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(54) **INTERWORKING/CO-EXISTENCE OF INTEGRATED WLAN/3GPP RAT ARCHITECTURES WITH LEGACY WLAN/3GPP INTERWORKING SOLUTIONS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An integrated WLAN/WWAN architecture is described, in which signaling used to control the integration of the WLAN/WWAN architecture is performed over the Radio Resource Control ("RRC") plane. The integrated architecture may provide a network-controlled framework for performing traffic steering and radio resource management. Additionally, according to the disclosure provided herein, the integrated architecture may interwork with legacy systems (e.g., architectures that do not support the integrated WLAN/WWAN architecture).

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