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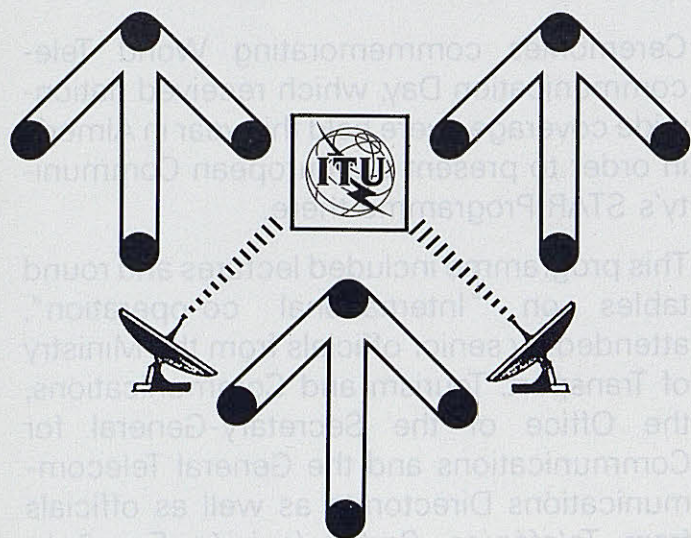
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17 May 1989

World Telecommunication Day

"International co-operation"

On World Telecommunication Day, a number of countries and organizations sent congratulatory messages to the Secretary-General of the ITU.

AFGHANISTAN

A ceremony was held at the Ministry of Communications on 17 May in the presence of the Minister and all ranking officials. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative, Mr R. Mountain, read the message from the ITU Secretary-General and spoke about the importance of telecommunications for development.—UNDP, Kabul.

ARUBA

A week-long exhibition was organized at the National Library of Aruba displaying advances in satellite technology alongside antique equipment. SETAR, the national telecommunications administration, also organized a seminar on telephone techniques with the theme "How you can make or kill a business on the phone".

A special television programme on SETAR and its employees was broadcast on 17 May.—SETAR.

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation (BaTelCo) issued a press release which was extensively diffused in the local media.—BaTelCo.

BELGIUM

The *Régie des télégraphes et des téléphones* (RTT) displayed ITU posters in the three national languages (French, Dutch and German) in all its premises, open to the public. It also flew the national flag and those of the cultural communities on its main buildings.—RTT.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The ceremony marking World Telecommunication Day included an address by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, exhibitions and a reception.

The Minister's speech was broadcast on radio and television together with an interview with the Directors-General of the *Direction générale des télécommunications* and the *Société centrafricaine des télécommunications internationales* (SOCATI).

A football match was organized in the afternoon.—Ministère des Postes et Télécommunications.

COLOMBIA

Extensive press and broadcast coverage was given to the World Telecommunication Day. The television *Noticiero de las Siete* presented a special programme.—United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Bogota.

CONGO

World Telecommunication Day was extensively covered in the press, radio and television reports. The film *Communications pour tous* was projected at the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Brazzaville and as part of a cine-debate with the *Association des professionnelles congolaises de la communication* at the *Agence congolaise d'information*.—UNIC, Brazzaville.

NETHERLANDS

To celebrate World Telecommunication Day, 2300 posters were exhibited in PTT buildings throughout the country. A travelling exhibition on telecommunications was organized which, on 17 May, was in the city of Maastricht.

Mention was made of World Telecommunication Day in a well-known United States television programme which was transmitted direct from the Netherlands to the United

States. This year, *PTT Telecom BV* sponsored the "SWIFT-Telecom" world chess tournament which was held in Rotterdam from 2 to 25 June. The press conference preceding this event was held on 17 May to underline the theme of international co-operation. —*PTT Telecom*.

PANAMA

Messages from the ITU Secretary-General and the Director-General of the *Instituto Nacional de Telecomunicaciones* (INTEL) were published in the local newspapers together with a communiqué from the *Asociación de Profesionales del INTEL* (APINTEL).

A discussion programme was also organized on the subject of World Telecommunication Day and a number of national telecommunication achievements. —*INTEL*.

PHILIPPINES

On 13 May 1989, the National Electronics Week on Technical Co-operation was opened. A technical seminar was held from 15 to 17 May and visits to telecommunications plant and a government-industry dialogue were also organized. —*National Telecommunications Commission*.

SOMALIA

The Vice-Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr Jaalle Yusuf Ali Noor, sent a congratulatory cable to all the workers of the Posts and Telecommunications Ministry and gave a press conference. The Chief Technical Advisor and Project Co-ordinator of the ITU in Somalia, Mr D. R. Buckely gave an address on the ITU's work and achievements. —*UNDP, Mogadiscio*.

SPAIN

Ceremonies commemorating World Telecommunication Day, which received nationwide coverage, were held this year in Almería in order to present the European Community's STAR Programme there.

This programme included lectures and round tables on "International co-operation", attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Transport, Tourism and Communications, the Office of the Secretary-General for Communications and the General Telecommunications Directorate as well as officials from *Telefónica*, *Radiotelevisión Española*, *Colegio de Ingenieros de Telecomunicaciones* and representatives of the European Community.

An exhibition in which many telecommunication companies took part was also opened. —*Dirección General de Telecomunicaciones*.

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