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**Abstract**

The decentralize operation of the Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO) has its own advantages & disadvantages. This proposal provides a solution on how decentralization can be done without compromising the benefits of having a centralized operation by using both physical and virtual meetings.

**1. Introduction**

The new GTO structure needs to address the issues below:

- a) The majority of members are from all around the world;
- b) Different regions have different needs and issues, therefore it is not effective to have a centralized operational location which many members cannot afford to use;
- c) Frequent travelling by members in order to meet and resolve issues prevents those members from focusing on their core business;
- d) High travel costs are incurred by members from different parts of the world to attend meetings
- e) Some issues require more public and private discussion than is possible only through the exchange of electronic messages.

**2. Discussion****Advantages of decentralization**

- Virtual, or all-electronic, meetings will enable issues to be discussed in a more effective way, where more members may share their views based on their experience.
- Members will save travelling cost and time, therefore more time can be spent on their core business.

**Disadvantages of only allowing e-meetings**

- Lack of interaction with members from the same and from different regions provides less opportunity to learn and share experiences.
- More regional centers may need to be developed to replace the interactions currently possible but which would be lost if only e-meetings were allowed, resulting in additional costs to members and the regional organizations.

**3. Proposal**

It is proposed that the greatest benefit to the members and for the GTO outputs can be realized with a combination of e-meetings and physical meetings as required. Holding only e-meetings would deprive the membership of important opportunities to resolve difficult issues and to learn and share experiences with each other.