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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS YEAR

Development of Communications Infrastructures



1983

The General Assembly,

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Recognizing the fundamental importance of communications infrastructures as an essential element in the economic and social development of all countries,

Convinced that a World Communications Year would provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development and stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

1. Endorses the proposal made by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 1 of its resolution 1981/60 and proclaims the year 1983 World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures, with the International Telecommunication Union serving as the lead agency for the Year and having responsibility for co-ordinating the interorganizational aspects of the programmes and activities of other agencies;

2. Requests all States to participate actively in the attainment of the objectives of the World Communications Year;

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Extract from United Nations General Assembly resolution 36/40 adopted on 19 November 1981

News about the National Committees

Afghanistan

(Source: National WCY Committee)

The Ministry of Education decided to join in the celebration of World Communications Year and to present a programme of activities to be added to the provisional national programme drawn up at their fourth working session (see *WCY Bulletin*, September/October 1982, pages 14-15). These projects can be summarized as follows:

Programme for celebrating World Communications Year 1983 in the Ministry of Education

No.	Subject	Activity	Source
1.	History of communications world-wide	Translation and compilation	Library, Ministry of Communications Library, Kabul University Library, Ministry of Education
2.	History of communications in social relation and its effects in training and learning	Translation and compilation of educational radio television, upgrading professional instructors	Library, Ministry of Communications Library, Ministry of Education Library, Kabul University
3.	Stages of communications	Educational radio television	Library, Academy of Science Library, Kabul University experienced instructors of language faculty
4.	Duties of communications	Teacher training upgrading profession of instructors	Library, Academy of Science Library, Ministry of Communications
5.	Signals and symbols	Educational radio television, secondary and primary education	Library, Kabul University Library, Ministry of Culture and Information
6.	Language means of communications	Translation and compilation	Library, Ministry of Education and experienced professionals
7.	Communications with and without pronunciation	Translation and compilation	Library, Academy of Science Library, Ministry of Education and experienced professionals

No.	Subject	Activity	Source
8.	Changes in communications	Upgrading profession of instructors	Library, Academy of Science Library, Ministry of Communications and experienced persons of the Ministry of Communications
9.	Communications together	Educational radio television; secondary and primary education; professional upgrading	

Denmark

(Source: Telecommunications Directorate, Copenhagen)

On the initiative of the Telecommunications Directorate some 30 people, representing several governmental bodies, trade unions, consumer interests and other public movements met on 12 November 1982 to form the Danish National Committee for World Communications Year.

It was decided that all the people attending the meeting should form the National Committee and that a smaller group should form a Co-ordination Committee.

Mr. J. F. Pedersen, Head of Marketing at the Telecommunications Directorate, was appointed Chairman of the Danish National Committee while Mr. Jørn Orsnaes will act as Chairman of the Co-ordination Committee.

The Co-ordination Committee consists of Mr. Bo Fibiger (Education), Mrs. Tove Hygum (Radio and Television), Mr. Jørn Ravn (Officials and Civil Servants), Mrs. Kirsten Nielsen (Consumers Advisory Council), Mr. Mogens Boman (Communications Industry), Mr. Raymond Olsen (Radio Listeners and Television-Viewers Organization), Mr. Kaj Gregersen (Danish Libraries), Mr. Arne Sorensen (The

Federation of Danish Trade Unions) and Mr. Christian Andersen (Public Educational Organizations).

A request for financial support of the WCY activities in Denmark has been sent to the Danish Prime Minister.

The next meeting of the National Committee is scheduled to be held towards the end of January 1983.

Japan

(Source: Permanent Mission, Geneva)

World Communications Year has generated great interest in Japan from both the government and private and non-governmental sources. Accordingly, it was decided to set up a machinery to formulate, co-ordinate and implement WCY activities in the country. Government-originated activities will be the responsibility of the "Government Headquarters for WCY" placed under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister himself. He will be assisted by three ministers in the capacity of vice-chairmen. These are the Minister of Education, the Minister of International Trade and Industry and the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications. Twenty members represent a cross-section of the national authorities.

The Secretariat of the WCY Headquarters is located at the Ministry of PTT, within the Minister's Secretariat.

