioral possibilities which were originally not included, such as the reaction to certain invalid inputs, or the selection of "implementation choices" which reduce the number of behavior possibilities, such as the selection of options to be implemented. The comparison of behaviors can be formalized through various equivalences and "implement" relations, as described for instance in [33] and [12].

(b) The structure of the specification: The structure of the more detailed specification reflects in certain ways the structure of the intended implementation. A structural comparison of specifications is difficult to formalize. Vissers et al. identify four major specification styles [17] which can be classified into extensional specifications, which define only "what" the specified system should do, and intentional specifications, which also define to some extent "how" the specified behavior is obtained by giving "implementation hints". The specifications given in this paper are partly intentional. For complex systems, it is often difficult to write human-readable specifications without introducing some form of internal structure. The internal structure of the Transport protocol specifications, as shown in Figs. 2-5, clearly indicate more detail than the "black box" structure of the protocol entity shown in Fig. 1.

In addition to the above two aspects, specifications can be distinguished by a third aspect [18], namely the language in which they are written. This is the aspect on which this paper focuses.



Fig. 2. Structure of Estelle specification.

Section 4 also includes some discussion of the impact of specification languages on the style of specifications.

3. Explanation of the Transport Protocol Specifications

This section contains a detailed explanation of the specifications given in the annexes. Annexes 1



Fig. 3. Structure of LOTOS specification.

and 2 contain complete specifications of a simplified OSI class 2 Transport protocol [29]. The functions supported by this simplified example are described in Section 3.2.1 below. The specification of Annex 1 was written first (an early draft in 1984) and has been influenced by an earlier complete OSI class 0/2 protocol specification [3]. The specification of Annex 2 was written afterwards (first version late 1986) and was modelled to same extent after the specification of Annex 1. The experience of writing this LOTOS specification lead to some revisions of the specification in Annex 1. Influences from the formal specifications developed within ISO [24,28] must also be acknowledged.

The overall structure of the Transport layer is shown in Fig. 1. The users of the Transport service access this service through the Transport service access points (TSAP), as shown in the figure. The Transport service is provided by a collection of Transport protocol entities, named *TP-entity*, which in turn use the Network service for the



Fig. 4. Structure of SDL specification (using SDL graphic symbols).

exchange of protocol data units (PDUs) between one another. A protocol specification is the specification which must be satisfied by all protocol entities in the layer.

The Transport service provided by the Transport entities allows the users to establish Transport connections between one another. Several Transport connections can be established by a given user through a given service access point, usually leading to different destinations. At a given access point, the different connections are distinguished by so-called connection end-point identifiers (TCEP indentifiers). The different destinations are distinguished by so-called Transport addresses: Each address identifies a single access point at the service level. For a given Transport connection, the following three phases of operation can be distinguished: (1) connection establishment, (2) data transfer, and (3) disconnection. During the data transfer phase, the users at both ends of the connection can send and receive simultaneously data in both direction. Data transfer is interrupted when either user issues a disconnect request. The disconnection phase may also be initiated by one of the Transport entities involved, or through the failure of the underlying Network connection.

The following explanation of the specifications given in the annexes is written as two versions of text. Most parts of the versions are identical and only written once. Where the corresponding text for the Estelle and LOTOS versions are different (because of differences in the specifications) the two versions are written one after the other in the following from "...common text... {Estelle:... text for Estelle version...} {LOTOS:...text for LOTOS version...} ... continuation of common text...".

The outline of the SDL specification given in Annex 3 follows largely the structure of the Estelle specification in Annex 1. Certain differences are discussed in Section 4.

3.1. Internal Structure of a Protocol Entity

3.1.1. Addressing Conventions

It is assumed that each protocol entity uses only a single Network service access point (NSAP),



Fig. 5. Structure of ISO LOTOS specification.

identified by a particular Network address. This implies a hierarchical addressing scheme where each Transport address determines the Network address over which the TSAP is accessible. In such a case, it is convenient to partition the Transport address into two parts: the "Network address" prefix, and a suffix identifying the TSAP within the Transport protocol entity servicing the NSAP identified by the prefix. This address structure is defined by the $T_address_type$ definition.

3.1.2. Service Access Points

As shown in Fig. 1, a common specification of the Transport service access points is used in the specifications of (a) the Transport service, (b) the Transport protocol entity, and (c) the Transport service user, i.e. the Session protocol entity. Such a common specification defines the possible interactions, also called "service primitives", their parameters, and the local rules determining the possible order of execution. (In the case of the LOTOS specification in [28], this common part is represented by the subprocesses TCEP which are part of the TC processes shown, in Fig. 5.) It is noted, however, that the local rules are often not explicitly defined. This is also the case for the specifications given in the annexes. The Transport service primitives and their parameters are defined by the part of the specification entitled {Estelle: Definition of Transport Service Primitives} {LOTOS: TCEP_primitives}.

A given Transport connection is identified, within the supporting Transport entity, by the address suffix of the supporting TSAP and the TCEP identifier. {Estelle: The array of interaction points TS of the PT_{entity} module represents the service access points of the Transport entity. For each interaction taking place at one of these interaction points, the first index of type T_suffix -type indicates to which TSAP the interaction pertains; the second index indicates the TCEP identifier of the connection.} {LOTOS: All Transport service interactions take place at the gate TS. Each interaction includes three parameters, namely the address suffix of the TSAP to which the interaction pertains, the TCEP identifier of the connection, and the service primitive exchanged.}

A similar specification applies to the Network access points. The Network service primitives are defined in the part entitled {Estelle: Definition of Network Primitives} {LOTOS: NCEP_primitives}. Since only a single Network access point is used by a given Transport entity, a Network connection is identified by the value of its NCEP identifier. The Network access point is represented by the {Estelle: interaction point array} {LOTOS: gate NS of the TP_entity }.

3.1.3. Submodules of an Entity

The behavior of the TP_entity is described in the following by first defining an internal substructure of the entity in terms of submodules and their interconnection. A static structure shown in Figs. 2-5 is assumed. This structure foresees one AP module per possible Transport connection, and a single *Map* module which provides the multiplexing function and looks after the sending and receiving of the TPDUs. This substructure can be defined as follows.

{Estelle: Written at the end of the specification, an array of AP module variables and a Mapmodule variable are declared. These modules are initialized through the execution of Estelle INIT statements which are part of the initialization code for the Transport entity. The CONNECT and ATTACH statements then create the interconnection structure shown in Fig. 2.}

{LOTOS: The process structure shown in Fig. 3 is defined by the text of the TP_entity module. The parameters $tc_i ds$ and $nc_i ds$ determine what the possible connection end-points at the different service access points can be. As defined by the text of the processes AP_modules and NC_managers, their invocation by the TP_entity is equivalent to the parallel invocation of a number of AP_closed and NC_manager modules, respectively. A AP_modules process, for instance, receives as parameter a set of $\langle T_suffix,$ $TCEP_{id}$ pairs which represent a set of possible Transport connection identifications. The defined process is equivalent to the invocation of a new AP_closed process for a selected $\langle T_suffix,$ $TCEP_{id}$ pair and its replacement (so to speak) by another invocation of AP_modules where the selected pair is deleted from the parameter set.}

The above substructure of a protocol entity is one among many possibilities. The choice of a particular substructure for the formal specification of a protocol entity does not imply that the same substructure must be manifest in any implementation of the protocol. (An implementation should only exhibit the behavior defined by the specification.) However, the choice has certain implications about what properties are evidently satisfied by the defined behavior. Important considerations for the choice of a substructure are the following:

(a) Which parts of the specified system operate independently of one another? Such parts could usually operate "in parallel".

(b) If two parts of the specified system share some common information, these parts may either be represented as a single module which contains this information as an internal state, or as two submodules which exchange their knowledge about this information by means of interactions.

The AP submodules in the protocol entity refinement above operate independently from one another, since they deal with separate connections. However, the different connections interfere with one another when they are multiplexed over a single, shared Network connection. The latter aspect is handled by the {Estelle: Map module.} {LOTOS: *Map* and *Unique_refs* modules.} {Estelle: The fact that the Map module, by definition, executes one transition at a time, and each transition deals with a single connection, implies that mutual exclusion is established between operations for different connections. It is to be noted that the sequential execution of the transitions of the Map module exhibits less parallelism than would be possible. In fact, among the transitions of the Map module, there are many that have no conflict, nor do they operate on shared information. An implementation could therefore execute these transitions in parallel.} {LOTOS: The Map module is further subdivided into PDU_handlers, one for each Transport connection. The mutual exclusion of access to the Network connection is realized by the gate NS. A specification describing PDU concatenation would probably include a subprocess per Network connection.}

3.2. Functional Decomposition and Inter-module Communication

While the specification substructure shown in Figs. 2–5 was obtained by an overall consideration of independent Transport connections and their multiplexing over shared Network connections, more detailed design choices must be made in order to determine what functions each of the submodules should realize. A useful design criteria is to minimize the required communication be-

tween the submodules. These issues, as they relate to the Transport protocol, are discussed in this section.

3.2.1. Functional Decomposition

The following functions of a Transport protocol entity can be identified [8,36]:

(a) Addressing: To select the correct TSAP for remotely initiated connection requests, and selecting Network connections with appropriate remote Network addresses for connection requests initiated by local users.

(b) Local identification of Transport connections: To identify Transport connections based either on locally selected reference numbers (for incoming PDUs), or on the local Transport address suffix and the TCEP identifier (for service primitives received from the users).

(c) Connection establishment, and clearing: To be able to establish, and clear Transport connections, as requested from the remote peer protocol entity or the local user.

(d) Data transfer: To be able to transfer user data over established Transport connections. This includes the flow control at the local interfaces of the Network and Transport SAPs. (Note that the principle of flow control is to make the sender side wait until the receiver side is ready for reception.)

(e) End-to-end flow control: To exchange control information with the peer protocol entity (in the form of acknowledge (AK) PDUs and certain parameters of other PDUs) in order to control the flow of data between the two protocol entities.

(f) Option negotiation: To be able to negotiate the values of options to be used over a connection to be established, based on options proposed by the users at the two ends of the connection.

(g) Connection parameter negotiation: To be able to negotiate values of certain parameters to be used over a connection to be established. In contrast to option negotiation, these parameters are selected by the two protocol entities largely based on their implementation parameters, and possibly also on performance parameters provided by the users.

(h) *Multiplexing*: The use of a single Network connection for several Transport connections (provided that the Network prefixes of the Transport addresses are the same).

(j) Segmentation: To be able to handle arbitrarily long Transport service data units (SDUs).



(Notation: /X means "output of X") Fig. 6. State diagram for a single Transport connection.

It is assumed by the specifications in the annexes that the SDU segments provided by the user of the service interface are already of such a length that they can be included in a single PDU.

(k) Network connection management: This aspect is largely simplified for the specifications in the Annexes. It is assumed that the Network connections are initially established and remain always open.

3.2.2. Allocation of Functions to Submodules

The functions above are allocated to the two types of submodules of the *TP-entity* based on the question whether they can be executed for each Transport connection independently of other Transport connections, or not. In the former case, the function is performed by the *AP* module (which handles a single Transport connection). The functions handled by the *AP* module are data transfer, end-to-end flow control, option negotiation, segmentation. Connection establishment and clearing, as well as connection parameter negotiation involves the *AP* as well as *Map* modules. The other functions are handled by the *Map* module.

