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Visit by the Permanent Representative of Colombia



Mr. Diego Garcés

Mr. Diego Garcés, recently appointed Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia at the Office of the United Nations and the specialized institutions in Geneva, visited Mr. M. Mili, Secretary-General of the Union, on 7 May.

Visit by the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom

Sir Frederick Mason, recently appointed Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom at the Office of the United Nations and the other international organizations in Geneva, paid a visit to Mr. M. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, on 25 May.



Sir Frederick Mason (right) and Mr. Mili

Opening of the World Administrative Radio Conference for Space Telecommunications

The Second World Administrative Radio Conference for Space Telecommunications opened on 7 June at 11.00 hours in the Palais des expositions, Geneva, in the presence of Mr. Roger Bonvin, Federal Councillor, Chief of the Department of Transport, Communications and Power of Switzerland, and representatives of more than a hundred countries Members of the ITU. The Conference will last until 17 July.

After stressing the importance which his country attached to this Conference, Mr. Roger Bonvin went on in the following terms:

"For several weeks you are going to be discussing the delicate problems raised by the management of those universal assets, radio frequencies. Telecommunications play an increasingly important role in the world of to-day. Discreetly but efficiently, ignoring frontiers, they serve humanity by carrying sounds and signals, news, pictures and messages all over the world.

"Their world-wide character is confirmed by the fact that space exploration, for example, could not do without them. Of what use would a spacecraft be if it could not communicate with the earth? It would be virtually a dead body which could neither receive orders to correct its trajectory nor send out its own observations.

But when this spacecraft is able to transmit, its waves are sent out to areas which it is beyond the power of mankind to limit.

"The imperative need for regulations and the co-ordination of the radio frequencies on a world-wide scale was recognized a long time ago. When new requirements arose as a result of space exploration, it was obviously necessary to conclude new international agreements, for otherwise the links with spacecraft circulating in outer space would very shortly have become themselves the victims of congestion in the frequency spectrum or cause interference to the existing services.

"What better framework could be found for organizing this work than the International Telecommunication Union which, under the very terms of the Montreux Convention, strives to maintain and exchange international co-operation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds and to promote development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation... and to harmonize the actions of nations in the attainment of those common ends.

"This work will be long and delicate. It has been most carefully prepared and we hope that our country will provide a suitable framework within which, in a spirit of understanding, the countries represented here will achieve results that will benefit all the people you represent."

Dr. M. G. Candau, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), read out a message to the participants from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant (see our Editorial).

The inaugural meeting concluded at 12.15 hours.



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General view of the inaugural meeting of the World Administrative Radio Conference for Space Telecommunications