In addition to the Government Headquarters for WCY, a National Committee has been established under the chairmanship of Mr. Michio Nagai, Senior Advisor to the Rector of the United Nations University. Mr. Nagai is also former Minister of Education and former member of the UNESCO International Commission for the study of communication problems. The Committee's mandate is to co-ordinate all activities to be undertaken by non-governmental and private organizations, in co-operation with the Government WCY Headquarters. Thirty-seven representatives of the various fields relating to communications joined the Committee. It ranges from telecommunications, broadcasting and information processing to the press and academic circles. The ITU Association of Japan serves as the Committee's Secretariat.

Czechoslovakia, Oman and Turkey have also made know that WCY National Committees have been created in their respective countries. Further information will be published in this "Journal" as it becomes available.

WCY News

More prizes for the winners of the "Youth in the Electronic Age 83" competition

Following a campaign launched by the Year's Secretariat inviting Member countries of the ITU to donate prizes for the winners of the "Youth in the Electronic Age 83", the world-wide photo and drawing competition organized within the framework of TELECOM 83 as one of the official activities of WCY, the Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation has made known that it would contribute the sum of 250 US dollars for one of the winners. This announcement was soon followed by that of Grundy and Partners Limited (United Kingdom) who pledged electronic equipment such as radio or calculator for an amount of 25 pounds sterling (approximately 40 dollars). Other donations include 3000 Deutsche marks (approximately 1225 dol-

lars) from the Aministration of the Federal Republic of Germany and a radio transistor given by the Jordanian Telecommunications Administration. All administrations, organizations, associations and individuals should consider the possibility of contributing donations to enhance the success of the 1983 competition which is of particular significance since it offers the world's youth an opportunity to take an active part in the celebration of World Communications Year whilst stimulating their interest in the field of telecommunications.

Donation of 4000 pounds sterling to the youth competition

At the time of going to press, Standard Telephones and Cables PLC (STC—United Kingdom) has informed the Secretary-General of

the ITU, Co-ordinator of WCY, that it would contribute up to 4000 pounds (approximately 6440 dollars) for a winner of the "Youth in the Electronic Age 83" competition. The exact value of the donation will depend on the country of residence of the prize-winner.

STC is actively supporting TELECOM 83 as a major exhibitor in the British pavilion and wishes to support World Communications Year by offering an all-expenses-paid one-week study tour to the United Kingdom for a child from age group C (16 to 18 years). The prize would also cover the expenses of an adult to accompany the winner, if required. The week's programme would include visits to STC's advanced telecommunications research facilities, the STC exhibition at the London Science Museum, guided tours of the city's art and photography galleries and would also provide some leisure time.

At the suggestion of the highest authorities of a number of Member countries, the Secretary-General of the ITU, on behalf of the WCY Inter-Agency Committee, comprised of 17 intergovernmental agencies, invited Heads of State to become members of a "Committee of Honour" for World Communications Year with a view to encouraging participation in the Year's activities at the national level and to stressing the importance of attaining the basic objectives of WCY 83.

As of 15 December 1982 the following Heads of State have accepted the invitation:

Allemagne (Rép. féd. d')
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)
Alemania (Rep. Fed. de)
H.E. Professor Dr. Karl Carstens
President

Autriche — Austria
S.E. M. Rudolf Kirchschläger
Président

Bahreïn — Bahrain — Bahrein
Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa

Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. A. F. M. Ahsanuddin Chowdhury
President

Barbade — Barbados
Sir Dieghton Harcourt Lisle Ward
Governor General

Belize — Belice
H.E. Mr. George Price
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Botswana
H.E. Dr. Q. K. J. Masire
President

Brésil — Brazil — Brasil
S.E. M. João Baptista de Oliveira Figueiredo
Président

Cameroun — Cameroon — Camerún
S.E. M. Ahmadou Ahijo
Président

Cap-Vert — Cape Verde — Cabo Verde
S.E. M. Aristides Pereira
Président

Chili — Chile
Excelentísimo Señor General
Augusto Pinochet Ugarte
Presidente

Chypre — Cyprus — Chipre
H.E. Mr. Spyros Kyprianou
President

Costa Rica
Excelentísimo Señor Luis Alberto Monge
Presidente

Espagne — Spain — España
Su Majestad Don Juan Carlos I
Rey de España

Etats-Unis — United States — Estados Unidos
Mr. Ronald Reagan
President

Ethiopie — Ethiopia — Etiopía
Comrade Mengistu Haile-Mariam
Chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council and of COPWE and Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Army