This partitioning is reflected in the declaration of the {Estelle: local variables} {LOTOS: parameters} of the submodules. The variable/parameter opt of the *AP* modules records the options selected for the connection. The other variables/ parameters are sequence counters and credit values for window-oriented flow control for the two directions of data transfer. {Estelle: The variable state represents the major state, as shown in Fig. 6} {LOTOS: The major states shown in Fig. 6 are represented partly by the different AP_{-xxxx} processes, where xxxxrepresents the state where the process starts its execution, and partly by the "locus of execution" within the active AP_{-xxxx} process. Note that only one of the AP_{-xxxx} processes is active at a given time for a given connection.}

{Estelle: The body of the *Map* module contains two arrays of state information. The array *TC* records for each Transport connection, identified by an index in the array, certain information required for the functions performed by the *Map* module. In particular, the variable *assigned_NC* indicates which Network connection is used by the Transport connection for the transmission of PDUs. The value *undefined* means that no Network connection is assigned. (This value is used when the Transport connection is in the *closed* or *wait_for_CC* state.)}

{LOTOS: The state information required by the *Map* process for the Transport connections is kept as parameters of the *PDU_handler* subprocesses. A *PDU_handler* process is created when a connection is established and contains in particular the *NC_id* parameter which determines the associated Network connection.}

Since the Network connections are assumed to be always open, only minimal information is required, namely the Network address of the remote Transport entity, which is checked when a new Transport connection is to be allocated. {Estelle: The array NC records for each Network connection this information.} {LOTOS: The NC_manager process includes this information as parameter.}

The only global information, pertaining to all connections, is the set of local references in use. {Estelle: This information is held in the variable *active_references* of the *Map* module.} {LOTOS: This information is held as parameter of the process *Unique_refs.*}

3.2.3. Communication Between the Submodules

The communication between the AP and Map modules is mainly concerned with information about the PDUs exchanged with the remote protocol entity. {Estelle: This information is included in the data type $TPDU_and_control_information$ which also contains some "control information" (as indicated by the comments). For instance, the field *full* is used to indicate whether a PDU buffer contains a PDU or not.} {LOTOS: This information is defined by the data type p_info .} This information is exchanged between an AP module and the *Map* module {Estelle: through a channel of type $PDU_and_control.$ } {LOTOS: at the gates pr and ps, respectively. The gate pr is used for reception of PDUs and ps for sending.}

The {Estelle: interaction *terminated* } {LOTOS: gate t} is used by the modules to indicate to one another that a connection is closed after the last PDU was received or sent. Additional communication is required for flow control (see Section 3.5).

{LOTOS: An additional gate a is used for assigning a new Transport connection to a given Network connection. Interactions at this gate, as well as for gate t, involve all submodules of the TP_entity (see Fig. 3).}

3.3. The AP Module

The specification of the AP module defines the order for exchange of PDUs with the peer Transport protocol entity and for exchange of service primitives with the local user of the Transport service. This order is shown in Fig. 6 in the form of a state transition diagram. The specification of the AP module also defines the allowed interaction parameters values, not shown in the figure.

Also not shown in the figure are functions such as interface and end-to-end flow control. In order to facilitate the dicussions below, the transitions shown in the figure are labeled with names T_1 through T_{11} . The corresponding parts of the formal specifications are indicated in the annexes.

For the establishment of a Transport connections, there are transitions for the case that the connection is initiated by the local user (transitions T_1 and T_2), and for the case initiated by the peer entity (transitions T_3 and T_4). The first transition is executed when the user initiates a TCONreq primitive, which contains as parameters the destination address and a proposal for the options to be used over the connection. It is assumed that the entity is ready to receive such a request for the AP in question. The action of the AP module is simply to forward a CR PDU to the Map module. CR_PDU is a function which is introduced to simplify the notation for sending PDUs. It returns as result a {Estelle: record of type *TPDU_and _control _information* } {LOTOS: value of sort CR_PDU which represents a CR PDU including the parameters passed to the function as arguments, not including, however, the local and remote reference numbers which are added by the Map module. Similar functions are defined for forming other kinds of PDUs. The definition of these functions can be found in the part entitled PDU definitions of the specifications. {Estelle: The proposed options are also recorded in the local opt variable because their value is needed for checking the option parameter of the CC PDU to be received.}

The second transition (T_{2a}) describes the action to be taken when a CC PDU arrives (in response to the CR sent by the first transition), and checks whether the accepted options mentioned in the PDU are among those proposed initially. (Note that it is possible that the remote user does not accept all of the options proposed by the initiator.) The AP module records the accepted options, which will be used for the established connection, and sends a TCONconf primitive to the user indicating the successful establishment of the connection. The CC PDU also contains a credit_value parameter which indicates the credits given by the remote entity for data transfer from the local user to the remote side. {Estelle: The variables} {LOTOS: The parameters of the AP_open process named } TSseq and TRseq are the sequence counters for the DT PDUs to be sent and received, respectively. They are set to zero.

Another transition (T_{2b}) is executed when a CC PDU is received which contains options not originally requested. Such a response is not accepted and leads to the termination of the connection.

The establishment of a connection in response to a CR PDU received from the peer Transport entity is described similarly by the transitions T_3 and T_4 .

There are many different cases of connection termination that may occur, in addition to the case above. These cases are described by different transitions of the AP modules which are mentioned below.

Transition T_{4b} is executed when the user refuses an incoming connection request, given in the form of a *TCONind*, by responding with a *TDISreq*. It leads to the sending of a DR PDU. Transition T_{2c} is executed when such a DR PDU arrives in response to a CR PDU sent to the peer protocol entity.

Transition T_9 corresponds to a termination requested by the local user during the data transfer phase. Transition T_{12} covers the case that the termination originates on the other end of the connection. In contrast to the initial refusal of a connection (transitions T_{2c} or T_{4c}), the termination in the data transfer phase involves the additional exchange of a DC PDU. The reception of such a DC PDU is described by transition T_{10a} . Transition T_{11} , finally, is a spontaneous transition which leads to the termination of the connection without user initiative. It may be executed by a protocol entity in exceptional situations, for instance in case of congestion.

The data transfer phase of the protocol is described by the transitions T_5 through T_8 . The first two transitions handle the sending and receiving of DT PDUs, respectively. The sequence counter and credit variables/parameters are updated accordingly. Note that on reception, the sequence number and the available credit are checked. The flow control issues (transitions T_{7x} and T_{8x}) are discussed in Sections 3.5.

3.4. The Map Module

The other functions, such as addressing, PDU en- and de-coding, multiplexing, etc. are mainly

handled by the *Map* module. Its operation is explained in the following.

{Estelle: The "state" variables of the Map module contains information about all Transport connections and Network connections.} {LOTOS: The Map process creates a PDU_handler process for each established Transport connection. The parameters of this process contain the required information on that connection. For each Network connection, there is also a NC_manager process, which includes as parameter the necessary information about that connection. The latter processes are only involved in interactions on the a and t gates at the beginning and end of a Transport connection. The PDU_handler processes perform the sending and reception of PDUs.}

The sending of PDUs is described in two steps. The PDUs received from an AP module are first stored in a PDU_buffer (see part T_b). {Estelle: There is one buffer for each kind of PDU, for each Transport connection.} {LOTOS: The *buffer* parameter of the $PDU_handler$ process is a sequence of PDUs. The corresponding data type PDU_buffer_type is based on the predefined *string* type of LOTOS.}

These stored PDUs may be sent in coded form as data fragment in a Network NDATA service primitive, as described in part T_s . {Estelle: This is done by a (spontaneous) transition which is only executed when, for a given Transport connection and PDU kind, the PDU buffer contains a PDU, and the Network connection assigned to the Transport connection is ready to receive more data (flow control at the Network service interface).} The PDU is coded and sent as a Network SDU. Before the PDU is encoded, the information received from the *AP* module is complemented with certain PDU parameters which are determined from the information available in the *Map* module.

It is important to note that the order in which the PDUs for a given Transport connection are sent over the assigned Network connection is not necessarily the same in which they were submitted by the AP module. It may happen that several PDUs are stored some time before they are sent (possibly due to Network flow control). For example, expedited data PDUs (not described here) or AK PDUs may overtake normal DT PDUs. In order to allow for such overtaking, but disallow

overtaking of DT over expedited or CC PDUs, each kind of PDU is assigned an order attribute which assigns a kind of priority to each type of PDU ({Estelle: see assignment in functions CR_PDU , etc. in the AP module {LOTOS: see type PDU_ordering }). The predicate order_constraint ({Estelle: a function declared in the Map module} {LOTOS: defined in the PDU_ordering type}) is used to check that for each PDU sent the order in consistent with the priority rules. In addition, DR and DC PDUs may overtake other PDUs by destroying them, since the Transport termination phase is "destructive". {Estelle: This is modeled by statement S_1 in transition T_3 . {LOTOS: The operation drop (see PDU_ordering type definition) is used for destructive overtaking.}

A Network connection must be "assigned" to a newly requested Transport connection before any PDU can be sent. {Estelle: This is done by executing transition T_a . {LOTOS: This is done by an event at the a gate, and involves the AP, Map, Unique_refs, and NC_manager processes.} This operation is executed when for a given Transport connection a CR PDU {Estelle: has been} {LOTOS: is} forwarded by the corresponding APmodule, and a Network connection exists which is connected to a remote entity with has the address corresponding to the destination address requested in the PDU. {LOTOS: This latter condition is checked by the NC_manager process.} During this operation, a local reference is also selected which is used to identify the Transport connection among all the other connections handled by the Transport entity. {Estelle: The selection of a new reference is performed by the procedure assign _new_ref which also updates the set of active reference numbers. A specification of a possible algorithm is given by the procedure definition of the annex.} {LOTOS: The selection of a new reference is performed by the event at the a gate (which generates the new value) since none of the participating processes determines the value. The condition that the new reference should presently not be in use is imposed by the Unique_refs process.}

The reception of PDUs is described by part T_r . This part is executed when a NDATA primitive is received from the Network containing the PDU in question.

{Estelle: The received PDU is decoded and the function *exists_TP* determines whether a corre-

sponding Transport connection already exists. If such a connection does not exists, the PDU should be a CR requesting the establishment of a new Transport connection. It is assumed that a free local Transport end point identifier EP_{-id} can always be found for the new connection. The value for the local variables of the new connection are determined, and the PDU is forwarded to the corresponding AP module.}

{LOTOS: PDUs with values for NC_id and dest_ref for which no corresponding PDU_handler is active must be received directly by the Map process. It accepts only CR PDU's (see part T_a.). After the assignment of a local reference (event at gate a, see discussion above) a corresponding PDU_handler is created and operates in parallel with the Map until the Transport connection is terminated through an event at the t gate. The CR PDU is a parameter of the assign operation and is passed during that operation to the assigned AP process which processes it further. The AP process participating in the assign operation imposes the condition that no Transport connection is active at the given end point and the Transport address suffix of the end point corresponds to the one requested in the CR PDU.}

If a Transport connection already exists for the PDU received, the PDU is immediately forwarded to the corresponding AP module. {LOTOS: For all PDUs, except CR, this is done by the corresponding $PDU_handler$ process (see part T_r).} In the case that a CC PDU is received, the remote reference is recorded in order to be used as reference in the PDUs to be sent for this connection {LOTOS: (see function update_source_ref defined within the PDU_type definition)}.

3.5. Flow Control and Synchronization Issues

In the case that a source module transfers data to a destination module, it is evident that the reception process in the destination process cannot go faster than the data output from the source. However, buffering problems may occur when a fast source does not wait for a slow reception process. The purpose of "flow control" is to have the source process restrain from sending when either the destination or the transmission medium is not capable of handling the data at the speed of the source.

Flow control can be described through different mechanisms. This section discusses how these issues are described in the specifications in the annexes. The end-to-end flow control mechanism performed between the peer protocol entities is usually described precisely by the protocol specification, the aspects of interface flow control are sometimes ignored [24] or sometimes described in a very abstract manner [28]. From the pragmatic standpoint, there is clearly a relation between the end-to-end flow control and the flow control at the interfaces related to the limited buffering within the protocol entities. In the specifications of the annexes, a particular design choice was taken by limiting the amount of buffering within the entities.

