



Global mobile Suppliers Association

CONCENSUS

Policy & Terms of Reference

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1.1. Consensus

Definition of Consensus and the framework for building Consensus in GSA.

- 1.2. Consensus, as used within GSA and its Groups, means a general agreement, characterized by the absence of sustained opposition to substantial issues by any important part of the concerned interest and by a process that involves seeking to take into account the views of all parties concerned and to reconcile any conflicting arguments. Consensus does not imply unanimity.
- 1.3. The Board, the President, the Chairperson of a group, or a meeting chair shall endeavor to reach consensus on all issues. If consensus cannot be achieved, during a meeting, or in between meetings, the Chair may decide to trigger a vote by the Board, as per article 5 of the GSA Articles of Association (AoA).
- 1.4. The GSA framework and definition of Consensus is designed to set out the conditions that GSA uses to reach Consensus and the rules that govern how GSA communicates external decisions, messages or any external communications, either written or oral.
- 1.5. A GSA external message or position should first and foremost be discussed and agreed within the relevant team or group according to any existing governance, or GSA policies. A GSA official group or ad hock meeting should always have a Chair nominated. The Chair shall endeavour to reach consensus on all issues involving all parties who are part of the group or meeting and between meetings.
- 1.6. The Chair shall ensure the consensus procedure is followed:
 - 1.6.1. There is a clear definition of the proposal
 - 1.6.2. There is an agreed period for submitting comments and/or objections
 - 1.6.3. There should be at least 7 days' notice between the submission of the proposal to the group or meeting and the deadline for any agreement.
- 1.7. If consensus cannot be achieved, during a meeting or between meetings, the Chair can decide to trigger a vote by the GSA Executive Board, in line with Article 5 of the AoA.
- 1.8. Once consensus on a message or position has been reached, either by consensus or a vote by the Executive Board, GSA can communicate externally its message or opinion with the following mandatory statement, where relevant, without any reference to a specific GSA member company and without the use of any logo, save for the agreed GSA logo where appropriate.

“The GSA position/message is based on consensus: broad agreement without sustained objection. Consensus does not imply unanimity. If consensus has not been achieved, the GSA position is based on a voting process in line with the GSA Articles of Association.”

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