GSC Principles
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- **Mission**: GSC is an unincorporated voluntary organization dedicated to enhancing global cooperation and collaboration regarding communications standards and the related standards development environment by facilitating:
    1. Exchange of information.
    2. Identification of common views on priority topics, particularly with respect to emerging communications technologies.
    3. Collaboration in planning synergistic standards development activities that may reduce unnecessary duplication and increase efficiency with a view to developing international standards fulfilling the World Trade Organization Uruguay Round Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade Annex 3 Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards.
    - As used in GSC, the term "communications" encompasses (tele)communications, radiocommunications and Information and Communications Technology (ICT).
    - GSC is not a standards development organization (SDO), and therefore will not develop standards.

- **Membership**: Membership in GSC is open to member-based organizations that are recognized or accredited to develop communications standards and that agree to support the mission of the GSC through participation in, and the hosting of, GSC meetings.
    - Within GSC, all member organizations have equal rights.
    - New member organizations are to be encouraged and will be agreed upon by consensus among the existing members.
    - Guest organizations may be invited to attend and/or present at GSC meetings at the discretion of the host organization.
    - GSC shall be managed by the Heads of Delegation of the member organizations. HoD decisions are made via consensus; activities to be managed via the consensus of the HoDs include, but are not limited to: scheduling and selection of hosts for face to face GSC meetings, selection of face to face meeting topics, admission of new member organizations, changes to the GSC scope or methods of operation.

GSC Operating Procedures

- GSC meetings are typically two or three day events held once a year, hosted by the GSC members in rotation. The meeting format is an agenda developed by the host GSC member. The meeting schedule is constructed to allow debate and discussion of contributions from members and invited guests.

- Total attendance at GSC meetings should not exceed approximately 100 people with delegations sizes scaled according to the number of members. Guest invitations are issued by the GSC host member.

- One-day Workshops on topics of interest to the communications standards community may be held before or after GSC meetings if scheduled by the GSC host member (Note: one-day Workshops were common in early GSCs, but have not been common recently).