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ABSTRACT

Creation of the Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO) to replace ITU raises issues on the funding mechanism. This proposal studies and provides recommendations particularly on the funding mechanisms to support the budget of GTO.

Issues

1. There have been issues regarding the collection of dues as to fund the GTO operations as follows:
2. Members do not participate in equal amounts;
3. Members enjoy different levels of economic development;
4. Approximately 30% of the budget is derived from other sources such as sale of publications, development grants and SM dues, with a MS balance of 70 Million CHF;
5. Outputs and services of GTO are available equally to all Members;

Reasons

1. Reduce the financial burden that a MS has to contribute yearly so as to maintain its continuous participation guarantee.
2. Any parties from private sectors who adopted or incorporated the standards into their commercial products will need to pay certain fee to the GTO.
3. Reasonable and affordable fees with standard rate need to be imposed for the private sectors.

Proposal

It is proposed that since telecommunications is being or has been privatized, private sector companies whose engaged in international telecommunications should pay tax which supports the GTO.