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ABSTRACT

All GTO meetings should be conducted virtually, i.e. via e-meetings in order to reduce the carbon footprint of the GTO, save money and take advantage of modern technology.

Introduction

It is not efficient to conduct GTO meetings physically in term of time and cost spent for travelling, logistics and preparation works. Most of the countries have already had telecommunication infrastructures in place for ICT services, which are capable to support e-meetings (which include basic mode of communications like email, phones, or even video conferencing).

Advantages of e-meeting

Without conducting a physical meeting, effort as well as cost saved on travelling will greatly reduce the carbon footprint of the GTO.

Time and effort required to prepare an e-meeting is definitely shorter and more efficient than having a physical meeting, which involves travel arrangement, logistics, etc. With this advantage, GTO meetings can be held even more often.

By only having meetings virtually, it will also encourage the participations of more countries, especially those countries with problems of travelling for any reasons.

Conclusion

I propose all GTO meetings to be conducted via e-meetings. Apart from reducing carbon footprint, more efficient in term of cost and efforts, GTO as a standardization body for telecommunication should always take the lead to utilize modern telecommunications technology to conduct e-meetings rather than having conventional physical meetings.