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A session establishment method includes receiving, by a first core network device, a first request from an access network device, sending, by the first core network device, a second request to the second core network device based on the first request, receiving, by the first core network device, a second response from the second core network device, sending, by the first core network device, a first response to the access network device, and establishing, by the first core network device, the session based on the first response. The first request is useable to request to establish a session of a terminal device, and the first request includes information about a second core network device corresponding to the terminal device. The second response is useable to respond to the second request. The first response is useable to respond to the first request.

