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ABSTRACT

The new Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO) which has replaced the ITU should be funded by those more able to pay and by those who get the greatest benefit from the organization. A proportionally-based dues structure is therefore recommended.

Introduction

The GTO will be one of the primary developers of international telecommunication standards, carrying forward the role formerly filled by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Although the United Nations High Commission on Structure has forecast that a substantially reduced budget will be needed, the question still remains how the necessary funds will be obtained. As a membership organization, the bulk of the revenues to support the GTO will doubtless come from its membership. Since not all Member States (MS) are in the same position to support an international organization, and it is clear that for a long time to come all MSs will not be able to participate at the same level nor to use the GTO standards to the same extent, the dues charged to each MS should reflect these differences.

Discussion

As in most organizations, those who get a greater degree of services, should also pay a greater share of its budget. Those who send more people to meetings, for example, should contribute more to provide a suitably proportional amount for the additional meeting space and support services they get.

It is also unreasonable, and impractical, to expect a Least Developed Country to be able to pay the same amount as a highly developed with a thriving industrial base. Even if there were attempts to impose equal dues, from experience in intergovernmental organizations, the poorer countries will be unable to pay and will quickly go into arrears, causing operational and legal issues.

It is therefore proposed that countries that use the services of the GTO to a greater extent should pay a proportionally greater share of the budget of the GTO.

Proposal

The dues structure for the GTO shall be determined on a proportional basis, considering the economic level of development of the Member State concerned.