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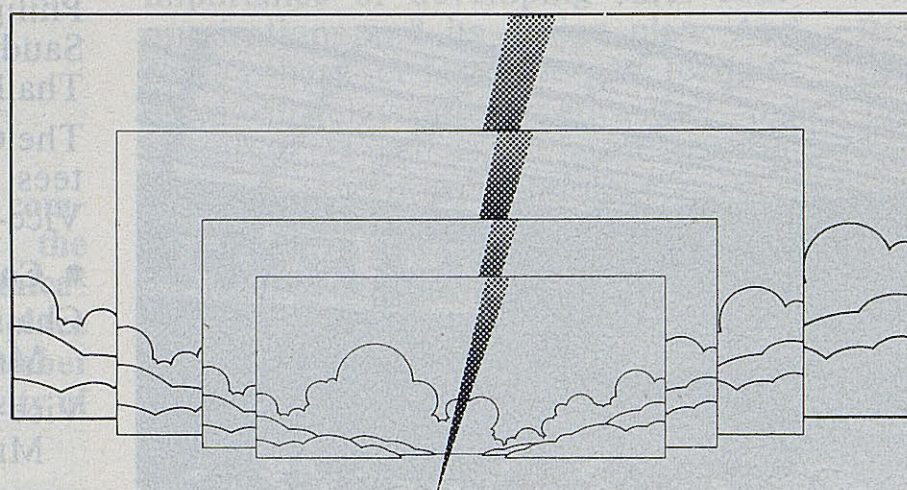
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## Message from the Secretary-General of the ITU



### 16th World Telecommunication Day "Expanding horizons"

World Communications Year, celebrated by all the Member countries of the ITU in 1983, has strengthened the emerging collective awareness of the importance of communications infrastructures, without which true communication would be impossible.

World Communications Year 1983 also provided the opportunity in many countries to bring together those who, as planners, providers, operators, manufacturers and users, are directly concerned in their everyday lives with the improvement of the communication media.

The dialogue thus initiated has brought out the vast potential of these media and in many ways has undoubtedly opened up new horizons for co-operation between all the parties involved in this sector.

By proposing "Telecommunications: Expanding horizons" as the theme for the 16th World Telecommunication Day, the ITU Administrative Council has chosen to emphasize the new dimension assumed by telecommunications in the development process and the remarkable possibilities offered by current technologies.

However, the concentration of resources in one half of the world, leaving the other half in a state of underdevelopment, particularly in telecommunications, raised a challenge to us all and compels us to seek the most appropriate means of redressing this imbalance.

It is for this reason that many of the countries which have established National Committees for World Communications Year have decided to keep them in order to pursue the quest for appropriate solutions.

At the global level, an Independent Commission for World-Wide Telecommunications Development made up of eminent figures of world-wide reputation has also commenced its work in the search for new methods aimed at speeding up the development of telecommunications infrastructures.

Hence increasing efforts are being made in every continent to realize the aspirations associated with telecommunications and to open up truly broader horizons in this field for every human being.

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