3.5.1. Flow Control for Sending User Data

Transitions T_{8a} through T_{8c} deal with end-to-end flow control for sending user data. Transition T_{8a} describes the action of the protocol entity when an AK PDU is received. The S_{credit} variable is updated according to the credit value received. A TDATreq interaction is only accepted when the S_credit variable/parameter has a value greater or equal to 1. The received user data blocks are stored in the PDU buffer of the Map module until they are sent over the network. {Estelle: Since the PDU buffer is limited to one block only, there is the additional condition that the DT PDU buffer should be empty. This fact is conveyed by the Map module by sending the ready interaction to the AP module (see statement S_2 of transition T_s). The AP module uses the map_ready variable to remember whether the PDU buffer is empty (see transition T_{8b}). When both conditions are satisfied a READY interaction is sent to the user module (see transition T_{8c}). This gives permission to send one TDATreq.} {LOTOS: The TDATreq is received from the user by the AP_open process through transition 5. The guard S-credit ge 1 and the rendezvous nature of the interaction effect the flow control.}

3.5.2. Flow Control for Receiving User Data

The specifications are written in such a manner that credit is only given to the remote Transport entity for as much data as the user is ready to receive. The user indicates his willingness to receive data blocks by invoking the U_READY service primitive which contains as parameter the number of additional blocks to be received. This information is stored in the R_credit variable/ parameter of the AP module (see {Estelle: transition T_{7a} } {LOTOS: transitions T_{7a} and T_{7a} }). The value of R_credit is used to determine how many credits are sent in acknowledgment PDUs to the remote peer Transport entity (see transition T_{7b}). This transition may be executed any time. It is assumed that it is executed often enough to obtain a reasonable throughput for the data transfer from the remote site to the local user.

3.5.3. Synchronization of Connection Termination

It is important to note that after a TDISreq or a TDISind for a given pair of T_{suf} and EP_{id} , the user should not immediately send a new connect request, since a DC or DR PDU may still have to be sent. It is therefore necessary to advise the user when a new TCONreq can be sent. {Estelle: For this purpose the TDISconf service primitive and an intermediate state closing are introduced. The *TDISconf* primitive is invoked by the Transport entity after each TDISreq or TDISind when the transition to the closed state occurs.) {LOTOS: The fact that the TCONreq interaction (see transition T_1 of the AP_open process) is only possible at the beginning of the AP process (which is reinitialized after the complete termination of the previous connection, see transition T_{12} of the AP_disc process), and the rendezvous nature of the TCONreg interaction force the user to wait.}

The AP and Map modules synchronize the complete termination of a connection through {Estelle: the *terminated* interaction} {LOTOS: an event at the t gate}.

3.6. Protocol Functions Not Described

The following list indicates functions of the ISO/CCITT class 2 Transport protocol [29] which are not supported by the simplified protocol described in this paper.

- Only a single Network service access point (NSAP) is supported by the specified entity.
- TPDU size negotiation does not exist.
- It is assumed that Network connections always remain open. No Network connection establishment, disconnection nor reset are considered.
- There is no user data in TCON req primitives.
- Expedited data transfer is not specified.

- The handling of procedure errors committed by the remote entity is not described.
- The possible limitation of local resources is not considered.
- There are no address parameters in CC PDUs.
- Simple hierarchical addressing is assumed, where a Transport address consists of the Network address prefix and a Transport suffix.
- The Transport user initiating a connection cannot disconnect until the response from the peer has been received.
- There is only limited buffering of user data in the Transport entity.
- Concatenation of several PDUs into a single Network service data unit is not described.
- It is assumed that the user processes do the necessary segmentation of longer Transport service data units.

4. Comparison of the Specification Languages

As pointed out before, the specifications in the annexes have been written with the objective to make their structure and form as similar to one another as seemed reasonable, given the constraints of the different languages. Differences between the specifications, which became partly evident from the description in Section 3, are therefore largely related to differences between the specification languages. The purpose of this section is to discuss the specification differences and at the same time discuss certain important differences between the languages.

It is important to note that the following discussion does not pretend to address all important differences between these specification languages. Additional aspects of comparison between the specification languages can be found in [5,40,41].

4.1. Synchronous Versus Asynchronous Inter-module Communication

In SDL and Estelle, interaction between two modules is through message passing. One module generates an output interaction, including its parameters and places it into a queue from where it is subsequently taken as input by the receiving module. This mode of communication is sometimes called "asynchronous" because the outputting module usually continues its processing before the output is processed by the receiving module.

In LOTOS an interaction between several modules can only be initiated if all participating modules agree; each of them determine some parameter values, or impose conditions on these values. This mode of communication is also called "synchronous" or "rendezvous", because all modules participating in an interaction do so at the same time, and the execution of an interaction implies a simultaneous state change for all participating processes.

This difference in the nature of inter-module communication has a strong impact on the way the specification languages can be used to define communication between different system modules. Two particular aspects are discussed in the subsections below. It is noted that Estelle also allows for the possibility that variables are shared between modules. This introduces some form of "synchronous" communication. Also certain dialects of Estelle have introduced rendezvous communication as an option [16,22,30]. On the other hand, asynchronous communication can be modelled in LOTOS by introducing queues explicitly between the communicating system modules.

4.1.1. Flow Control

With rendezvous interactions, each module participating in an interaction may pose his own conditions for the execution of the interaction or its parameter values. This may be used for defining flow control and other conditions. For example, the interface flow control by which the Transport entity restrains the user from sending more data is described by this mechanism (see Section 3.5.1). Similarly, the readiness for a new Transport connection is indicated in this manner (see Section 3.5.3). The specification of these issues with asynchronous interactions requires additional interactions (e.g. the *READY* and *TDISconf* Transport service primitives in Annex 1). The resulting specification is more complex.

It is important to note that not all flow control issues can be handled in this manner. For instance, data flow control in the other direction is handled also in the LOTOS specification of Annex 2 with an additional service primitive (see Section 3.5.2). It is noted that these aspects are sometimes not defined formally [24], but only informally. They are, however, an important aspect of a system, and should be specified.

4.1.2. Interaction Cross-over at Interfaces

With rendezvous interactions, all participating modules are aware of the execution of an interaction; with queued interactions, the receiving module may not be aware of the readiness of the next input when it produces an output. This may lead to unintended cross-overs of interactions between two communicating modules, sometimes called "collisions". For the specification of Annex 1, for instance, a user may output a TCONreq interaction which is entered into the queue of an APmodule, while at the same time, the same APmodule executes a T_3 transition and enters a TCONind interaction into the queue of the same user module. The possible occurrence of this situation is not foreseen in the specification of Annex 1. (A similar cross-over of CR PDUs may occur at the interface between an AP module and the Map module.) It is important to note that not all crossovers in corresponding queues lead to such problems, e.g. the cross-over of TDATAreq and TDATAind interactions at the user interface pose no particular problems.

There seem to be the following approaches to solving cross-over problems of asynchronous communications:

(1) To ignore them, as in Annex 1 (in general not satisfactory).

(2) To write the specification in such a manner that the cross-over situations are taken care of. For the example of Annex 1, one may write the specification of the AP module in such a manner that an incoming TCONreq interaction in the wait_for_TCONresp state (after sending a TCONind, see Fig. 6) will be dropped. Inversely, the AP module may be defined in such a manner that it goes back to the closed state and processes the TCONreq normally. These two design choices correspond to giving priority to the incoming or outgoing calls, respectively. (A general approach for handling such conflicts based on priorities is described in [20]; cross-over problems at the Transport interface are further discussed in [10].) It is important to note, however, that such decisions are adequate for interface standards, but not for the abstract interface definitions of protocol standards, where such decisions should be left to the implementation phase.

(3) To assure that they cannot occur due to the structure of the system specification. For example, any hand-shake oriented communication structure avoids cross-overs; therefore, a cross-over of *TCONresp* and *TCONconf* cannot occur. This approach largely limits the kind of possible communication structures, and therefore is not generally applicable.

(4) To impose a specific run-time environment of interpretation rule such that cross-overs cannot occur. An example of such a rule is a system-wide priority of input transitions over spontaneous transitions. Together with a restriction that a transition generates at most one output, this rule assures that any waiting input will be processed before another spontaneous transition may produce an additional queued interaction. If the system contains initially no queued interaction and receives none from its environment (or only a single one after all its internally queued interactions are processed) then the system contains at most one queued interaction at any given time, and no cross-over can occur.

4.2. The Concept of "Transition"

The languages SDL and Estelle use the concept of "transition" to model a state transition of a module which is initiated by an available input interaction. When executed, a transition leads from a given major state through updating of state variables and output generation to a new module state, in which further input is expected. An example is given in Fig. 6, where each arrow represents a transition of the AP module. It is interesting to note that the same "transitions" can also be identified within the LOTOS specification.

In SDL, there is (at most) one transition per major state and possible kind of input interaction. The next state in which input is expected may depend on decisions which are part of the actions associated with the transition. A transition, once started, cannot be interrupted by other modules. The situation is similar in Estelle. However, there may be several "Estelle transitions" for a given major state and kind of input. Any one of them may be executed, unless the associated PRO-VIDED clauses define additional conditions. As an example, Annex 3 shows how the Estelle transitions T_{2a} and T_{2b} are written in SDL as a single "SDL transition". In Estelle, there is also the concept of a spontaneous transition, which has the properties described above, except that there is not associated input interaction, Instead, a spontaneous transition can be selected for execution only based on the present major state and other variables as expressed in the FROM and PROVIDED clauses.

A transition has an atomicity property, which means that, once started, any output foreseen by the transition must be completed before the same module can initiate another transition. In the case of asynchronous communication, this poses no problem, since output is queued in the input queue(s) of the receiving module. In the case of models of communicating finite state machines without queuing (e.g. [2] or [1]) or Estelle dialects using rendezvous interactions, the system designer must take care that no deadlock situations are possible where, for instance, two communicating modules are in the midst of a transition and want to send output to the other. Note that this situation, in the presence of queues, leads to the crossover discussed in Section 4.1.2.

One way to avoid these deadlock possibilities is by restricting transitions to the following kinds of *basic transitions*:

(a) pure input transition, effecting no output, and

(b) spontaneous output transitions, which are initiated independently of any waiting input.

Many finite state reachability tools are based on such a model (e.g. [7]). An SDL or Estelle transition can easily be decomposed into several basic transitions by the introduction of additional intermediate states. It is noted that the *Map* module of the Estelle specification in Annex 1 uses only basic transitions for the processing of PDUs to be sent. With this specification style, it is necessary to store the information received with an input in appropriate state variables (e.g. the PDU_buffer) for use by subsequent output transitions. However, such intermediate storage is necessary anyway if flow control considerations may disallow the production of output, which is the case in our example.

4.3. Assertional Specifications and Abstract Data Types

Estelle uses the Pascal data type definitions, procedures and other statements for the definition

of the operations on interaction parameters and state variables. This favors an "algorithmical" specification style, which is appropriate for most parts of protocol specifications, as our example shows. However, there are certain parts in many specifications, where a more "assertional" specification style is more appropriate. In the latter style, the specification would define what properties the module would have, not what algorithm it executes in order to obtain these properties. A typical example is the procedure assign_new_ref in Annex 1, which finds a new local reference for a new Transport connection. The required property is that this new reference is not yet in use. The Estelle specification uses the EXITS expression for this purpose which, however, has no straightforward efficient implementation. In the LOTOS specification of Annex 2, this property is expressed in the guard of the Unique-refs process participating in the assign *a* operation.

For implementation purposes, both of these specifications would probably have to be changed in order to include some more efficient algorithm for the selection of a new reference number, such as the following:

```
var next_ref: reference_type;
begin new_ref := next_ref;
    active-refs := active_refs + [new_ref];
repeat
if next_ref = max_ref - 1 then next_ref := 1
    else next_ref := next_ref + 1
    until not (next_ref in active_refs) or next_ref
    = new_ref;
if next_ref = new_ref then ***** (* too many
    connections *)
end
```

LOTOS uses an abstract data type formalism for the definition of operations related to interaction parameters and "state variables", represented as process parameters. This formalism favors an assertional specification style. On the other hand, the present version of LOTOS [27] lacks abbreviations for defining simple data structures, e.g. the equivalent of Pascal RECORDS, ARRAYS, and enumeration types. Such abbreviations [23] have already been used in Annex 2 in order to avoid unreasonably lengthy and trivial text in the specification. The latest version of SDL [15] also includes an abstract data type formalism, and predefined abbreviations for records and array data structures. SDL also allows the declaration of variables and the use of assignment statements, in contrast to LOTOS which has the flavor of a functional language.

