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Request

The SG G is requested to consider further the proposal that GTO hold only electronic meetings, in particular the time-zone and decision-making aspects noted above, and make a recommendation to the UNHCS by the end of this calendar year on its implementation.

Discussion

The issue of exclusive e-meetings was discussed. Some contributions were for exclusive e-meetings and some for a combination. The issue of time duration, meeting starting time and decision making was discussed.

Proposal 1:

Unopposed agreement to hold a combination of virtual and physical meetings with potential moving to all e-meetings in the future based on the assessment of the process. Proposal to hold e-meetings early in the discussion process to close the gap and for low priority decision making phase and physical meetings at the high priority decision making phase. ITU must assure all representatives have access to necessary infrastructure required for e-meetings.

Proposal 2:

Unopposed agreement to have offline e-meetings for issues requiring long term and to guarantee same duration of meeting for all participants in all time zones.

Unopposed agreement to have online e-meetings for discussion and limited duration issues. All delegates must be given opportunity to participate just as in physical meetings. These online e-meetings must have a preset duration indicated by the chairperson.

Proposal 3:

Unopposed agreement to have the starting time of online e-meetings be synchronized between participants in different time zones.

Proposal 4:

Unopposed agreement to have decisions during e-meetings via disagreement emails. These decisions would be limited to low priority issues as agreed upon by the group. High priority decisions would be left for physical meetings.
