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## I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

### Introduction

1. The Second Session of the General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity was held concurrently with the Fifth Session of the Management Committee in the Conference Hall of the United Nations Building in Bangkok from 3 to 13 November 1981.

### Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the following members, associate members and affiliate members.

Members : Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Associate Members : Brunei and Hong Kong.

Affiliate Members : Cable and Wireless (HK) Limited, Hong Kong Telephone Company, Kokusai Denshin Denwa Company Limited (KDD), Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Public Corporation (NTT), Eastern Telecommunications Philippines Inc. (ETPI), Philippine Global Communications Inc. (PHILCOM), Globe MacKay Cable and Radio Corporation (GMCRC) and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT).

3. Representatives of the following organizations attended the opening session as observers : Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

4. A list of participants is shown in Annex I.

### Opening of the Session

5. The Session was opened by His Excellency Admiral Amorn Sirigaya, Minister for Communications, Royal Government of Thailand. He extended cordial greetings and warm welcome to the delegates and observers. He emphasized that Telecommunications is an essential element of infrastructure  
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for socio-economic development. It offered the basic means by which interaction of various developmental activities could be facilitated and co-ordinated, and was a vital instrument of international trade and economic relations. He also said that telecommunications was playing an ever increasing role in promoting peace and bringing people nearer to each other.

6. But unfortunately, the development of telecommunication services in the Asia Pacific region representing 60% of the population of the world had lagged far behind the world standard. The establishment of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity was a major step towards technical and economic cooperation among countries of the region.

7. His Excellency expressed that it was gratifying that during the relatively short period that the organization has been fully established and is ready to fulfill the objectives for which it was created. The constructive role played by the Telecommunity, and programme and activities undertaken were commendable for any new organization.

Many new members and associate members had joined since the inauguration and he hoped it would grow in future so that benefits could be shared by all the countries of the region.

8. He stressed that the APT had a vital role to play in the development of telecommunication in the region. The Thai Government fully supports the APT and would extend all possible assistance within its means to strengthen it.

9. The problem of development of telecommunications in the region was vast and complex. A lot of work was required to be done and resources were limited. His Excellency expressed that it would be most appropriate that ESCAP which created this organization should extend all possible assistance to the APT by offering resources that might be available with its telecommunication sector and taking up various projects and activities jointly with the Asia Pacific Telecommunity.

/10. He referred



10. He referred to the task before the forthcoming session and hoped that policies adopted would form part of a long-term planned strategy for development of telecommunication in the region. Considering the need of countries of the region, the plans would relate not only to implementation aspect but also optimum utilization of existing networks including improvement in quality of service.

11. It was emphasised that key factor of the entire strategy should be collective self reliance, implying a need for more efficiently and extensively to use the real and potential complementarities of countries of the region.

12. The Chief of Transport, Communications and Tourism Division, ESCAP, Mr. H. Ebni Ali read the statement of Mr. S.A.M.S. Kibria, Executive Secretary of ESCAP. At the outset he expressed the deep sense of loss on the untimely demise of the first Executive Director of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, Mr. Loqman Husain, who worked untiringly building up this organization during its formative stage. He extended congratulations and best wishes to the new Executive Director Mr. Boonchoo Phienpanij.

13. The ESCAP looked forward to continuing fruitful cooperation in the field of telecommunication with APT and ITU. He described the proposed five year work programme as far reaching that had been formulated with much design and perspective. He agreed that it would be appropriate that an all embracing programme for telecommunication in the region, is taken up, to improve it from the present stage to a situation that could be considered satisfactory.

14. It was also stated that projects concerning Signalling and Maintenance were also essential to ensure satisfactory operations in addition to network development. He expressed that for effective administrative and operational agreements necessary for efficient operations of the ATN, APT was the natural forum.

15. He referred to the poor programme of development of telecommunications in the developing countries of the region with the disparity widening during

/the past



the past decade. Within the developing countries themselves, the distribution of telephones was uneven with 20% of telephones being available to rural areas where 80% of the population resides. This was mainly due to inadequate investment in telecommunications. He urged that this aspect in the development of telecommunications may be given particular attention during deliberations of the forthcoming session.

16. Importance of trained technical manpower was also indicated and efforts of APT in providing training fellowship was found to be heartening.

17. Reading a statement on behalf of International Telecommunication Union, Mr. M. Aslam welcomed the opportunity to participate in the Second Session of the General Assembly of the APT with which ITU has extremely close relationship ever since its inauguration.