An example related to the use of LOTOS' abstract data type formalism is the PDU buffer of the Map module. The Estelle specification defines an array with space for one PDU per kind of PDU. This form of specification was chosen in order to simplify the description where DT PDUs can be overtaken by AK and DR PDUs, and still to avoid the complexity of defining a PDU buffer containing arbitrarily many PDUs. The LOTOS specification defines such an unlimited PDU buffer using the string concept, a predefined abstract data type. An equivalent specification in Estelle would require an "algorithmical" definition of a queue which usually leads to some implementation-oriented choices. Examples of "assertional" and "algorithmical" queue specifications can be found in [21].

It is important to note that Lotos does not preclude algorithmic specifications. For implementation purposes, for instance, the Unique_refs process of Annex 2 could be replaced by the following definition which is similar to the Pascal algorithm above and allows for efficient implementation as discussed in [31]:

```
process Unique_refs [a, t]
       (ref_set: ref_set_sort,
        next_ref: reference_sort): noexit :=
a ?NC_id: NCEP_id_sort
  ?T_suf: T_suffix_sort
  ?EP_id: TCEP_id_sort
  ?PDU: p_info
  ?remote_N_addr: N address_sort
  !next_ref
  ?d: direction ?accepted: Bool;
  find_next-ref [a, t] (Insert (next_ref, ref_set),
                       next_ref, next_ref)
[] * * * * * (* termination *)
where process find_next_ref [a, t]
   (ref-set: ref_set_sort,
   ref: reference_sort,
   last-ref: reference_sort): noexit :=
(
        [ref eq max_ref] \rightarrow exit(1)
 []
        [not(ref eq max_ref)] \rightarrow exit(succ(ref)))
        \gg accept r: reference_sort in
        [r Not_In ref_set] \rightarrow Unique_refs [a, t]
(
           (ref_set,r)
```

```
[] [r eq last_ref] → * * * * * (* too many connections *)
```

 $[] [r In ref_set] \rightarrow find_next_ref(ref_set, r,$ $last_ref))$ end proc end proc

4.4. Process Structures

4.4.1. Static and Dynamic Structures

The Estelle module instances and the SDL processes (in the following simply called "processes") usually represent a somehow stable processing entity. They can naturally be mapped to implementation structures, e.g. "tasks" in operating systems or Ada programs, or "processes" in Modula. A given specification may either use the process creation and deletion facilities of the language for creating dynamically changing process structures, or use a static structure of processes which can be established during the "initialization" phase. This latter approach has been taken in the example Transport protocol specifications. The static part of the specification structures is shown in Figs. 2–5.

A specification structure with dynamically created processes has been taken in the Estelle Transport protocol specification of [24]. Here the protocol entity module creates a new AP_closed submodule (called *General-TPM_body* in [24]) for each new connection to be established. The created AP_closed submodule looks after the connection establishment phase and is replaced by a classspecific submodule AP_open_i (called $class_i_TPM_body$) which looks after the data transfer and disconnection phase according to the selected protocol class. The latter submodule is deleted at the end of the disconnection phase.

In LOTOS, the dynamic invocation of modules is an essential feature, since it is the only mechanism in the language for describing loops. For instance, the T_5 transition in the AP_open process ends with the invocation of a new version of an AP-open process replacing the exiting one. Dynamic process creation is used by the Map module which creates a PDU_handler process for each new connection. This substructure within the Map module could not be used for the Estelle specification since one module (here the Map) requires information concerning multiplexing for several connections. In the LOTOS specification of Annex 2, this information is shared among the diffent submodules through the global gates a, t, ps, and pr.

In SDL, the possible module structuring meth-

ods are similar to those of Estelle. For instance, the signal routes R2, R3 and R4 shown in Fig. 4 correspond to the connections shown in Fig. 2. However, an important difference is the fact that, in SDL, the destination module (i.e. SDL process) must sometimes be addressed by its identifier (or name), while in Estelle the local name of the interaction point of the sending module is always used for this purpose. The destination modules is determined indirectly through the interconnection structure between the Estelle modules. This allows for a more modular specification style, since the sending module does not need to know the name of the destination. In the SDL example of Annex 3, this difference requires for instance three additional variables in the AP process, and corresponding parameters in the interactions which are used for providing the identity of the sending or receiving processes.

4.4.2. Constraint-oriented Process Structures

The multi-way rendezvous interaction provided by LOTOS is a very powerful mechanism which allows the specification of an interaction involving more than two processes. Each of the processes may add its own constraints for the interaction, such as conditions about parameter values or particular ordering between different interactions. A simple example is the "assign" interaction at the *a* gate in Annex 2 which involves the following processes: One *AP* process (order constraint), the *Map* process (no constraint), the *Unique_refs* process (constraint on *local_ref* parameter), and one *NC_handler* process (constraint on remote Network address in PDU parameter). All constraints must be satisfied for such an interaction to occur.

The use of constraint-oriented process structures for LOTOS specifications has been advocated in [37,17] and is systematically applied in [28]. The idea is related to path expressions [14] which also allow the separate specification of constraints on the access of shared ressources, and the order in which the user processes wish to access these ressources. As shown by a comparison of Fig. 3 with Fig. 2, the constraint-oriented specification style provided by LOTOS, combined with the introduction of internal events at the gates a, t, ps and pr, leads to a quite modular specification structure.

5. Concluding Remarks

Implementations in software or hardware are usually obtained through a process of step-wise refinement which leads from requirements specifications, possibly through several stages of design or implementation specifications, to the final product. An important attribute of a specification language is its ability to express abstract specification which can be used as requirement or design specification without implying any design or implementation choices which would be left open at that stage.

The following properties of LOTOS make it particularly suitable for writing abstract specifications:

- assertional specification (see Section 4.3),
- synchronous communication (see Section 4.1),
- process structure without an implementation model (see Section 4.4.1), and
- multi-way rendezvous interactions, allowing a constraint-oriented specification style (see Section 4.4.2)

On the other hand, these same properties also make it more difficult to generate implementations from LOTOS specifications, as compared to specifications written in Estelle or SDL. In fact, the assertional parts of specifications must be replaced by an equivalent algorithmical part in order to proceed to implementation. The implementation of the queued inter-module communication of Estelle and SDL can be implemented in a straightforward manner by message passing primitives within a multi-programming operating system or a truly distributed system; the implementation of rendezvous is more complex in such environments. The mapping of SDL and Estelle modules into software structures can be performed in different manners. Each implementation support environment for these languages [4] usually provides such a mapping. In the case of LOTOS, it seems necessary to provide several different mappings which are selected depending on the particular specification structure.

The example specifications of the simplified Transport protocol in the annexes show that specifications with similar structure can be written using the different FDTs, Estelle, LOTOS and SDL. However, these examples also indicate the important differences mentioned above. In fact, it seems that these languages emphasize different stages within the implementation process. While LOTOS is oriented towards abstract specifications, Estelle and SDL specifications tend to be closer to implementation.

The usefulness of a specification language not only depends on its ability to express the systems properties at the appropriate level of detail, but also on the availability of tools for the development of specifications, their validation and implementation. The development of such tools for these languages, which are still relatively new, is an area of much activity [4]. Further experience with these languages and related tools is necessary for obtaining a complete evaluation of the languages.

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Annex 1. Simplified Transport Protocol Specification in Estelle

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```
specification simple_TP;
default individual queue; (* all queues are individual by default *)
const maxdata = any integer;
   (* the maximum size of any piece of data
     that the specification may handle *)
  max TCEP id = any integer;
  max NCEP id = any integer;
  max T suffix = any integer;
type
  octet = 0 .. 255;
   len type = 0 .. maxdata;
  data_type = record
     l : len_type; (* length of data *)
     d : array [1 .. maxdata] of octet; (* the actual data *)
   end;
   (* the standard routines for ******)
(*** Definition of Transport Service Primitives ***)
option_type = ...; (* expedited data, etc. *)
    options_type = set of option_type;
    reason_type = (TS_user_initiated, error, procedure_error (* etc. *) );
   N_address_type = ...;
    T suffix type = 1..max_T suffix;
    T_address_type = record
      N_prefix : N_address_type;
      T_suffix : T_suffix_type;
      end:
    seq_number_type = 0 .. 127;
    credit_type = 0..15;
```

```
channel TCEP_primitives (user, provider);
  by user :
     TCONreq
             (dest_address : T_address_type;
              proposed_options : options_type);
                  (* connect request *)
     TCONresp (accepted_options : options_type);
                  (* connect response *)
     TDISreq ; (* disconnect request *)
     TDATAreq (TS_user_data : data_type;
              EoSDU : boolean); (* sending data *)
     U_READY (credits : credit_type);
                 (* ready for n additional blocks *)
  by provider :
     TCONind (source_address : T_address_type;
              proposed_options : options_type);
                  (* connect indication *)
     TCONconf (accepted_options : options_type);
                  (* connect confirmation *)
     TDISind (DIS_reason : reason_type);
                  (* disconnect indication *)
     TDISconf; (* connection is terminated *)
     TDATAind (TS_user_data : data_type;
              EoSDU : boolean); (* receiving data *)
     READY;
              (* ready for one additional block *)
(* Definition of Network Service Primitives ***)
channel NCEP_primitives (user, provider);
   (* similar to TCEP primitives, in particular the primitives *)
  by user :
              NDATAreq (NSDU_fragment : data_type;
                is last fragment of NSDU : boolean); (* sending data *)
  by provider: NDATAind (NSDU_fragment : data_type;
                is last fragment of NSDU : boolean); (* receiving data *)
(*** Definition of the Transport Entity ***)
type NCEP_id_type = 1..max_NCEP_id;
     TCEP id type = 1..max TCEP id;
module TP_entity;
  ip TS : array [T_suffix_type, TCEP_id_type] of
                                  TCEP primitives (provider);
      NS : array [NCEP_id_type] of NCEP_primitives (user);
  end;
body TP body for TP entity;
(*** Definitions Internal to the Transport Entity ***)
const
   max ref = 65535; (* 2**16 - 1 *)
type
    reference_type = 0 .. max_ref (* 0 .. (2**16 - 1) *);
    order_type = (first, fast, normal, destructive);
   TPDU_code_type = (CR, CC, DR, DC, DT, AK, undefined_code);
```

```
TPDU_and_control_information = record
        (* control information *)
        full : boolean;
        order : order_type;
        peer_address : T_address_type;
        (* fields of TPDU *)
        credit_value : credit_type; (* used for CR, CC, AK *)
        dest ref : reference_type;
            (* used for CC, DR, DC, DT (class 2 only),
                        EDT, AK, EAK, ERR *)
        source_ref : reference_type; (* used for CR, CC, DR, DC *)
        user_data : (* optional *) data_type; (* see TS *)
            (* used for CR, CC, DR (not in this version
               of the protocol), DT, EDT *)
        case kind : TPDU_code_type of
        CR, CC : (
           options_ind : options_type; (* see TS *)
           TSAP_id_calling,
           TSAP id_called (* used only for CR *) : T suffix type);
        DR : (
           is_last_PDU : boolean; (* control information *)
           disconnect reason : reason type);
        DC :();
        DT : (
           send_sequence : seq_number_type;
           end of TSDU : boolean );
        AK : (
           expected_send_sequence : seq_number_type);
        undefined code : ();
        end;
channel PDU and control (protocol, mapping);
      by protocol, mapping :
         transfer (PDU : TPDU_and_control_information);
         terminated;
      by mapping :
         ready; (* ready for one more block *)
   (* end PDU and control *)
(*** Definition of the Map Module ***)
module Map systemactivity ;
        AP : array [T_suffix_type, TCEP_id_type] of
   iσ
              PDU and control (mapping);
        NS : array [NCEP_id_type] of NCEP_primitives (user);
   end;
body Map_body for Map;
 type
    reference set type = set of reference_type;
 var
    TC : array [T suffix_type, TCEP_id_type] of record
       local_ref : reference_type;
       remote_ref : reference_type;
       assigned_NC : (* optional *) NCEP_id_type;
       PDU buffer : array [TPDU code_type] of
                       TPDU and control_information
       end;
```

