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Abstract

To better accommodate and reflect the composition of the GTO, the UNHCS has decided that the GTO operational locations should be decentralized to better meet the needs of its membership with some flexibility.

Introduction

As majority of GTO members are located outside of Geneva, moving its operational locations outside of Geneva will pose several benefits from decision making, participation of members and economic benefits can be reached because operations or tasks are not controlled by a centralized control structure but segregated to several locations around the globe.

Advantages of decentralization

Decentralization of GTO members to their specific regions will present the most benefits and would be the best option to move forward.

Firstly, moving the operations of GTO from a centralized location to multiple locations, GTO will present an opportunity of growth for developing nations in the specific regions. Moving in this direction will empower regional locations to have a greater sense of responsibility and control on the operations of GTO.

Secondly, each region would have different growth models, requirements & needs. It would be hard for a central control structure in Geneva to address each and every single issue faced by each region. GTO would have to be relevant to each region in the globe. Decentralizing would be the best option as its operations would enable each region to focus into these areas and work out a solution or plan for it.

Thirdly, countries in each region would be able to play a more active role in GTO's initiatives as the regional hubs will be more accessible and is a more economical option. As travel would be restricted to its region, cost and time would be saved in meeting up for any GTO regional meetings.

If decisions are required to be made urgently, some flexibility can be put in place to allow for tele/video conferencing or e-signature for documents to speed up the process.

Conclusion

I propose that GTO move in this direction as by doing so GTO would play a more relevant and active role in developing the telecommunications industry for each region and at the same time promote growth in participating developing countries.