18. He stated that the meeting provides an unique opportunity for exchange of views on matters concerning regional cooperation in telecommunication development, specially at this point of time when the countries in the region are seized with the problem of reshaping their development strategies in the light of issues and priorities foreseen for the new decade. The timing of this meeting, just before the ITU regional Conference-cum-Seminar, which is scheduled for January 1982, provides an extremely useful forum for the ITU to have the benefit of collective consideration and evaluation of priorities and programmes in technical cooperation which could lead to concrete recommendations at the said Conference.

19. He referred to the document on proposed work programme of the APT during the period 1982-1986 and felt that it reflects the comprehensive scope of activities foreseen by the APT. The programme no doubt would cover a fairly wide field and should enable APT to respond to emerging requirements in the region in an effective manner. While supporting the broad objectives of the programme the ITU hoped that necessary resources would be raised in time to realize the objectives as foreseen.

20. Mr. M. Aslam referred to the assistance rendered by the ITU within the framework of UNDP in collaboration with ESCAP in the implementation of

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backbone terrestrial communication network during the last decade. Progress in some areas has been slow due to resource difficulties and unavoidable geopolitical factors. But inspite of various constraints two important links India-Bangladesh and India-Sri Lanka have been recently completed. He also referred to the projects on standardisation of signalling system taken up by ITU for the countries of ASEAN subregion.

21. The main thrust of ITU activities during the past decade has been in the training of personnel.

He informed that future regional activities of the ITU during UNDP's third programme cycle (1982-1986) are not going to be of the level foreseen earlier. He pointed out that this situation has been brought about partly because of lack of appreciation of the significance of telecommunication on the essential infrastructure for social and economic development. Due to difficult resource position, he emphasized the need for reliance on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) and Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries (ECDC) in the region.

22. The new regional projects for providing technical assistance to the developing countries, foreseen in the UNDP/ITU regional programme for 1982-1986 are :-

- (i) Rural telecommunications for the least developed countries of the region;
- (ii) Telecommunication system maintenance;
- (iii) Propagation studies in HF, VHF and microwave bands in Laos and Vietnam;
- (iv) Support to telecommunications (study, training, etc.) in ASEAN.

In addition to these new projects, the regional programme provides for the continuation of the two South Pacific projects, as well as the Radio Frequency Monitoring and Management Project and the CODEVTEL project until 1983.

23. He expressed that ITU believed the APT forum could play a significant role in impressing upon the Governments the need for allocating higher priority to the telecommunication sector. Finally, he expressed and reiterated

/ITU's intense



ITU's intense desire for cooperation with the APT and ESCAP to develop and harmonize the use of telecommunication services in the region.

24. The opening address of His Excellency Admiral Amorn Sirigaya, Minister for Communications, Royal Government of Thailand, and the statements of Mr. S.A.M.S. Kibria, Executive Secretary of ESCAP, Mr. M. Aslam of ITU, and welcome address by President of APT are given in Annex II.

25. The representative of Thailand also made a brief statement. On behalf of the Thai delegation he congratulated the President, Vice Presidents, Chairman of the Management Committee, the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director and APT Staff, for the smooth and successful management during the past two years. Since its establishment the APT had carried on its mission very effectively and its activities were shown in the annual reports. He also expressed that the technical assistance programmes under taken would greatly contribute to the development of telecommunication in the least developed and developing countries of the region. He referred to the excellent cooperation existing among the membership and stated that without this the APT would never achieve its objectives successfully. He said that we would like to see continuation of such collaboration that would strengthen the telecommunication activities in this region. He concluded with the remark that Thailand as well as all the membership are proud of the APT.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

26. The President invited discussion on the provisional agenda and modifications suggested by Australia and circulated as paper APT/GA-2/Misc. 1. The representative of Australia withdrew their proposed amendment in the light of informal discussions held with the President and the Chairman of the Management Committee concerning organization of the session. No other amendment was proposed. The General Assembly adopted the following agenda :-

1. Opening of the session

- (a) Opening address by a dignitary of the Royal Government of Thailand
- (b) Statement of the Executive Secretary of ESCAP
- (c) Statement of the Secretary General of ITU

/2. Adoption



2. Adoption of agenda
3. Report of the Management Committee on the activities of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity
4. General policies and principles for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Telecommunity during the years 1982-1984
5. Consideration of the basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of the ceiling on annual expenditure until the fiscal year of 1984
6. Consideration of the following draft agreements when referred by the Management Committee
  - (a) Headquarters agreement with the host country, Thailand
  - (b) Agreements with Members and Associate Members, if proposed by Members
  - (c) Agreement with INTELSAT
7. Consideration of any amendment in the Constitution, if proposed by Members
8. Pledging of contribution by Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for the three year budget of the Telecommunity
9. Consideration of items referred to the General Assembly by the Management Committee, if any
10. Date and venue of the next Ordinary Session of the General Assembly
11. Other matters
12. Election of the President, two Vice Presidents of the General Assembly
13. Closing of the session

#### Formation of Drafting Committee

27. President invited suggestions on the formation of drafting working group. He also expressed that it would be desirable to have a common group for drafting of report of General Assembly and the Management Committee.

