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**SPECIAL STUDY GROUP G –CONTRIBUTION 47****Source:** Fiji**Title:** Support for proportional Member State funding of the GTO**ABSTRACT**

Creation of the Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO) to replace the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) raises issues regarding GTO structure, working methods and funding. This contribution proposes that the new GTO organization be funded through a proportional mechanism involving all the GTO Member States.

**1. Introduction**

In response to changing conditions, the United National High Commission on Structure (UNHCS) has proposed that a new, globally-oriented GTO replace the existing International Telecommunication Union. The UNHCS has estimated that due to structural changes, the budget of the GTO can be substantially less than that of the ITU, and it has examined various means to fund the new organization. The Special Study Group G has been requested to recommend a funding mechanism to support the budget of GTO which takes into account the interests of all members, including developing countries.

**2. Discussion**

Use of modern technologies will enable greater participation by all members without traditional limitations of distance and cost. Since the ability to participate will be more readily available to all, one should also look at the factors affecting participation and the relative benefits to be realized by each member.

The UNHCS has already discussed this matter and some of its observations are:

- All Members do not participate in equal amounts;
- Members enjoy different levels of economic development;
- Those who send the most participants should pay a proportionally larger share of the budget;
- There are other proportional measures in addition to the number of participants, such as the size of the Member State

**3. Proposal**

It is therefore proposed that the fairest and most workable scheme would be to base membership dues on a proportional measure and to strongly oppose any proposal to require equal payments from all Members.