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Partners in progress



There was a definite purpose in the choice by the ITU Administrative Council of "Partners in progress: governments, operating entities, manufacturers and users" as the theme for the 18th World Telecommunication Day 1986.

If there was an age when communications were reserved for a privileged few, the time has now come when, thanks to technology and world-wide co-operation, the necessary resources can be deployed at low cost, to ensure that people everywhere have access to telecommunication systems that match their communication needs.

However, it is quite clear that these objectives, which must be implemented first of all on national territories, will have no hope of success without collaboration at all levels of governments, operating entities, manufacturers and users in:

- promoting a national telecommunications infrastructure; and
- recognizing the importance of communication in the development process for the achievement of all national objectives.

Such debate, initiated in many countries during World Communications Year 1983, has resulted in studies conducted at international, intergovernmental and industrial levels. The results of the Independent Commission for World Wide Telecommunications Development were summarized in its report, aptly entitled "The Missing Link".

The more recent specialized publication of the ITU "Information, Telecommunications and Development" gives additional evidence to the importance of telecommunications for all levels of society and in particular for the remote and rural centres presently in need of basic services.

The Independent Commission provided clear and precise recommendations on ways and means **"to bring all mankind within easy reach of a telephone by the early part of the next century"**. It provided ample indications of the mutual benefits to be derived from the achievement of that target.

I am convinced that the Commission's target is a realistic objective, if we can unite all partners in progress—governments, operating entities, manufacturers and users. In so doing we will help fulfil the aspirations of people everywhere for social and economic progress and prosperity, conditions essential for the preservation of peace, bringing added meaning and purpose to the theme of World Telecommunication Day 1986, the year declared by the United Nations as **International Year of Peace**.

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