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1.0 Background

The annual budget of the GTO is 100 million CHF. Approximately 30% of the budget is derived from sources like sale of as sale of publications, development grants and SM dues leaving a balance of 70 Million CHF which needs to be collectively contributed by all Members. Working Party 3 considered various funding mechanisms for funding of GTO.

2.0 Issues considered

- a) Proportional contributions for all GTO Member States;
- b) Equal contributions for all GTO member States; and
- c) Funding from Government and Industry.

3.0 Members present

Paul Odoi-New Zealand, Taos Benmimoune-Columbia, Mohamed El Amine - France, China, Cheikkh Tijani Ould Oudaa - Mali, Serge Fundi Etelebongo - Poland, Rym Nouha Boutekedjiret - Malaysia and Observers from ITU and various countries.

4.0 Conclusion and recommendation

Through general consensus the Working Party 3 reached the following conclusion and recommendations:

- a) Working Party 3 recognizes that not all countries are at equal levels of development;
- b) Working Party 3 recognizes that currently not all countries can afford to contribute equal amounts to GTO;
- c) Working Party 3 recommends that developing countries should pay a minimum of 50% of the CHF 368,000 with the rest being paid equally by the other countries;
- d) Working Party 3 recommends that contributions to the GTO will be decided in-house by the country. The decision of taxing private operators, increasing license fees or government paying should be left to the country;
- e) Working Party 3 recommends that the payment by developing countries should be increased gradually and after a period of not more than 10 years all countries should pay the same fee to GTO.
- f) Increments in contributions to GTO should be on a case by case basis depending on ability to contribute.

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