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Abstract:

Yes for developing the ITU into a new GTO not only virtual organization but having both electronic and physical nature, located in Geneva. Most of the meetings of involved parties can be held electronically. Electronic meeting systems helps people to generate new ideas, to define concepts, to organize ideas into categories, and to evaluate ideas using various criteria and voting techniques. National and international working groups will be formulated to execute tasks of the new developed GTO.

Introduction:

In the globalization era, with the wide spread of new technologies and in Particular the vast development of telecommunications, there is a need to develop the existing organizations at global and national level as well. Also the growing interest of developing countries in adopting and settling new technologies highlights the need for these countries to participate in global organizations and therefore the structure and work strategies of these organizations have to be modified to meet these developments. Modification of the ITU is of particular importance, because of the role telecommunications play in our modern societies. In modern organizations, partners, group members must accept one another as strategic participating equally in joint decision making. Nowadays electronic systems provide opportunity for significant advance toward enriched and progressive group decision – making process and help groups make faster and producing better decisions.

Working methods:

Electronic meetings has provides the ability to make group meetings more productive and more effective. Information from various work stations can be easily integrated and presented to all members. This enable the fast and effective execution of brainstorming, organization and evaluation activities. Unlike physical meetings, e-meetings can be held any time avoiding travel time and cost. Electronic meetings have a lot of advantages including the following:

- Save time and costs
- Avoid individual fearing criticism or negative evaluation (here, the problem of language is very important, in electronic meetings there is no simultaneous translation. The meeting language will be most probably English which is not the native language for most of the participants. A person feel more free to write than to speak.
- Promotes creativity by allowing all team members to generate ideas simultaneously and to respond to the ideas of the group members.
- Electronic voting tools make it possible to test the level of agreement among participants, by making choices according to priority and then voting on a specific course of action.
- The group as a whole has more information than any one member.
- Meetings templates avoid efforts in preparation.

Proposal:

We support the development of ITU into a GTO by the agreement of the member states. The GTO in collaboration with member states will establish a unique electronic environment (infra-structure) for all involved groups. Working groups will be formulated at national and international levels. All the meetings of the involved groups will be held electronically.