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1. Introduction

Special SG G met in Nadi, Fiji on 5-6 July 2011. The agenda and work plan for the meeting are shown in TD2R3 and TD3, respectively. The list of participants is shown on Annex 1 and TD8R1 provides the list of documents.

2. Background

TD1, containing background information on the recommendations of the United Nations High Commission on Structure (UNHCS) to restructure the ITU and replace it by a new Global Telecommunication Organization was introduced. The UNHCS requested this SG to study three issues relating to the location, working methods and funding for the GTO:

2.1 Issue 1 - Location

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.

2.2 Issue 2 - Working methods

To reduce the carbon footprint of the GTO, save money and take advantage of modern technology, all meetings of the GTO will be electronic, virtual meetings.

2.3 Issue 3 - Funding

Given decentralization and electronic working methods, the current annual budget of 150M CHF will be reduced to 100 M CHF. What new funding mechanism is recommended that recognizes the new structure, demographics and focus of the GTO?

2.4 SG G consideration of input contributions

As there were no contributions related to Issue 3 (Funding), this subject was not included on the agenda of this meeting.

3. Structure of working groups

SG G authorized creation of Working Party 1 (WP1) to consider Issue 1 and Issue 2, with Terms of Reference given in TD4R1, and to be chaired by the SG G Chairman.

3.1 Document Allocation

Document allocation to WP1, as approved, is shown in Table 1, below:

WP1	Contributions	TDs
Location Issue	C-1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 16, 21	3,4
Work Method Issue	C-4, 5, 6, 15, 17, 18, 23, 24	3,4

Table 1 - Document Allocation

4. Working Group results

The report of WP1 is shown in Annex 2 of this report.

5. Study Group proposals

Considering the report of WP1, the SG approved the following proposals to UNHCS:

5.1 Location issue:

The Special SG G proposes that the administrative functions of GTO remain in Geneva. This includes the General Secretariat (e.g., Finance, Personnel) and the Bureaux of the three Sectors (i.e., Standardization, Radiocommunications and Development). The operations of GTO, as is the current practice of ITU, can be decentralized with meetings held in the regions as well as to continue using existing facilities in the regions and in Geneva. Such distributed operations can be supported by the use of new technologies and working methods to enable remote participation, especially considering the needs of developing countries (see Work Methods, in clause 5.2 below).

5.2 Working Methods issue:

The Special SG G agreed that there are benefits from using e-meetings and their use should be allowed. To gain appropriate experience, there should be a trial, for 1 year, of all e-meetings for a selected Study Group (including its subordinate groups) which has active participation from many regions, and then appropriate procedures for GTO be developed based on the experience gained. Until then, both virtual meetings and electronic meetings may be used throughout GTO. Pending further evaluation, GTO may then decide whether or not to require only e-meetings or to continue using both mechanisms.

6. Conclusion of the meeting

The chairman thanked the participants for their cooperation in reaching a harmonized set of proposals which took into account the wide range of views submitted to the SG as well as the views and proposals provided by the UNHCS. The chairman thanked the participants of the Working Parties for their effective discussions and spirit of cooperation. Finally, the chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the Study Group to the Secretariat for their excellent preparations and support of the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1600 hours on 6 July 2011.

Annex 1 – List of Participants

(to be provided by Secretariat)

Annex 2 – Report of WP 1 (see TD-9)
