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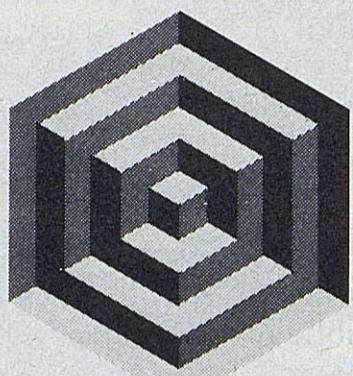
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Message from the Secretary-General of the ITU



14th World Telecommunication Day

Today, 17 May 1982, the 157 Member countries of the International Telecommunication Union are celebrating the 14th World Telecommunication Day under the theme of international co-operation.

This year is indeed of special importance to the ITU since, in a few months' time, the Plenipotentiary Conference—supreme organ of the Union—is to meet at Nairobi in Kenya to consider ways of improving and strengthening co-operation between Member States.

Co-operation is essential for ensuring the smooth functioning of the world telecommunication network. Actively pursued since the Union's inception in 1865, it has enabled all the telecommunication systems developed over the past century to be gradually extended to the public as a whole.

That same co-operation, further strengthened, will in future pave the way to a more equitable distribution throughout the world of those extraordinary facilities which draw mankind together by overcoming time and distance and eliminating even psychological barriers. If steps are taken to encourage the development of communications infrastructures over the coming decades, international co-operation will enable us to make 1983 a genuine World Communications Year.

1982 therefore marks a turning point in the history of the International Telecommunication Union. It will be a year of hope for the harmonious development of international telecommunications for the benefit of mankind. After all, is it not symbolic that the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference should be taking place in Africa for the first time this year?

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