Gambie — Gambia
H.E. Alhadji Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara
President

Guatemala
Excelentísimo Señor José Efraín Ríos Montt
Presidente de la Junta Militar de Gobierno

Guinée — Guinea
S.E. M. Ahmed Sekou Touré
Président

Haïti — Haiti — Haití
S.E. M. Jean-Claude Duvalier
Président à vie

Indonésie — Indonesia
H.E. General H. E. Soeharto
President

Italie — Italy — Italia
S.E. M. Sandro Pertini
Président

Jamaïque — Jamaica
H.E. The Most Hon. Florizel Glasspole,
ON., GCMG., CD., LL.D. Hon.
Governor General

Jordanie — Jordan — Jordania
His Majesty the King Hussein

Liechtenstein
S.A.S. le prince régnant François Joseph II

Maldives — Maldivas
H.E. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom
President

Malte — Malta
H.E. Miss Agatha Barbara
President

Mauritanie — Mauritania
S.E. M. Mohammed Khouna Ould Haidalla
Président du Comité militaire de salut national

Monaco — Mónaco
S.A.S. Monseigneur le prince Rainier

Népal — Nepal
His Majesty the King Birendra Bikram Shah Dev.

Nigeria
H.E. Alhaji Shehu Shagari
President

Nouvelle-Zélande — New Zealand — Nueva Zelandia
Sir David Beattie
Governor-General

Pakistan — Pakistán
H.E. General M. Zia-ul-Haq
President

Portugal
S.E. Général António dos Santos Ramalho Eanes
Président

Saint-Marin — San Marino
Messieurs les Capitani Reggenti

Sao Tomé-et-Principe
Sao Tome and Principe
Santo Tomé y Príncipe
S.E. D^r Manuel Pinto da Costa
Président

Sénégal — Senegal
S.E. M. Abdou Diouf
Président

Soudan — Sudan — Sudán
Mr. Gaafar Mohammed Numeiry
President

Sri Lanka
H.E. J. R. Jayewardene
President

Suisse — Switzerland — Suiza
M. Pierre Aubert
Président

Turquie — Turkey — Turquía
H.E. Mr. Kenan Evren
President

Venezuela
S.E. Dr. Luís Herrera Campíns
Presidente

Zambie — Zambia
H.E. Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda
President

Messages of encouragement

Austria

"I am fully aware of the significance of the themes to be dealt with by this Year and I gladly accept to participate in a Committee of Honour of Heads of State for this World Communications Year. I wish the ITU—particularly in this Year—and the other participating specialized United Nations organizations, much success in their work."

Rudolf Kirchschläger, President

Bahrain

"His Excellency is pleased to learn of the aims and objectives of World Communications Year and hopes that the activities undertaken as part of the Year will be successful. He considers that these objectives can only be attained through sustained effort and the co-operation of everyone involved. Accordingly, His Excellency has given me his assurance that the State of Bahrain is willing to collaborate with the International Telecommunication Union and the other United Nations organizations taking an active part in the World Communications Year and will do its utmost to attain the Year's objectives as far as the facilities available allow.

"His Excellency thanks you for kindly inviting him to take a seat on the Committee of Honour of Heads of State for the World Communications Year. He has instructed me to inform you that he accepts the invitation and hopes that your exalted mission to serve humanity through telecommunications will be crowned with success."

The Principal Private Secretary of the Emir of the State of Bahrain

Bangladesh

"The growing and widespread impact of communications on our social and cultural milieu will also prove to be a determinant of the future of our civilized existence. In this global community of nations, linked each to the other by mutual concern for safeguarding peace and ensuring equitable progress and welfare of all citizens, communication policies must be designed to promote accurate dissemination of information that can lead to greater understanding among nations. In the third world countries in particular accelerated development of communications infrastructure could prove to be an important catalyst in the development process."

A. F. M. Ahsanuddin Chowdhury, President

Brazil

"I accept with pleasure to be part of this Committee of Honour, in view of the importance of this event to promote the development of world communications."

