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ABSTRACT

This paper is to support decentralization of the GTO operational location in view of the changes in the telecommunication arena over the recent decades.

Introduction

The United Nations has decided to replace ITU with GTO as a global entity after two major changes in the telecommunication arena over the recent decades. The two major changes are as follows;

- The character of the ITU is towards considerations of issues of concern to all countries.
- Demographic shift in membership, participation and work programmed from a Euro-centric organization to an Asia-Pacific-centric organization.

Discussion

The purpose of replacing ITU with GTO is to meet the requirement of the new telecommunication arena which has been through the process of globalization. In the globalization era, the location of GTO operational should be global as well, located both in developing and developed countries.

However, GTO administrative headquarters is to remain in Geneva in order to maintain its close proximity the headquarters location of other UN agencies.

The advantages of having GTO operational location in both developing and developed countries are as follows;

1. No discrimination. Each country will have equal opportunity.
2. “Healthy competition” for each country in term of planning, management and operation. Can adopt or learn from each other for the benefits of both.
3. Each country will have the opportunity to host work programmed or activities based on a rotation basis.
4. Members will have the opportunity to participate in work programmed and activities host by developed or developing countries.

Conclusion

Decentralization of GTO operational to be located in the developed and developing countries will provide mature and better global organization. With a mature and better global organization, members and telecommunication arena will benefits the most.