28. Mr. M.M. Kini of India, Chairman of the Management Committee suggested that a Drafting Committee of the whole might be formed and under a chairman.

/The proposal



The proposal was agreed, and Mr. Su Kee Lay of Singapore was elected as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the whole.

II. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF  
THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY DURING THE PERIOD  
(APT/GA-2/3 Amended)

29. Mr. M.M. Kini of India, Chairman of the Management Committee, introduced the report. He clarified that the Management Committee decided while drafting the report that the bulk of the report consisted of two documents, that were already submitted and approved by the Committee covering period up to November 1980. The new document was the recent report of the Executive Director on the activities of the APT till November 1981 (paper APT/MC-5/3). The Management Committee drafted covering note of the report APT/GA-2/3 Amended. Mr. Kini placed the report before the General Assembly for consideration.

30. The President suggested that each yearly report be considered one by one. He also asked Mr. Kini and the Executive Director if they had any comments to offer. Mr. Kini informed that these reports were already accepted by the Management Committee.

31. The General Assembly accepted the report and is reproduced in Annex III.

III. GENERAL POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES FOR FULFILMENT OF  
OBJECTIVES OF THE TELECOMMUNITY DURING THE YEAR  
1982-1984 (APT/GA-2/4) AND  
GUIDELINES TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATION  
OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE TELECOMMUNITY (APT/GA-2/4A)

32. The President asked the Executive Director to present the Secretariat paper. The Executive Director pointed out that in accordance with the objectives laid down in the Constitution and suggestions received from various members and associate members, the Secretariat had prepared a draft work programme for the next five years.

33. The key activities of the proposed work programme including budgetary requirements were identified in the paper APT/GA-2/4.

/34. The President



34. The President remarked that before the Assembly indicates further policies and principles the proposed programme should also be evaluated to see if it was reasonable and could be implemented. The President invited comments from the delegates.

35. The Delegate of Japan suggested that first budget should be clarified. The Executive Director expressed that over all policies and principles for the future work cycle might be provided as the earlier policies and principles were specifically for the formative few years.

36. The President invited comments from the Chairman of the working group on work programme, set up by the Management Committee.

37. The Chairman of the Working Group for Work Programme, Mr. Sung Hi Lee expressed that membership is small and to make the organization fully representative, efforts to increase membership were required. But he felt that in addition to diplomatic efforts made by the Secretariat to improve membership, perhaps hard proof that the APT could fulfill the needs of its members was required to convince eligible members to join the Telecommunity.

38. He expressed that the region is lagging behind too far in telecommunication development except in a few developed countries.

39. He referred that there might be resource difficulties but the Secretariat proposals on work programme should be fully supported as much as possible. Mr. Lee also said that his Government would continue to enhance and strengthen cooperation with the APT.

40. He informed that the Republic of Korea had planned for large scale modernization of telecommunications network. Digitalisation, introduction of optical fibre systems, development of local manufacturing capabilities have been envisaged. To improve operations and allow more autonomy to telecommunications department the Government of the Republic of Korea had created an autonomous body called Korea Telecommunication Public Corporation. Mr. Lee informed that in due course, his Government would communicate with the Executive Director with regard to information and participation of this new entity in the activities of the APT.

/41. Regarding



41. Regarding the need for Guidelines to the Management Committee for preparation of Work Programme of the Telecommunity, the President asked the delegates to refer to Annex IV of the Report of the First Session of the General Assembly. The President, inviting discussion on this, stated that now nearly three years had passed and the Guidelines require to be updated. He suggested that the Working Group for Work Programme should consider it and present an updated draft for consideration of the Assembly.

42. The President felt that some item of interest such as tariff studies, automation of regional network and subscriber direct dialling, improvement of administrative procedures of national telecommunication administrations might also be included in the guidelines.

43. Delegate of China felt that there was need to improve the working of the Study Groups and instead of very wide range of terms of reference prescribed, specific questions should be studied and subjects for study should be narrowed. This would ensure better participation also. The President also agreed with the proposal.

44. The Working Group on Work Programme led by Mr. Sung Hi Lee prepared revised guidelines and submitted to the General Assembly as Paper APT/GA-2/4A.

