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ABSTRACT

The main part of this contribution is to support the decentralization of location of the Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO), with regards to a more reliable and technology oriented communication methods within the members, comprising of Sector Members (SM), Member States (MS) and Associates.

1. Introduction

The Study Group Special G has been established and one task of this special group is to consider and make recommendations on the location(s) of GTO. Some comments are noted that GTO operational locations should be decentralization to better meet the need of its membership. Therefore, this consideration brings forth the requirement to have an ideal way of communication within the members.

2. Discussion**Creation of GTO HQ Virtual Office**

- Having a virtual office led by the GTO Headquarters (HQ) allows all Member States and even to the extent active or voluntary individuals who are passionate about the telecommunication industry to participate and get involved in online discussions. This will offer GTO a more comprehensive statistics in addition to the “real-world” and up-to-date programs and activities of telecommunication sector in the world today.
- Due to the openness of the virtual office, certain criteria such as secured access of the forums need to be adhered to by professional regulators employed by the GTO.
- Other factors which contribute to this is the creation of non-existing networking structure in Member State (MS) countries and the upgrade of already existing networking infrastructure which, indirectly constitutes a more active Information Technology (IT) and literate participants in the organization. More details of the virtual office can be reviewed in the link below:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_office

3. Conclusion

South Africa strongly supports decentralization of the location of the GTO with the creation of a virtual office, led, regulated and administered in Geneva by the GTO HQ.