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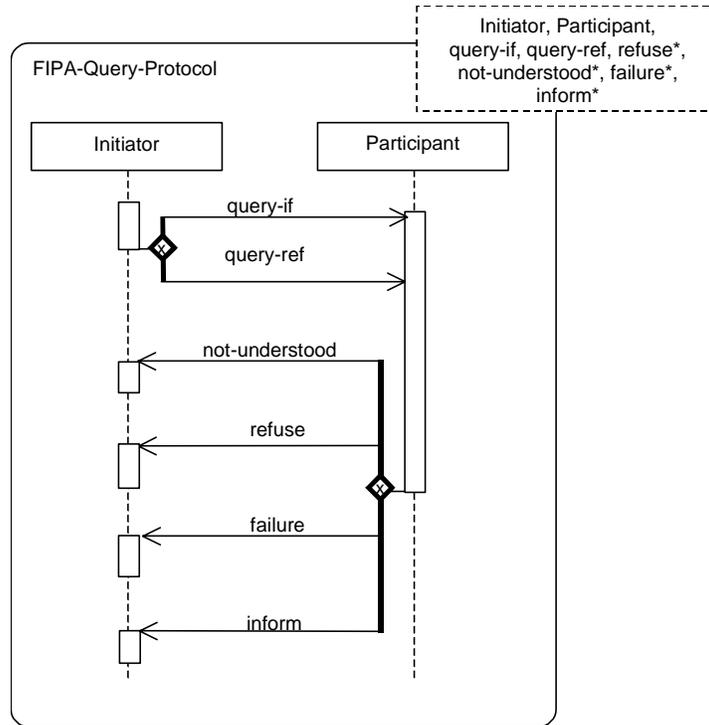
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42 **1 FIPA Query Interaction Protocol**

43 In the FIPA Query Interaction Protocol (IP), the receiving agent is requested to perform some kind of *inform* action (see  
44 [FIPA00037]). Requesting to *inform* is a query, and there are two query-acts: *query-if* (see [FIPA00037]) and *query-ref*  
45 (see [FIPA00037]) and either act may be used to initiate this protocol. In either case, an *inform* is used in response,  
46 although the content of the *inform* given in response to a *query-ref* would be a referring expression.  
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48 The representation of this IP is given in *Figure 1*.  
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52 **Figure 1: FIPA Query Interaction Protocol**  
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54 **1.1 Exceptions to Interaction Protocol Flow**

55 This IP is a pattern for a simple interaction type. Elaboration on this pattern will almost certainly be necessary in order to  
56 specify all cases that might occur in an actual agent interaction. Real world issues of cancelling actions, asynchrony,  
57 abnormal or unexpected IP termination, nested IPs, and the like, are explicitly not addressed here.  
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59 **2 References**

- 60 [FIPA00037] FIPA Communicative Act Library Specification. Foundation for Intelligent Physical Agents, 2000.  
61 <http://www.fipa.org/specs/fipa00037/>