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Title: Position on Decision Making in Remote Participation in any Meeting

The following contribution is in response to SG G request for position on decision making in remote participation in any meeting. The objective is to provide an environment where the current mode of operation is maintained as much as possible.

Attendance can be maintained by logging in remotely to a virtual meeting environment. The environment can maintain attendance in real-time and make it visible to all attendees and the chairperson. This would even allow for recording attendance more easily than in a physical meeting. The secure login would be considered as sufficient authentication of the participant.

The same virtual environment can provide the mechanism to cast votes electronically. A time limit would be placed on casting votes after which a no vote is considered as a positive vote. This is considered in line with the principle of “silence in agreement” which works well in physical meetings. The environment must provide a private channel for chatting between participants to allow for off-line discussions in order for delegates to resolve issues.

In addition, video feedback must be provided for most participants in order to allow the chairperson to judge the “mood of the room”. As far as allowing all remote participants to present their views, the system should electronically provide the user to request turn via the chairperson. This can be easily accomplished electronically.

Clearly the above position would require all participants to be logged online to the virtual meeting environment.