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1- Abstract

South Africa notes and appreciates to the proposal of the United Nations organization for the creation of the Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO). **Indeed**, this process raises questions about the structure of the organization including working methods and funding mechanisms.

ITU was founded in 1865 as a specialized United Nations organization in telecommunications / ICT sector. In accordance with the UN decision, it was identified the need to create a Global telecommunications organization.

This proposal studies the possibilities to decentralization the GTO activities and working methods.

2. Proposal of South African administration

South African administration recognizes that in order to better reflect the inter-governmental and ensure a regional presence at the Global Telecommunication organization, representations and administrative operations should be decentralized to take in charge the needs of its members.

South Africa subscribes to the proposal for the administrative headquarters of the GTO to be in Geneva. This proposal is will permit in the fact to strengthen the operational and functional coordination with other United Nations agencies which have their headquarters in this city. In fact, we suggest that GTO has a representation in ITU region.

South Africa recognizes that ITU today meets the definition of global telecommunication organization of its instruments, composition, and missions. However, we suggest that an analysis of the relevant ITU instruments to be done, as part of this transformation.

In addition, it 'will initially study the best form of organization that will ensure adequate global presence in the organization. To do a comparative study could be conducted with some organizations of the United Nations, which will retain the best practice adapted to the ITU specific mission.

Also, South African administration supports the proposal to conduct GTO meetings alternatively in developed and developing countries and proposed that the decentralized representations meet the basic features include:

- ✚ To have adequate and sufficient staff,
- ✚ To be competent, or to improve range of actions in their region or administrative area,
- ✚ to use procedures and working methods to facilitate the coordination between the General Secretariat and the three sectors
- ✚ to improve the dissemination of information on its activities and establish relationships with regional and sub- regional organization.

Finally, South African administration suggests the establishment of a structure to drive the implementation of the UN proposal.
