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service definition and protocol specification**

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Définition du service de l'application et spécification du protocole*



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