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Abstract

Support for implementation of equal funding for all Member States (MSs) that will promote equal opportunity and participation for fair and transparent adoption of standards

1. Problem

The existing unequal funding based on GDP where the richer nations pay more than developing nations has created disparity in the contributions and the adoption of standards.

2. Considerations

- 2.1. Developed nations that are required to pay more, equivalent to their greater GDP have sometimes defaulted in their schedule of funding.
- 2.2. High funding countries have sometimes tried to put greater influence in the decision making process which the lower funding members always obliged.
- 2.3. With equal funding, the basic unit of funding could be reduced so that it will not be a heavy burden to all members.
- 2.4. It is hoped that with a lower funding unit, collection will be prompt and according to the schedule for payments.
- 2.5. Equal funding will reflect the spirit of equal participation from all members for better decision making and openness

3. Proposal

Support an equal funding model for all MSs to be implemented in place of the existing model. This model will allow more open and active participations from MSs without domination from higher funding members and it will reduce any feelings of inferiority from developing countries.