```
NC : array [NCEP_id_type] of record
       remote_N_addr : N_address_type; (* see NS *)
        end;
     active references : reference set type;
    (* The following variables are not contributing
       to the state space of the module *)
    T_suf : T suffix type; EP id : TCEP id type;
    (* used in "when AP[T_suf, EP_id]..." clause to receive on any value
      of T_suf and EP id *)
   NC id : NCEP id type;
    (* used in "when NS[NC id]..." clause to receive on any value of NC_id. *)
(*** Definition of Local Functions and Procedures ***)
function exists_TC (NC_id : NCEP_id_type;
                    ref : reference type) : boolean;
          primitive;
    (* determines whether a TC already exists, i.e. such that
       TC[TC].assigned_NC = NC_id and TC[TC].local_ref = ref *)
function find_T_suffix (NC_id : NCEP_id_type;
                    ref : reference_type) : T_suffix_type;
          primitive;
function find EP id (NC_id : NCEP_id_type;
                    ref : reference type) : TCEP_id_type;
          primitive;
procedure assign_new_ref (var new_ref : reference_type;
                          var active refs : reference set type);
   var ref : reference_type;
  begin
      if exist ref : reference type
         suchthat not(ref in active_refs)
      then begin new_ref := ref;
                 active_refs := active_refs + [new_ref];
           end
      else ***** (* too many connections *)
   end;
function form_T_address (N_address: N_address_type;
                         T_suffix: T_suffix_type) : T_address_type;
         primitive:
         (* forms a Transport address from N_address and T_suffix. *)
procedure assign_new_TCEP_id (var new_EP_id : TCEP_id_type);
         primitive;
function order_constraint (T_suf : T_suffix_type;
                           EP id : TCEP id type;
                           kind : TPDU_code_type) : boolean;
   var OK : boolean;
   begin
      OK := true;
      with TC[T_suf, EP_id] do all k : TPDU_code_type do
         if (k \iff kind)
            and PDU buffer[k].full
            and (PDU buffer[k].order < PDU buffer[kind].order)
         then OK := false;
      order_constraint := OK;
      end;
procedure close_and_clear_buffers
       (T_suf : T_suffix_type; EP_id : TCEP_id type);
    const undefined = any NCEP_id_type;
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var kind : TPDU_code_type;
   begin with TC[T_suf, EP_id] do begin
       assigned_NC := undefined;
       active_references := active_references - [local_ref];
       for kind := CR to AK do PDU_buffer [kind]. full := false;
       end end;
procedure encode_PDU (PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
                      d: data_type);
          primitive;
  procedure decode (d: data_type;
                    PDU : TPDU and control information);
            primitive;
  initialize
     var kind : TPDU_code type;
     begin
     all T suf : T suffix type do
     all EP_id : TCEP_id_type do begin
        close_and_clear_buffers (T_suf, EP_id);
        with TC[T_suf, EP id] do
           begin
           for kind := CR to AK do
              PDU_buffer[kind].is_last PDU := false;
           PDU_buffer[DC].is_last_PDU := true;
           end;
        end;
     end;
  (*** Transitions of the Map Module ***)
  (****
  (* handling interactions from the AP module *)
  trans
  when AP[T suf, EP id].transfer (* PDU *)
        (* this input may occur with ANY value of T suf, EP id *)
     begin
        TC[T_suf, EP_id]. PDU_buffer [PDU.kind] := PDU;
        with TC[T_suf, EP_id]. PDU_buffer [PDU.kind] do begin
           full := true;
     end end;
  when AP [T_suf, EP_id].terminated
     begin close_and_clear_buffers (T_suf, EP_id) end;
  (* assignment of Network connections for outgoing calls *)
  trans
  any T_suf : T_suffix_type;
      EP id : TCEP_id type;
      NC id : NCEP_id_type do
      provided TC[T suf, EP id].PDU buffer[CR].full
            and (TC[T_suf, EP_id].PDU_buffer [CR].
                        peer_address.N_prefix =
                                       NC[NC_id].remote_N_addr)
         begin with TC[T_suf, EP_id], NC[NC_id] do begin
            assigned NC := NC id;
            assign_new_ref (local_ref, active_references);
          end end;
  (* similarly: in the case that no suitable Network
  connection exists, a TDISind must be returned to the user; this
  may be initiated by sending a DR PDU to the AP module *)
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(* send a TPDU *)

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trans
     any NC_id : NCEP_id_type;
          T_suf : T_suffix_type;
         EP_id : TCEP_id_type;
          kind : TPDU code type do
         provided TC[T_suf, EP_id].PDU_buffer[kind].full
                   (TC[T_suf, EP_id].assigned_NC = NC_id)
             and
          (* and
                   flow control to Network ready *)
             and order_constraint (T_suf, EP_id, kind)
                var NSDU : data_type;
         begin with TC[T_suf, EP id] do begin
             with PDU buffer[kind] do begin
                if kind = CR
                then begin
                   TSAP_id_calling := T suf;
                   TSAP_id_called := peer_address.T_suffix;
T<sub>s</sub>
                   dest_ref := 0;
                   end
                else dest_ref := TC[T_suf, EP id].remote ref;
                if kind in [CR, CC, DR, DC]
                   then source_ref := TC[T_suf, EP_id].local_ref;
                end;
             encode_PDU (PDU_buffer [kind], NSDU);
             output NS[NC id]. NDATAreq (NSDU, true);
             PDU_buffer[kind].full := false;
             if PDU_buffer[kind].order = destructive
       ้ ร<sub>1</sub>
                then all k : TPDU_code_type do PDU_buffer[k].full :=
                                                                 false;
             if (kind = DC) or
                ((kind = DR) and PDU buffer[kind].is last PDU)
             then begin
                close_and_clear_buffers (T_suf, EP_id);
                output AP [T_suf, EP_id]. terminated
                end;
             if kind = DT
       s<sub>2</sub>
             then output AP [T suf, EP id] . ready;
             end end;
      (* handling of incoming PDU's *)
     trans
     when NS[NC id]. NDATAind
                        (* NSDU_fragment, is_last_fragment_of_NSDU *)
             (* Assumption: the fragment contains exactly one TSDU *)
             (* Note: flow control to the Transport entity is always ready *)
          var
Tr
             received PDU : TPDU and control information;
             (* used to decode NSDU fragments into received_PDU *)
          begin
             decode (NSDU fragment, received PDU);
             with received_PDU do begin
                if exists TC (NC id, dest ref)
                then begin
                   T_suf := find_T_suffix (NC_id, dest_ref);
                   EP id := find EP_id (NC_id, dest_ref)
                                                           end
                else (* a new TC must be created if PDU is CR *)
                   if kind = CR
                   then begin
                      peer_address := form_T_address
                             (NC[NC_id].remote_N_addr, TSAP_id_calling);
                       (* Assumption: the address is valid,
                         and another connection to that address
                          can be supported *)
                      T_suf := TSAP_id_called;
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assign new TCEP id (EP id); (* such that
                               not AP[T suf, EP id].in use *)
               with TC[T_suf, EP_id] do begin
                  assign_new_ref (local_ref, active_references);
                  remote_ref := source_ref;
                  assigned_NC := NC_id;
                  end;
            end
            else (* error *);
         case kind of
            CR: (* error *);
            CC : TC[T_suf, EP_id].remote_ref := source_ref;
            DR, DC, DT, AK: ;
            end:
         output AP [T_suf, EP_id].transfer(received_PDU) ;
         end;
   end;
end (* Map_body *);
 (*** Definition of the AP Module ***)
 module AP_type systemactivity;
    ip TS : TCEP_primitives (provider);
       Map : PDU_and_control (protocol) ;
    end:
 body AP_body for AP_type;
 var
    opt : options_type;
    TRseq,
    TSseq : seq_number_type;
   R credit,
    S_credit : credit_type;
    user_ready : integer;
   map_ready : boolean;
    state closed, wait_for_CC, wait_for_TCONresp,
           open, wait for DC, closing;
 stateset
    any_state = [ closed, wait_for_CC, wait_for_TCONresp,
                  open, wait for DC, closing ];
 (*** Definition of Local Functions and Procedures ***)
 function impl_choice : boolean;
           primitive;
 (* PDU definitions:
                        The following functions have merely the role
            of assembling their parameters into a record data structure *)
 function CR_PDU (to_adr : T_address_type;
                  o : options type;
                  c : seq_number_type)
                                : TPDU_and_control_information;
    var PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
    begin
       with PDU do begin
          kind := CR;
                              peer address := to adr;
          options ind := o; credit value := c;
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order := first;
                                     end:
             CR PDU := PDU;
PDU-f
             end;
       function CC PDU (o : options_type;
                         c : seq number_type)
                                        : TPDU_and_control_information;
          var PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
          begin
             with PDU do begin
                kind := CC;
                                    options_ind := o;
                credit_value := c; order := first;
                                                         end;
             CC_PDU := PDU;
             end;
       function DR_PDU (r : reason_type;
                        last_PDU : boolean)
                                        : TPDU_and_control_information;
          var PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
          begin
             with PDU do begin
                kind := DR;
                                          disconnect reason := r;
                is_last_PDU := last_PDU; order := destructive;
                                                                   end;
             DR PDU := PDU;
             end;
       function DC_PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
          var PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
          begin
             with PDU do begin
                kind := DC;
                             order := destructive;
                                                        end;
             DC PDU := PDU;
             end;
       function DT_PDU (s : seq_number_type;
PDU-f
                        d : data_type;
                        e : boolean)
                                      : TPDU_and_control_information;
          var PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
          begin
                user_data := d; send_sequence := s;
user_data := d; end_of_TSDU := e;
order := normal; end;
PDU := PDU:
             with PDU do begin
             DT PDU := PDU;
             end;
       function AK_PDU (s : seq_number_type;
                         c : seq_number_type)
                                       : TPDU_and_control_information;
          var PDU : TPDU_and_control_information;
          begin
             with PDU do begin
                                 expected_send_sequence := s;
                kind := AK;
                credit_value := c; order := fast; end;
             AK PDU := PDU;
             end;
       initialize to closed begin end;
        (*** Transitions of the AP Module ***)
        (*** Connection Establishment ***)
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trans
      when TS.TCONreq
                       (* dest_address, proposed_options *)
         from closed to wait_for_CC
         begin
т<sub>1</sub>
            opt := proposed_options;
             output Map.transfer
                        (CR_PDU (dest_address, opt, R credit));
             end;
      when Map.transfer (* PDU *) provided ( PDU.kind = CC )
            and ( PDU.options_ind <= opt )
         from wait_for_CC to open
         begin
            opt := PDU.options_ind;
2a
             TRseq := 0;
             TSseq := 0;
            S_credit := PDU.credit_value;
            output TS.TCONconf (opt);
             end;
      when Map.transfer (* PDU *) provided (PDU.kind = CC)
             and not (PDU.options_ind <= opt)
         from wait_for_CC to wait_for_DC
         begin
2h
             output TS.TDISind (procedure error);
             output Map.transfer (DR PDU (procedure error, false));
             end;
                           provided PDU.kind = DR
      when Map.transfer
          from wait for CC
             to closed
<sup>T</sup>2c
             begin
                output TS.TDISind (PDU.disconnect_reason);
                output Map.terminated;
                end;
       when Map.transfer (* PDU *) provided (PDU.kind = CR)
             and impl choice (* assumption: requested options
                          are supported by implementation.
                          The opposite case is not considered here;
                          it could be described by another transition *)
Тз
          from closed to wait_for_TCONresp
         begin
             opt := PDU.options_ind;
             S_credit := PDU.credit_value;
             output TS.TCONind (PDU.peer_address, opt);
             end;
       when TS.TCONresp (* accepted options *)
          from wait_for TCONresp to open
          provided accepted_options <= opt
          begin
             opt := accepted_options;
             TRseq := 0;
             TSseq := 0;
             output Map.transfer (CC_PDU (opt, R_credit));
             end;
       (* refusal by the user of a connection indication *)
       when TS.TDISreq
          from wait_for_TCONresp
             to closing
             begin
               output Map.transfer (DR_PDU (TS_user_initiated, true));
               end;
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(*** Connection Termination ***)
      (* disconnect initiative by local user *)
      when TS.TDISreq
         from open
               to wait for DC
               begin
                  output Map.transfer
                              (DR PDU (TS user initiated, false));
                  end;
      when Map.transfer
                          provided PDU.kind = DC
         from wait for DC to closed
             begin
10i
               output Map.terminated;
               output TS. TDISconf;
            end;
      (* disconnect collision *)
                         provided PDU.kind = DR
      when Map.transfer
         from wait_for_DC to closed
            begin
               output Map.terminated
            end;
         (* disconnect initiative by Transport entity *)
      trans
      any reason : reason_type do
      from open to wait_for_DC
            provided reason <> TS_user_initiated
         begin
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            output TS.TDISind (reason);
            output Map.transfer (DR PDU (reason, false));
         end;
      (* remote disconnect initiative *)
      trans
      when Map.transfer
                         provided PDU.kind = DR
         from open
            to closing
            begin
               output TS.TDISind (PDU.disconnect_reason);
               output Map.transfer (DC_PDU);
               end;
      when Map. terminated
         from closing to closed
            begin
               output TS. TDISconf
            end;
       (*** Normal Data Transfer ***)
       (* sending data *)
      trans
      when TS.TDATAreq (* TS_user_data, EoSDU *)
            (* Note: the user determines the size of the DT PDU
               which will contain the complete TDATAreq data fragment *)
         provided S credit > 0
          from open to same
            begin
                S_credit := S_credit - 1;
                output Map.transfer (DT_PDU (TSseq, TS_user_data, EoSDU));
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TSseq := (TSseq + 1) \mod 128;
                map_ready := false;
                end;
       (* receiving data *)
       trans
       when Map.transfer (* PDU *)
          provided PDU.kind = DT
          from open to same
             begin
                if (R_credit <> 0) and (PDU.send sequence = TRseq)
 т<sub>б</sub>
                then begin
                   TRseq := (TRseq + 1) \mod 128;
                   R_credit := R_credit - 1;
                   output TS.TDATAind (PDU.user_data, PDU.end_of_TSDU);
                   end
                else
                      (* error *)
                end;
       (* acknowledgements *)
       trans
       when TS. U READY (* credits *)
          begin R_credit := R_credit + credits
                                                  end:
       trans
       from open to same
          begin
             output Map.transfer (AK_PDU (TRseq, R_credit));
             end;
       trans
       when Map.transfer (* PDU *)
                                     provided PDU.kind = AK
          from open to same
                var new_credit : integer;
          begin
                if TSseq < PDU.expected_send_sequence
<sup>Т</sup>8ә
                then new_credit := PDU.credit_value + PDU.expected_send_sequence
                                   - (TSseq + 128)
                else new_credit := PDU.credit_value + PDU.expected send sequence
                                   - TSseq;
                if (new_credit >=0) and (new_credit <= 15)
                then S_credit := new_credit
                else (* error *);
             end;
T8b
       when Map. ready
          begin map_ready := true end;
       trans
т
       provided map_ready and (S_credit > 0)
 8c
          begin output TS.READY end;
       end; (* AP_body *)
       (*** Part of Transport Entity Body: Creation of Submodules ***)
       (*****
                     modvar
          m : Map;
          aps : array [T_suffix_type, TCEP_id_type] of AP type;
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initialize begin
    init m with Map_body;
    all T_suf : T_suffix_type do
    all EP_id : TCEP_id_type do begin
        init aps [T_suf, EP_id] with AP_body;
        connect m.AP [T_suf, EP_id] to aps [T_suf, EP_id] . Map;
        attach TS [T_suf, EP_id] to aps [T_suf, EP_id] . TS;
        end;
    all NC_id : NCEP_id_type do
        attach NS [NC_id] to m . NS [NC_id];
    end;
end; (* TP_body *)
end. (* of specification *)
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Annex 2. Simplified Transport Protocol Specification in LOTOS

