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This report proposes the decentralization of the GTO operational locations to better meet the needs of its members since a great majority of its members are located outside the Geneva area.

Introduction

Since majority of GTO members are outside Geneva area, the GTO operational locations can be in other developing or developed countries. Locating the meetings in different countries will increase the participants from different regions. The GTO operation location must meet specific standards regarding the facilities and accommodations.

Discussion

With the development of countries in different regions and their membership in UNHCS, the interest for better and more participation in the operation fields by developing countries has increased.

Proposing a new organization called GTO as a global organization with members from all the regions, with decentralized operational locations can be a new solution. Although in order to maintain its close proximity with the headquarter locations of other UNs agencies, the administrative headquarter will remain in Geneva. According to the report, GTO operational location will be in a developing country.

This decision requires that Geneva and the country in which the GTO operational department is located be able to facilitate the traveling of all the members to Geneva for administrative reasons. Also, the manager levels should not be under any influence from any political orientation.

In order to have a better decentralization of the GTO, the meetings can be held in different member developing and developed countries. These locations should not be permanent as it might reduce the performance of the meetings and the host countries efforts for the meetings. The location of the meetings should be changed every year so different member countries would have the opportunity to host the meetings. This will help to increase the participants in the meetings of that region since the costs of traveling will be reduced.

The member countries which the meetings is located at, should meet the requirements regarding the facilities, accommodation and communication infrastructure required.

Conclusion

Decentralization of GTO will help the developing countries to participate more in the technology developments. The important issue is that the members meet the requirements.
