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The transfer of technological know-how in the age of electronics

Every year, for nearly 20 years, the Member countries of the International Telecommunication Union—the ITU—have been celebrating World Telecommunication Day.

This Day, which marks the anniversary of the creation of the Union 123 years ago, on 17 May 1865, was instituted to publicize the possibilities of modern telecommunications and their role in the economic and social development of nations.

Present-day telecommunications of course are the result of the continuing evolution of yesterday's techniques. This evolution has been achieved by all the Members of the Union engaged, for over a century, in an on-going transfer of technology.

Such transfer of technology, for instance, has enabled countries to benefit from the development of others. The ever-growing number of participants in the Union's forums unquestionably demonstrates the capital role the latter are playing in this respect.

It has also enabled Member countries to progress side by side in the improvement of their national telecommunication networks, a precondition for the establishment of high-quality networks and systems, even if much remains to be done.

At the same time, the concept of transfer of technology has itself evolved over the past few years and now increasingly embraces the development of human resources for the installation, operation, maintenance and improvement of systems.

Lastly, transfer of technology is certainly one of the most efficient forms of international co-operation, bringing also peoples closer together with a better understanding of techniques and of each other. It fosters the communication essential for world-wide progress which is one of the major challenges in the present globalization considerations evolving within the telecommunication sector. And that is how to bring truly world-wide telecommunication application to serve all populations.

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