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Notes:
(1) The abbreviated notations described in "Potential Enhancements to LOTOS"
(ISO 97/21 N1540) are used for the description of data types.
This simplifies the notation, compared with what is allowed according
to standard Lotos.
(2) Certain parts of the protocol, in particular error cases are not
completed. These parts are indicated by *****.
(3) A corresponding (complete) specification of this simplified Transport
protocol in standard LOTOS is available from the author.
*)
specification simple_TP [TS, NS] (tc_ids : TCid_set, nc_ids : NCid_set)
                                 : noexit
(* Library definitions *)
library
        Boolean, Set, String, OctetString, DecNatRepr,
        NaturalNumber (* assumed to include the minus operation
                         and the constants 1 and 15 *),
        Element, BasicNonEmptyString
endlib
(*** Global Type Definitions ***)
type T suffix type is Boolean
     sorts T suffix sort
     opns _eq_ : T_suffix_sort, T_suffix_sort -> Bool
           T suffix 1 : -> T_suffix_sort
           (* assumed to include the eq equations *)
endtype
type N_address_type is
     sorts N address sort
     opns find_remote_N_addr : -> N_address_sort
endtype
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type T_address_sort is Tuple make_T_addr comp (* abbreviated notation *)
      N_prefix : N address sort,
      T_suffix : T_suffix_sort
 (* can be written in standard Lotos as
 type T_address_sort is N_address_type, T_suffix_type
     sorts T address sort
     opns
       make_T_addr : N_address_sort, T_suffix_sort -> T_address_sort
       N prefix
                   : T_address_sort -> N address sort
                   : T address_sort -> T_suffix_sort
       T suffix
     eqns forall N_p : N_address_sort, T s : T suffix sort
          ofsort N_address_sort
                 N_prefix (make_T_addr (N_p, T_s)) = N p
          ofsort T_suffix_sort
                 T_suffix (make_T_addr (N p, T s)) = T s
 *)
endtype
 type reason_type is
     sorts reason sort
     opns
       TS_user_initiated : -> reason sort
       remote_initiated : -> reason sort
        (* ***** *)
 endtype
type direction is
     sorts direction
     opns
           : -> direction
       uρ
       down : -> direction
 endtype
 type credit_type is DecNatRepr
      renamedby sortnames credit_sort for Nat
 endtype
 type TCEP id type is
      sorts TCEP_id_sort
      (* for execution, some constant values must be defined *)
 endtype
 type option_type is
     sorts option sort
     opns expedited_data : -> option_sort
        (* ***** *)
 endtype
 type options_sort is SetOf option_type (* abbreviated notation *)
 (* can be written in standard Lotos as
 type options_sort_1 is Set
      actualizedby option_type, Boolean,
      using sortnames option sort for Element
                     Bool
                                 for FBool
 endtype
 type options_type is options_sort_1
     renamedby sortnames options_sort for Set
 *)
 endtype
(*** Definition of Service Primitives ***)
(* TCEP_primitives, using abbreviated notation as for T_address_sort; "for user"
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means that this service primitive is created by the service user only *)
type TCONreq is Tuple make TCONreq (* for user *) comp
    dest address : T address sort,
    proposed_options : options_sort
endtype
type TCONind is Tuple make TCONind comp
    source address : T address sort,
    proposed_options : options_sort
endtype
type TCONresp is Tuple make_TCONresp (* for user *) comp
    accepted_options : option_sort
endtype
type TCONconf is Tuple make TCONconf comp
    accepted_options : options_sort
endtype
type TDISreq is
    sorts TDISreq
    opns
      make_TDISreq : -> TDISreq (* for user *)
endtype
type TDISind is Tuple make TDISind comp
    DIS_reason : reason_sort
endtype
type TDATAreq is Tuple make_TDATAreq (* for user *) comp
    TS_user_data : data_sort,
    EoTSDU : boolean
endtype
type TDATAind is Tuple make_TDATAind comp
    TS_user_data : data_sort,
    EoTSDU
             : boolean
endtype
type U_READY is Tuple make_U_READY (* for user *) comp
    credits : credit or seq sort
endtype
(* NCEP primitives *)
type NDATAreg is Tuple make NDATAreg comp
    NS_user_data : OctetString,
    EONSDU : Bool
endtype
type NDATAind is Tuple make_NDATAind comp
    NS_user_data : OctetString,
    EoNSDU
                 : Bool
endtype
(*** Definition of Transport Entity ***)
type NCEP_id_type is
     sorts NCEP id sort
     (* for execution, some constant values must be defined *)
endtype
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type NCid set is SetOf NCEP id sort (* abbreviated notation *)
endtype
type TCid_set is SetOf TCid_pair (* abbreviated notation *)
endtype
type TCid pair is Tuple make T id comp (* abbreviated notation *)
     comp1 : T suffix sort,
     comp2 : TCEP id_sort
endtype
type TCid_pair_set is SetOf TCid_set (* abbreviated notation *)
endtype
behavior TP_entity [TS, NS] (tc_ids, nc ids)
where
process TP_entity [TS, NS] (tc ids : TCid set, nc ids : NCid set) : noexit :=
(* Notes :
(1) The TP entity contains a single Map process which contains a
    PDU handler per active Transport connection.
(2) A transport connection is identified either by the pair of
    T_suffix and TCEP identifier or by the pair NCEP identifier and
    local reference.
(3) There is one AP_closed process (or AP_open, AP_disc, AP_wait_for_DC
    into which the AP closed process transforms) per pair of T suffix and
    TCEP identifier.
(4) There is one NC_manager process per NCEP identifier (i.e.
    per Network connection).
(5) The following types of parameters are exchanged during the
    interactions at the gates :
TS : T_suf : T_suffix_sort
    EP id : TCEP id sort
     TCONreq | TCONind | TCONresp | TCONconf | TDISreq | *** etc.
a : NC_id : NCEP_id_sort
     T_suf : T_suffix_sort
     EP id : TCEP id sort
     PDU : p info
     N_addr: N_address_sort
     local ref : reference sort
     d : direction
     accepted : boolean
t : T suf : T suffix_sort
     EP id : TCEP id sort
     NC id : NCEP id sort
     ref : reference sort
ps : T_suf : T suffix sort
     EP_id : TCEP_id_sort
     PDU : p_info
pr : T_suf : T_suffix_sort
     EP_id : TCEP_id_sort
     PDU : p_info
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NS : NC_id : NCEP_id_sort
     NDATA_sort | *****
 (6) A single Network service access point (NSAP) is assumed.
 *)
hide pr,ps,a,t in
    (AP_modules [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (tc_ids)
     [[pr,ps,a,t]]
    Map [NS, pr, ps, a, t]
     |[a,t]|
    NC_managers[a,t] (nc_ids)
    |[a,t]|
    Unique_refs [a, t] ({} of ref_set_sort)
   ١
where
process AP_modules [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (tc_ids : TCid_set) : noexit :=
   choice tc_id : TCid_pair [] [tc_id IsIn tc_ids] ->
        (AP_closed [TS, pr, ps, a, t]
                  (compl (tc_id), comp2 (tc_id), 0 of credit sort)
        111
        i; AP_modules [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (Remove (tc_id, tc_ids)))
endproc
process NC_managers [a, t] (nc_ids : NCid_set) : noexit :=
   choice NC_id : NCEP_id_sort [] [NC_id IsIn nc_ids] ->
       (NC_manager [a, t] (NC_id, find_remote_N_addr)
        111
        i; NC_managers [a, t] (Remove (NC id, nc ids)))
endproc
(*** Type Definitions Internal to the Transport Entity ***)
type reference_type is NaturalNumber
    renamedby sortnames reference sort for Nat
endtype
type ref_set_sort is SetOf reference_sort (* abbreviated notation *)
endtype
type seq_number_type_1 is DecNatRepr
    renamedby sortnames seq number sort for Nat
endtype
type seq_number_type is seq_number_type_1, credit_type
     (* has properties of natural numbers; modulo arithmetic and the minus
       operation are defined; conversion to credit type is required
       for type checking consistency of expressions describing the
       reception of AK PDU's *)
     opns
       convert_to_credit : seq_number_sort
                                                          -> credit sort
                                                          -> seq_number_sort
       Pred
                        : seq_number_sort
                        : seq_number_sort, seq_number_sort -> seq_number_sort
       -
       mod
                        : seq_number_sort, seq_number_sort -> seq_number_sort
       128
                                                           -> seq number_sort
                        :
       1
                                                           -> seq number sort
     eqns forall m, n : seq_number_sort
           ofsort credit_sort
                  convert_to_credit (0)
                                            = 0;
                  convert_to_credit (Succ(n)) = Succ (convert_to_credit (n))
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ofsort seq number sort
                          Pred (Succ (m)) = m;
                          Succ (Pred (m)) = m;
                          m – 0
                                          = m;
                          m - Succ (n)
                                          = Pred (m) - n;
                          m - Pred (n)
                                          = Succ (m) - n;
                                          = Pred (m) + n;
                          m + Pred (n)
                                          = (m * n) - m;
                          m * Pred (n)
                          m lt n \Rightarrow m \mod n = m;
                          m \text{ ge } n \implies m \mod n = (m - n) \mod n;
                          128 = NatNum (Dec (1) ++ Dec (2) ++ Dec (8));
                             = Succ (0)
                          1
       endtype
       type order_type is [destructive, normal, fast, first]
             (* abbreviated notation, can be written in standard Lotos
               through representation as integer constants *)
       endtype
       (*** PDU definitions ***) (* using abbreviated notation as for T_address_sort *)
       type CR_PDU is Tuple CR_PDU comp
            TSAP id called : T suffix sort,
            TSAP id_calling : T_suffix_sort,
            option ind
                        : options_sort,
            credit value
                            : credit_sort
PDU-f
       endtype
       type CC_PDU is Tuple CC_PDU comp
            option_ind : options_sort,
            credit value
                             : credit sort
        endtype
        type DR PDU is Tuple DR PDU comp
            disconnect_reason : reason_sort
        endtype
        type DT_PDU is Tuple DT_PDU comp
             send_sequence : seq_number_sort
             user_data : data_sort
PDU-f
        endtype
        type AK PDU is Tuple AK PDU comp
             expected_send_sequence : seq_number_sort
             credit value
                                    : credit sort
        endtype
        type p_info is EitherOf
             CR_PDU, CC_PDU, DR_PDU, DC_PDU, DT_PDU, AK_PDU
        endtype
        (* The above abbreviations can be written in standard Lotos
           in the following form:
        type p_info is Boolean
             sorts p_info
             opns
               IsCR PDU
                               : p_info -> Bool
                               : p_info -> Bool
               IsCC PDU
               ISDR PDU
                               : p_info -> Bool
               ISDC_PDU
                               : p_info -> Bool
               ISDT PDU
                               : p_info -> Bool
               IsAK PDU
                              : p_info -> Bool
        endtype
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type CR_PDU is T_suffix_type, options_type, credit_type, p_info
     opns
       CR PDU
                        : T_suffix_sort, T_suffix_sort,
                          options_sort, credit_sort -> p_info
       TSAP_id_called : p_info -> T_suffix_sort
TSAP_id_calling : p_info -> T_suffix_sort
       option_ind : p_info -> options_sort
       credit_value : p_info -> credit_sort
     eqns forall Called, Calling : T_suffix_sort, Opt : options_sort,
                 Cred
                        : credit sort
          ofsort T suffix sort
          TSAP id called (CR PDU (Called, Calling, Opt, Cred)) = Called;
          TSAP_id_calling (CR_PDU (Called, Calling, Opt, Cred)) = Calling
          ofsort options_sort
          option_ind (CR_PDU (Called, Calling, Opt, Cred)) = Opt
          ofsort credit_sort
          credit value (CR PDU (Called, Calling, Opt, Cred)) = Cred
          ofsort Bool
          IsCR_PDU (CR_PDU (Called, Calling, Opt, Cred)) = true;
          ISDC PDU (CR PDU (Called, Calling, Opt, Cred)) = false
endtype
type CC_PDU is ***** etc.
*)
type PDU_type is CR_PDU, CC_PDU, DR_PDU, DC_PDU, DT_PDU, AK_PDU, reference_type
     sorts PDU_sort
     opns
      decode : OctetString -> PDU_sort
      encode : PDU_sort -> OctetString
make_PDU : p info_ reformed
                   : p_info, reference sort, reference sort -> PDU sort
       source_ref : PDU_sort -> reference_sort
dest_ref : PDU_sort -> reference_sort
       dest_ref
                   : PDU_sort -> p_info
: PDU_sort -> Bool
       p_PDU
       checks
       update_source_ref : reference_sort, PDU_sort -> reference_sort
     eqns forall p
                      : p info, r1,r2 : reference sort, PDU : PDU sort
          ofsort PDU sort
          decode (encode (PDU)) = PDU
          ofsort p info
          p_PDU (make_PDU (p, r1, r2)) = p
          ofsort reference_sort
          dest_ref (make_PDU (p, r1, r2)) = r1;
          source_ref (make_PDU (p, r1, r2)) = r2;
          r1 ne (0 of reference_sort) => update_source_ref (r1, PDU) = r1;
          r1 eq (0 of reference_sort) => update_source_ref (r1, PDU)
