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Abstract

New funding mechanism is essential for GTO due to the decentralization and introduction of the electronic working methods. The Special SG G will need to find new mechanisms of funding in order to ensure the new GTO will operate effectively.

1. Issues

- The current funding mechanism depends on a voluntary choice for the level of monetary contributions, or dues, by each Member State (MS).
- Sector Members (SMs) also have a voluntary choice on the level of their contributions subject to a minimum level for each Sector.
- New funding mechanism has been discussed by UNHCS but didn't reach any conclusions.
- One of the proposals is to source the funding from private sectors via tax since many private sector companies are engaged in international telecommunications.
- However, not all private sectors join the GTO.

2. Reasons

- Not all MSs are actively participating in the forum and the sovereign wealth of each MSs are not the same.
- Most of the technology leaders are coming from the private sectors.
- Private sectors should be contributing the most since they are really pushing for their own standards to be adopted globally.
- Moves to attract more private sectors need to be considered, i.e., introducing incentives.
- Private sectors should take the responsibility equally.

3. Conclusions/Proposals

Congo position is to support obtaining of funding sources from the private sector based on the reason given above.