45. The President asked Mr. Sung Hi Lee to introduce the draft guidelines circulated in paper APT/GA-2/4A.

Mr. Lee expressed that main effort has been for improving the content and wording of the earlier guidelines. He suggested some modifications in various paragraphs. The modifications were further discussed and finalised.

46. Modifications suggested by delegates of China and Thailand were also discussed and incorporated in the guidelines.

47. With the suggested amendments, the General Assembly adopted the Guidelines to the Management Committee for the preparation of the Programme of Work of the Telecommunity.

48. The Guidelines adopted by the General Assembly is given in Annex IV.

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IV. PLEDGING OF CONTRIBUTION BY MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND  
AFFILIATE MEMBERS FOR THREE YEAR BUDGET OF THE TELECOMMUNITY  
(APT/GA-2/5&8)

49. The President referred to the Article 11 of the Constitution and requested members, associate members and affiliate members to pledge their voluntary contributions and to indicate possible extra-budgetary contributions for each of the years 1982, 1983 and 1984. Permission was given for any reservations to be stated for the purpose of record.

50. The pledges formally declared at the General Assembly are recorded in Annex V.

V. CONSIDERATION OF THE BASIS FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE  
TELECOMMUNITY AND DETERMINATION OF THE LIMITS OF ANNUAL  
EXPENDITURE UNTIL FISCAL YEAR OF 1984 (APT/GA-2/5&8)

51. The President felt that consideration of this item was dependent largely on minimum potential revenue of the Telecommunity that would be determined through formal pledging of contribution by members, associate members and affiliate members.

52. The President invited suggestions and comments from the floor.

53. Delegate of Hong Kong expressed that while determining the limits of annual expenditure the Management Committee might be authorised to exceed the limits decided by the amount by which total contribution received by the Telecommunity exceed those to be formally pledged at this session.

54. The delegation of Japan expressed that the Management Committee might be directed to review Staff Regulations and Staff Rules to affect economy in staff expenditure.

55. The Chairman of the Management Committee Mr. M.M. Kini while agreeing with the need to affect economy in staff expenditure, felt that there was no need to give directive to the Management Committee since it is within the competence of the Committee.

/56. Based on



56. Based on indications from delegations on the level of contributions that was pledged for the year 1982 - 1984, the General Assembly decided the limits of annual expenditure as US\$528,000 for 1982, US\$576,000 for 1983 and US\$628,000 for 1984.

57. The General Assembly accepted the suggestion that expenditure could exceed those limits by the amounts by which total contributions received by the Telecommunity exceeded those formally pledged at this session. Any additional expenditure should be made for work programme.

#### VI. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AGREEMENTS

##### (a) HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH HOST COUNTRY (APT/GA-2/6(a))

58. The present status of the draft agreement was clarified by the Executive Director. He informed that the modified draft agreement submitted to the Government of Thailand in July 1980 was still under their consideration. However pending finalization of the Headquarters Agreement, the Government of Thailand had accorded to the APT and its officials the same privileges and immunities as those accorded to the United Nations organizations.

59. The Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. J.R.R. Cook pointed out that delay in Headquarters Agreement had an important bearing on Tax Equalization Fund and therefore should be finalized at the earliest.

60. Delegation of Thailand intimated that for consideration of the draft Headquarters Agreement, an Interdepartmental Committee was established. The final decision is expected to be reached in due course.

61. The General Assembly considered and endorsed the status report.

##### (b) AGREEMENT WITH MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (APT/GA-2/6(b))

62. The Executive Director submitted the report on status and followup negotiations with members and associate members. He informed that Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Iran, Republic of Korea, /Maldives,



Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand (pending finalization of Headquarters Agreement) had already accorded APT and its officials same privileges and immunities as provided in United Nations Convention of 1946. Government of Vietnam had also intimated that they are willing to accord to the APT privileges and immunities similar to those accorded to other international organizations through bilateral agreement.

Government of Australia had informed the Secretariat that the Australian position has since been embodied in the Statutory Rules, Asia Pacific Telecommunity (Privileges and Immunities) Regulations, which the Australian Government brought into effect in January 1981.

63. Delegation of Japan stated that there are two issues. One is the legal interpretation of Article 12 of the Constitution and the other is bilateral agreement. He informed that the matter of bilateral agreement with APT is under consideration of Government of Japan. However he assured that APT would be accorded necessary privileges and immunities. He also informed that the views of Japan on opinion of APT legal adviser had been circulated.

64. The status report by the Executive Director on agreements with members and associate members was endorsed by the General Assembly.

(c) AGREEMENT WITH INTELSAT  
(APT/GA-2/6(c))

65. The Executive Director introduced the proposed agreement, in the form of Memorandum of Understanding, between the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT). He informed that the INTELSAT Board of Governors during their meeting in December 1980 had approved the Memorandum of Understanding after making a slight amendment in paragraph 4. He requested the General Assembly to consider the draft Memorandum of Understanding for approval.