                                                         = source_ref (PDU);
          (* ***** for check (verification of received PDU's) *)
endtype
type PDU_buffer_sort is StringOf p_info (* abbreviated notation *)
(* can be written in standard Lotos similarly to the "SetOf" construction *)
endtype
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(*** Definition of the "AP Module" ***)
      process AP_closed [TS, pr (* receive PDU *), ps (* send PDU *),
                             a (* assign *),
                                                t (* terminate *) ]
                        (T suf : T_suffix_sort,
                                                EP_id : TCEP_id_sort,
                         R_credit : credit_sort)
                                                   : noexit :=
      (* connection establishment, user initiated *)
      TS !T suf !EP id ?tcr : TCONreq;
          ?NC_id : NCEP_id_sort !T_suf !EP_id
          !CR_PDU (T_suffix (dest_address (tcr)),
                   T_suf, proposed_options (tcr), R_credit)
          !N_prefix (dest_address (tcr))
          ?ref : reference sort !down ?accepted : Bool;
          ([accepted] ->
            (pr !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info [IsCC_PDU (PDU)];
                 ([option ind CC (PDU) IsSubsetOf proposed_options (tcr)]
                      TS !T suf !EP id
                          !make_TCONconf (option_ind_CC (PDU));
                       (AP_open [TS, pr, ps]
                          (T_suf, EP_id, option_ind_CC (PDU), 0 of seq_number_sort,
                              0 of seq_number_sort, R_credit, credit_value_CC (PDU))
                       [> AP disc [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf, EP_id)))
                         !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info [IsDR_PDU (PDU)];
                 [] pr
                         !T suf !EP id
                     TS
                         !make TDISind (disconnect_reason (PDU));
                         (* terminate *) !T_suf !EP_id ?id : NCEP_id_sort
                                         ?r : reference_sort;
                     AP_closed [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf, EP_id, 0 of credit_sort)
                 (* [] [ ***** otherwise ] -> ***** *)
          (* [] [not accepted] -> ***** *)
      []
         !T_suf !EP_id ?tsp : U_READY;
      TS
<sup>T</sup>7a
      AP_closed [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf, EP_id, R_credit + credits (tsp))
      [] (* connection establishment, initiated by peer entity *)
      a ?NC id : NCEP id sort !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info
         ?remote_N_addr : N_address_sort ?ref : reference_sort !up ?accepted : Bool
          [IsCR PDU (PDU) and (TSAP id called (PDU) eq T_suf)];
          ([accepted] ->
           TS !T suf !EP_id
                !make_TCONind (make_T_addr (remote_N_addr, TSAP_id_calling (PDU)),
                              option_ind (PDU));
           TS !T suf !EP_id ?tcr : TCONresp
                [accepted_options (tcr) IsSubsetOf option_ind (PDU)];
           ps
               !T_suf !EP_id
                !CC PDU (accepted options (tcr), R_credit);
            (AP_open [TS, pr, ps] (T_suf, EP_id, accepted_options (tcr),
                                  0 of seq_number_sort, 0 of seq_number_sort,
                                  R_credit, credit_value (PDU))
             [> AP_disc [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf, EP_id))
         )
      where
      process AP_open [TS, pr, ps]
            (T_suf : T_suffix_sort, EP_id : TCEP_id_sort, opt : options_sort,
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TRseq, TSseq : seq_number_sort, R_credit, S_credit : credit_sort)
          : noexit :=
     (* receiving data *)
         !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info [IsDT_PDU (PDU)];
     pr
         ([ (R_credit ne 0) and (send_sequence (PDU) eq TRseq) ] ->
            !T_suf !EP_id
         TS
             !make TDATAind (user data (PDU), EoTSDU (PDU));
         AP_open [TS, pr, ps] (T_suf, EP_id, opt, (TRseq + 1) mod 128, TSseq,
                  R_credit - 1, S_credit)
         (* []
                [ ***** otherwise ] ***** *)
         )
     [] (* receiving credits from user *)
     TS !T suf !EP id ?tsp : U READY;
     AP_open [TS, pr, ps] (T_suf, EP_id, opt, TRseq, TSseq,
                           R_credit + credits (tsp), S_credit)
     [] (* sending data *)
     [ S_credit ge 1 ] -> (TS !T_suf !EP_id ?tdt : TDATAreq;
     ps !T_suf !EP_id !DT_PDU (TSseq, TS_user_data (tdt), EoTSDU (tdt));
     AP_open [TS, pr, ps] (T_suf, EP_id, opt, TRseq, (TSseq + 1) mod 128,
              R_credit, S_credit - 1))
     [] (* receiving an AK PDU *)
     pr !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info [IsAK_PDU (PDU)];
             [ TSseq lt expected_send_sequence (PDU) ] -> exit (TSseq +128)
     (
          [] [ not (TSseq lt expected_send_sequence (PDU))] -> exit (TSseq)
        ) >> accept s:seq_number_sort in
          (let new credit : credit_sort = credit_value_AK (PDU) +
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                convert_to_credit (expected_send_sequence (PDU) - s)
                                                                      in
          ( [ (new_credit ge S_credit) and (new_credit le 15 ] ->
            AP_open [TS, pr, ps]
                 (T_suf, EP_id, opt, TRseq, TSseq, R_credit, new_credit)
                [ ***** otherwise ] ***** *)
          (* []
          ))
      )
     [] (* sending an AK PDU *)
     ì;
     ps !T_suf !EP_id !AK_PDU (TRseq, R_credit);
     AP_open [TS, pr, ps] (T suf, EP id, opt, TRseq, TSseq, R credit, S credit)
     endproc (* AP_open *)
    process AP_disc [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf : T_suffix_sort, EP_id : TCEP_id_sort)
                     : noexit :=
     (* disconnect initiated by local user *)
    TS !T_suf !EP_id ?tdr : TDISreq;
ps !T_suf !EP_id !DR_PDU (TS_user_initiated);
    AP_wait for_DC [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T suf, EP_id)
    [] (* disconnect initiated by remote entity *)
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pr !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info [IsDR_PDU (PDU)];
T<sub>12a</sub>
       TS !T_suf !EP_id !make_TDISind (disconnect_reason (PDU));
and
       ps !T_suf !EP_id !DC_PDU;
<sup>T</sup>12b
       t (* terminate *) !T_suf !EP_id ?NC_id : NCEP_id_sort ?ref : reference_sort;
       AP_closed [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf, EP_id, 0 of credit_sort)
        (* [] ***** *)
       where
       process AP_wait_for_DC [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf : T_suffix_sort,
                                                  EP_id : TCEP_id sort) : noexit :=
       pr !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info [IsDC_PDU (PDU)];
       t (* terminate *) !T_suf !EP_id ?id : NCEP_id_sort ?r : reference_sort;
 10a
       AP closed [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf, EP_id, 0 of credit_sort)
       [] (* other PDU's are ignored *)
       pr !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info [not (IsDC_PDU (PDU))];
       AP_wait_for_DC [TS, pr, ps, a, t] (T_suf, EP_id)
       endproc (* AP_wait_for_DC *)
       endproc (* AP_disc
                                  *)
        endproc (* AP_closed
                                  *)
        (*** Definition of the "Map Module" ***)
        process Map [NS, pr, ps, a, t] : noexit :=
        (* new connection requested by the user:
        if accepted, a new PDU_handler process is created *)
       a ?NC_id : NCEP_id_sort ?T_suf : T_suffix_sort ?EP_id : TCEP_id_sort
           ?PDU : p_info ?N_addr : N_address_sort
           ?local_ref : reference_sort !down ?accepted : Bool;
           ([accepted] ->
              (PDU handler [NS, pr, ps, t]
                  (NC_id, T_suf, EP_id, local_ref, 0 of reference_sort,
                   String (PDU) of PDU_buffer_sort)
               111
               Map [NS, pr, ps, a, t]
              - 3
            (* [] [ ***** otherwise ] ***** *)
           ١
        []
        (* new connection requested by the remote entity:
        if accepted, a new PDU_handler process is created *)
        NS ?NC_id : NCEP_id_sort
           ?ndt : NDATAind [IsCR_PDU (p_PDU (decode (NS_user_data(ndt))))];
          !NC id ?T_suf : T_suffix_sort ?EP_id : TCEP_id_sort
           !p_PDU(decode (NS_user_data(ndt))) ?N_addr : N_address_sort
           ?local_ref : reference_sort !up ?accepted : Bool;
           ([accepted] ->
               (PDU_handler [NS, pr, ps, t]
                  (NC_id, T_suf, EP_id, local_ref,
                   source_ref (decode (NS_user_data(ndt))),
                   <> of PDU_buffer_sort)
               111
               Map [NS, pr, ps, a, t]
              )
            (* [] [ ***** otherwise ] ***** *)
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where
     process PDU_handler [NS, pr, ps, t]
          (NC_id : NCEP_id_sort,T_suf : T_suffix_sort, EP_id : TCEP_id_sort,
           local_ref, remote_ref : reference_sort, buffer : PDU_buffer_sort)
          : exit :=
     (* accepting PDU's from the assigned AP_xxxx module *)
     ps !T_suf !EP_id ?PDU : p_info;
     PDU_handler [NS, pr, ps, t]
          (NC_id, T_suf, EP_id, local_ref, remote_ref, buffer ++ String (PDU))
     [] (* advance fast PDU's over normal ones in the buffer *)
     i; PDU_handler [NS, pr, ps, t] (NC_id, T_suf, EP_id, local_ref,
                                     remote_ref, advance (buffer))
     [] (* drop PDU's during disconnection phase *)
     i; PDU_handler [NS, pr, ps, t] (NC_id, T_suf, EP_id, local_ref,
                                     remote ref, drop (buffer))
     [] (* sending a PDU *)
     [buffer ne <>] ->
T<sub>s</sub>
        NS !NC_id !make_NDATAreq (encode (make_PDU (first(buffer),
                                    remote ref, local ref)),true);
        PDU handler [NS, pr, ps, t]
             (NC id, T suf, EP id, local ref, remote ref, tail (buffer))
         (* receiving a PDU *)
     []
    NS !NC_id
         ?ndt : NDATA_sort [ (dest_ref (decode (NS_user_data(ndt))) eq local ref)
                              and EoNSDU (ndt) ];
         ([checks (decode (NS_user_data(ndt)))] ->
            pr !T_suf !EP_id !p_PDU (decode (NS_user_data(ndt)));
             PDU handler [NS, pr, ps, t]
                   (NC_id, T_suf, EP_id, local_ref,
                    update source_ref (remote_ref, decode (NS_user_data(ndt))), buffer)
          []
          [not (checks (decode (NS_user_data(ndt))))] ->
             (* ***** *)
             PDU_handler [NS, pr, ps, t]
                   (NC_id, T_suf, EP_id, local_ref, remote_ref, buffer)
         )
     [] (* termination of Transport connection *)
     t !T suf !EP id !NC id !local ref;
     exit
     where
     type PDU_ordering is order_type, PDU_buffer_type
          opns
            order
                             : p_info
                                               -> order_sort
                             : PDU_buffer_sort -> PDU_buffer_sort
            drop
            advance
                             : PDU_buffer_sort -> PDU_buffer_sort
          eqns forall p : p_info , s : PDU_buffer_sort
               ofsort order_sort
               IsCR_PDU (p) => order (p) = first;
               IsCC_PDU (p) => order (p) = first;
               IsDR PDU (p) => order (p) = destructive;
               IsDC_PDU (p) => order (p) = destructive;
               IsDT_PDU (p) => order (p) = normal;
               IsAK_PDU (p) => order (p) = fast;
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ofsort PDU buffer_sort
          drop (<>) = <>;
          order (first (s)) eq destructive => drop (p + s) = s;
          order (first (s)) ne destructive => drop (p + s) = p + drop (s);
          advance (<>) = <>;
          order (p) eq normal, order (first (s)) eq fast =>
                              advance (p + s) = first (s) + (p + tail (s));
          advance (p + s) = p + advance (s); (* This rule should be applied
                                                if the above rule is not
                                                applicable *)
endtype
endtype
endproc (*PDU_handler *)
endproc (* Map *)
(*** Network Connection Management ***)
process NC_manager [a (* assign *), t (* terminate *)]
            (NC_id : NCEP_id_sort, remote_N_addr : N_address_sort )
            : noexit :=
(* assignment of new Transport connection *)
a !NC_id ?T_suf : T_suffix_sort ?EP_id : TCEP_id_sort ?PDU : p_info
   !remote_N_addr ?local_ref : reference_sort ?d : direction ?accepted : Bool;
NC_manager [a, t] (NC_id, remote_N_addr)
[]
(* termination of a Transport connection *)
  ?T_suf : T_suffix_sort ?EP_id : TCEP_id_sort
t
   !NC id ?ref : reference sort;
NC_manager [a, t] (NC_id, remote_N_addr)
endproc (* NC_manager *)
(*** Unique Reference Numbers ***)
process Unique_refs [a, t] (ref_set: ref_set_sort) : noexit :=
(* assignment of new Transport connection *)
a ?NC_id : NCEP_id_sort ?T_suf : T_suffix_sort ?EP_id : TCEP_id_sort
   ?PDU : p info ?remote N addr : N address sort
   ?local_ref : reference_sort ?d : direction ?accepted : Bool
   [local ref NotIn ref set];
Unique_refs [a, t] (Insert (local_ref, ref_set))
[]
(* termination of a Transport connection *)
t ?T suf : T suffix sort ?EP id : TCEP id sort
   ?NC_id : NCEP_id_sort ?ref : reference_sort;
Unique_refs [a, t] (Remove (ref, ref_set))
endproc (* Unique_refs *)
endproc (* TP_entity *)
endspec (* simple_TP
                      *)
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Annex 3. Simplified Transport Protocol Specification in SDL

