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Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation (CTO) Council Meeting

The Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation (CTO) Council Meeting held in Port of Spain, Trinidad, last week noted the proposals in the new constitution that provides for the category of membership as Affiliate Members for Overseas States and Territories, that are linked to full Commonwealth Member States, who are the current members of the Council, which is the governing body that has to meet at least once a year in accordance with the constitution.

The creation of the new category of membership was first approved in principle at the Council meeting held in Fiji in 2016, and a decision was then taken to amend the constitution to provide for this.

The three Overseas Territories that are currently in the category of Affiliate Members and can participate in the Council and be eligible to join the Executive Committee are Bermuda, Gibraltar and Monserrat.

On the basis of the new category the Council has approved that the 2020 Council meeting and the accompanying Forum should be held in Gibraltar. It was also decided that the 2019 Council will be hosted by Bangladesh and the 2021 Council by Samoa.