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ABSTRACT

This contribution proposes that all Member States share equally in funding the new Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO).

Introduction

With the creation of the new GTO, a new funding mechanism should be implemented that recognizes that the decentralized operational system to be used will enable more of the Member States greater ease of participation and greater access to all functions of the organization. If the current system were to be continued, the organization would have to depend on each MS's voluntary choice of dues, which could change radically from year to year, putting a burden of uncertainty on the organization and preventing good budget planning and management.

Discussion of Equal Funding by the MSs

1. Meetings will be more accessible to all MSs, bringing equal benefits and opportunities to all members.
2. Each MS, as a sovereign nation, enjoys equal rights within this intergovernmental organization. With equal rights should come equal obligations
3. For those MSs with economies in transition, the Member State member can assess a small fee from each of its private sector companies engaged in telecommunications to help support the national membership, so even developing countries will be able to contribute their fair share to support the GTO.
4. When the larger, more developed countries can no longer claim special treatment because of their larger monetary contributions, the global nature of the GTO's standards-setting process will become equally fair to all parties, to the benefit of the world-wide telecommunication system and therefore also to all peoples.

Conclusion

It is right and fair that all MSs, enjoying equal rights in the GTO, and in support of truly global standardization, should pay equal amounts to fund the GTO.