SYSTEM TP_protocol;

***** type definitions *****

- SIGNAL TCONreq (T_address, options_type, Pid), TCONind (T_address, type, options_type, Pid), TCONresp (options_type, Pid), TCONconf (options_type, Pid), TDISreq, TDISind (reason_type), TDATAreq (data_type, boolean), TDATAind (data_type, boolean), U_READY (credit_type), READY;
- SIGNAL NDATAreq (data_type, boolean), NDATAind (data_type, boolean);

CHANNEL TS interface

- FROM ENV TO TP_entity WITH TCONreq, TCONreap, TDISreq, DTATAreq, U_READY;
- FROM TP_entity TO ENV WITH TCONind, TCONconf, TDISind, TDATAind, READY;

ENDCHANNEL TS interface;

CHANNEL NS_interface

FROM ENV TO TP entity WITH NDATAind;

FROM TP entity TO ENV WITH NDATAind;

ENDCHANNEL TS interface;

BLOCK TP_entity;

***** type definitions *****

CONNECT TS_interface AND R1, R2;

CONNECT NS_interface AND R4;

SIGNALROUTE R1 FROM ENV TO Map WITH TCONreq;
SIGNALROUTE R2 FROM ENV TO AP WITH TCONresp, TCONconf, TDISreq, TDISind, TDISconf, TDATAreq, TDATAind, U_READY, READY;
SIGNALROUTE R3 FROM MAP to AP with transfer, terminated_from_Map, terminated_from_AP, ready;
SIGNALROUTE R4 FROM ENV TO MAP WITH NDATAreq, NDATAind;

SIGNAL

transfer (PDU_and_control_information, T_suffix-type, TCEP_id_type), terminated_from_Map,

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terminated_from_AP (T_suffix_type, TCEP_id_type), ready (T_suffix_type, TCEP_id_type);

PROCESS Map (1,1) REFERENCED;

- PROCESS AP (0,) REFERENCED;
- ENDBLOCK TP_entity;
- ENDSYSTEM TP_protocol;

PROCESS Map (1,1);

***** similar to Map in Annex 1 In addition it performs the following actions:

(1) It receives TCONreq from user processes and creates a corresponding AP process instance, to which it then forwards the TCONreq interaction. The TCONreq includes as additional parameter the Pid of the user process to which the created AP process returns the TCONconf directly. The TCONconf also includes as additional parameter the Pid value of the AP process which the user process has to use to send the subsequent service interactions directly to the responsible AP process.

(2) A similar operation is performed for connection requests coming from the remote side.

ENDPROCESS Map;

PROCESS AP (0,);

DCL ****** as in Annex 1, plus the following ****** user_Pid Pid, T_suf T_suffix_type, EP_id TCEP_id_type; /* the latter two additional variables are used for communication with the Map process to indicate the identity of the AP process instance */

***** transition T1, similar to Annex 1 *****

/* the following SDL transition corresponds to transitions T2a, T2b, and T2c of Figure 3 */

STATE INPUT DEC (CC)	wait_for CC transfer (PD CISION PDU): DECISIO	C; DU); !! kind N (PDU! op	tion_ind <= options)		
<pre>(true): options:= PDU! option_ind; TRseq := 0; TSseq := 0; S_credit := PDU! credit_value OUPUT TCONconf (options, SELF) NEXTSTATE open;</pre>				то	user-Pid;
	(false):	OUPUT	TDISind (procedure_error)	То	user-Pid;

OUTPUT transfer (DR_PDU (procedure_error),

T_suf, EP_id) TO MAP; NEXTSTATE wait for DC;

ENDDECISION;

(DR):

OUTPUT TDISind (PDU! disconnect-reason) TO user_Pid; OUTPUT terminated_from_AP (T_suf, EP_id) TO MAP; NEXTSTATE closed;

ENDDECISION,

***** transitions similar to Annex 1 *****

ENDPROCESS AP;

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