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Message from the Secretary-General of the ITU



15th World Telecommunication Day

"One world, one network"

The 15th World Telecommunication Day, 17 May 1983, is of particular importance in that it falls within World Communications Year, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly.

The purpose of World Communications Year is to promote the development of communications infrastructures throughout the world.

This explains why all the Member countries of the International Telecommunication Union are celebrating this Day under the theme "One world, one network".

Indeed, the development of telecommunication infrastructures is essential for the harmonious operation of the world network which will enable everyone on our planet, wherever they are, to communicate with others.

If these infrastructures are to be efficiently developed, however, all those who manage, create and use them should work together to ensure that they truly meet the needs of all.

For telecommunications are made for man, not man for telecommunications.

May this World Telecommunication Day provide an opportunity for remembering this principle which will inspire all those, near and far, whose task it will be to make World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures a success.

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