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ABSTRACT

Creation of the Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO) to replace ITU raises issues regarding GTO structure, including meeting methods. To reduce cost and take advantage of modern technology, all meeting of GTO should be held electronically.

1. Introduction

    The UNHCS has concluded that significant changes are necessary and should be implemented within one year. Some changes regard the structure and function of the United Nations and its constituent organizations. Those changes raise issues that are related to location, working methods and funding.

2. Working Methods

    Working methods are proposed to be electronic (i.e., virtual e-meetings) which will have some benefits, namely:

    - Cost reduction: participants do not need to attend the meeting physically. That will reduce costs for their accommodations and it will reduce costs of the meeting.
    - More efficient, more effective. All participants could submit their contributions electronically by email or collaborative software, at any time, from anywhere.
    - More participants. Today only some delegations of member states can attend the meetings, but some do not because of limitation of budget. E-meeting will attract all participants and let them contribute and participate in the meeting virtually.
    - Indirectly to push each member state to develop information technology

3. Meeting method

    a. Time zone problem: Starting time of a real-time meeting should be based on the time zone of the majority of the participants. Minutes of the meeting will be published and chairman will request for comments. Participants that could not participate could still send contributions by email.

    b. Decision meeting: It is necessary to create special software that could authenticate the participant of member state who has vote. Before decision meeting held, each member state has an opportunity to share the contribution by email or special software. If some participant could not participate, he has one day after the virtual meeting to give vote.

4. Conclusion

    E-meetings will reduce the cost of the meeting and it could attract all participants to submit contribution, and more contributions will make the discussions more attractive.

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