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Telecommunications in the service of nations

Telecommunications play a vital role in the process of development, world-wide, regional and national.

It is in the context of the individual country that telecommunication infrastructures to meet the needs of the population are designed and constructed for national objectives.

That is why the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union adopted the theme of "Telecommunications in the service of nations" for World Telecommunication Day 1987.

For it is indeed a service that is involved, a service which affects all the activities of every nation throughout the world:

- telecommunications link together the capital with the regional or local centres, as well as the urban with the rural areas;
- telecommunications represent an indispensable tool for the social, cultural and economic development of States;
- in addition to two way-telecommunications, well sited sound broadcasting and television stations also provide a national medium for public information, instruction and entertainment.

It must be emphasized, however, that the development of these services is dependent on government policy, appropriate consideration and priority in the national planning context. Development calls for adequate resources, financial and human.

The International Telecommunication Union has for some years past studied ways and means of accelerating these requirements through international co-operation. Measures have been taken to contribute to up the development of telecommunication networks in all countries, and particularly in those with inadequate infrastructures.

If the recommendations made at the international level can be put into effect, it may reasonably be hoped the year 2000 will see substantive progress. Every inhabitant of our planet should be having, in practice, access to basic telecommunication facilities, telephone and broadcasting services, with all the advantages they offer.

This is certainly an ambitious target, but it is not beyond our reach. Given the determination on the part of every one of the Members of the ITU coupled with the spirit of active co-operation that exists between them, it can be achieved.

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