João Figueiredo, President

Chile

"In view of the major importance of communications for the development and advancement of nations, H.E. the President of the Republic will be pleased to become a member of the Committee and expresses the hope that World Communications Year may be fully successful and serve as a basis for the further progress and development of communications."

Santiago Sinclair Oyaneder
Chief of Staff of the President

Cyprus

"I extend to you my best wishes for every success in your efforts."

Spyros Kyprianou, President

Ethiopia

"I have the honour and great pleasure to inform you that Chairman Mengistu has accepted to participate in the Committee of Honour for the 1983 World Communications Year as declared by General Assembly of the United Nations, a declaration which Ethiopia strongly supported to stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures."

"As a country deeply involved in economic, social and cultural development, Ethiopia attaches great importance to the World Communications Year. I therefore wish you success in discharging your responsibility as coordinator of this important programme."

Tadesse Terrefe, Ambassador

Germany (Federal Republic of)

"I am certain that the establishment of this Committee will contribute considerably to emphasizing the importance of WCY."

Dipl. Ing. D. Elias, Secretary of
State Federal Ministry of PTT

Guinea

"... we hereby notify you of the agreement of our Head of State who will thus give all the support he can to ensure the success of this undertaking."

Marcel Cros
Minister of International Co-operation

Haiti

"This decision by the United Nations General Assembly cannot fail to be of benefit to all Member countries, as it will provide them with the opportunity to examine rationally the ways and means of implementing a policy for the development of communications infrastructures."

"It is thus with great pleasure that I agree to take part in the Committee of Honour, and I would assure the International Telecommunication Union and the specialized agencies of the United Nations of my Government's wholehearted co-operation."

Jean-Claude Duvalier, President for life

Italy

"Aware of the importance of such institutions, the invaluable assistance which they provide in the communications sector and their substantial and practical contribution towards uniting the peoples of the world, the President of the Republic has asked me to inform you that he is pleased to accept a seat on the Committee of Honour."

The Diplomatic Advisor to the President

Malta

"We fully appreciate the fact that an efficient communications system would benefit the economic, social and cultural development in every country. The Government of the Republic of Malta has for the past years given great importance to the development of communications infrastructures and has in fact increased considerably its budgetary expenditure towards the achievement of these vital aims."

"It is therefore a great pleasure for me to accept your invitation to join the Committee of Honour of Heads of State."

Agatha Barbara, President

Mauritania

"This initiative on the part of the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 1983 "World Communications Year" will give our States the opportunity to examine together the problems posed by the development of their communications, the economic, social and cultural impact of which is now obvious."

"In view of the vital importance of such infrastructures, I have pleasure in informing you that the President of the Military Committee for National Salvation, Head of State, will be glad to participate in the Committee of Honour."

M. A. Ould Saibott, Director
of Cabinet of the Head of State

Monaco

"I am convinced that World Communications Year proclaimed for 1983 by the United Nations General Assembly will lead to progress of benefit to the whole international community, particularly through the establishment of new communications infrastructures, which is the main objective. Indeed the designation of the International Telecommunication Union as lead agency for the World Year already provides assurance that it will be fully successful."

Rainier, Prince of Monaco

Nigeria

"I am pleased to accept your invitation and I hope that the role of the Committee of Honour of Heads of State would have a contributive and beneficial impact on the overall concept and worthy objectives of the "World Communications Year", as designated by the United Nations."

Alhaji Shehu Shagari, President

Sao Tome and Principe

"In accepting your invitation, His Excellency the President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe also instructed me to present to Your Excellency his sincere wishes for the success of the activities the International Telecommunication Union intends to undertake under your distinguished guidance."

The Director of Cabinet of the President

Senegal

"I wish to inform you that I shall be extremely pleased to participate in the Committee of Honour and wish every success to the International Telecommunication Union in this international co-operation undertaking."

Abdou Diouf, President

United States

"Since I fully support the goals of the World Communications Year, it is a pleasure for me to accept your invitation to become a member of the Committee of Honour of Heads of State for the World Communications Year."

Ronald Reagan, President

Zambia

"My Government attaches high priority to the development of communications infrastructure and looks forward to a close collaboration with your organization in 1983, the World Communications Year."

Kenneth D. Kaunda, President