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## ABSTRACT

In consideration of national sovereignty and equal rights of all Member States (MSs) in the Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO), all MSs should share equally in support of the estimated 70 Million CFH GTO budget

#### Introduction

The current funding mechanism depends on a voluntary choice for the level of monetary contribution, or dues, by each MS. Sector Members (SMs) also have a voluntary choice on the level of their contributions, subject to a minimum level for each Sector.

#### **Reasons of Equal Funding**

• Equal funding would encourage MS participation and commitment to the workgroup. Countries in each region will play in more active role. The participation and contribution will continue to develop and helping regional growth of telecommunication industry.

• Equal funding allows all MS in having equal rights, and equal sharing and utilizing the resources of the GTO, since each MS has the same opportunity to get benefits from the same pool of budget and spending. Further, is it fairest that all MS having equal benefits of participation also contribute equally to the funding.

• Mandatory equal funding across all nations allows the collection in more consistent and predictable way rather than depending on voluntary contributions which can vary among the MSs and can change from time to time. As such, from an administrative viewpoint, the size and control of the budget is possible in a more effective manner. A fair system and proper guidelines have to be established to audit, monitor, keep track and control the collection of funding.

## Conclusion

We would propose that GTO shall impose equal funding of all MS as mandatory so as to operate the organization in more effective manner.