66. After discussion and considering various aspects it was agreed by the General Assembly that APT and INTELSAT both would benefit from the establishment of formal relation between the two organizations.

/67. The General



67. The General Assembly of the APT decided to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between APT and International Telecommunication Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) which is reproduced in Annex VI, and noted that the MOU had been approved by the Board of Governors of INTELSAT.

VII. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION  
(APT/GA-2/7)

68. The President invited delegate of Australia to introduce the amendment in the Constitution proposed by them.

The delegate of Australia informed the General Assembly that they are withdrawing their proposal in favour of amendments proposed by Thailand which they felt was more appropriate.

69. Delegate of Thailand introduced their proposal for amendment in Article 10 and Article 11 Paragraph 2(a).

70. Concerning Article 11 Paragraph 2(a) the delegate of Thailand submitted that at the first meeting of the General Assembly in 1979 some pledges were made in the form of lower class of unit plus an extrabudgetary contribution because of the constraints imposed by the existing incremental structure of classes of unit. He expressed that the amendment proposed therefore aimed at giving a wider range of unit classes to APT members to choose most suitable contribution.

71. The proposed amendment was discussed by the General Assembly. Agreeing with the proposal in principle the delegations of China and Philippines also suggested additional classes of units to be included along with the proposals of Thailand.

72. The General Assembly adopted the following amendment to Article 11, Paragraph 2(a) of the Constitution :-

"Regular contributions of the Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members which shall be a sum proportional to the number of units in the class of contribution voluntarily chosen upon becoming the Members, Associate

/Members and



Members and Affiliate Members of the Telecommunity from the following scale of unit classes:

60, 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1,  $\frac{1}{2}$

No reduction in a unit classification established in accordance with this Constitution shall take effect between sessions of the General Assembly."

73. The General Assembly requested the Executive Director to seek the necessary ratification of this amendment by the Members.

74. Concerning proposed amendment in Article 10 the delegate of Thailand expressed that the APT Constitution does not specify who will discharge the duties of the Executive Director when the post of the Executive Director falls vacant.

75. The General Assembly discussed the proposed amendment.

The delegation of Japan expressed that they were agreeable to the proposal in principle but this might be carried out by modification in Staff Regulations and Staff Rules instead of amendment in the Constitution which involved considerable delay.

76. The Executive Director felt that instead of amendment in the Constitution a simple resolution may be adopted by the General Assembly giving suitable directive to the Management Committee.

77. Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. J.R.R. Cook of Australia also supported the idea of adopting a resolution.

78. After considering various views expressed, the General Assembly decided to adopt a resolution. The resolution adopted is given in Annex VII.

#### VIII. OTHER MATTERS

##### (a) Strengthening of the Budgetary Basis and Effectiveness of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity

79. The General Assembly considered the proposal of Japan under Agenda Item 11, and adopted a resolution on "Strengthening of Budgetary Basis and /Effectiveness



Effectiveness of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity" as given in Annex VIII.

(b) Progress Report on Efforts for Strengthening of Activities of the APT  
(APT/GA-2/5 Misc.)

80. The General Assembly in its inaugural session in May 1979 had adopted a resolution on "Strengthening of the activities of the APT" (Annex VIII of Report E/ESCAP/STC.). The Executive Director was directed to report progress of the action taken on the three items referred in the Resolution to the General Assembly in future session. Accordingly the Executive Director submitted the progress report.

81. The President congratulated the Executive Director and staff of the Secretariat for their efforts. The President thanked the Governments of India, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea and Singapore for the assistance rendered to the Telecommunity.

The General Assembly considered and endorsed the report.

IX. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND TWO VICE PRESIDENTS OF  
THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT TERM  
i, (APT/GA-2/12)

Election of President

82. As explained in the document APT/GA-2/12, the President and two Vice Presidents of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity had to be elected for the next term in accordance with paragraph 7, Article 8 of the Constitution.

83. The present President, Mr. Sribhumi Sukhanetr chaired the Session to elect new President of the APT.

84. Mr. Sribhumi informed that in the spirit of wider representation and cooperation he was not seeking re-election. Mr. Sribhumi invited nominations.

85. The delegation of Japan proposed General Ceferino Carreon of the Philippines for the Presidentship of the APT. The delegate of China supported the nomination. The delegates of Thailand and Singapore also supported the  
/nomination .



nomination of General Carreon.

86. General Carreon was declared elected as the President of the APT for the next term.

87. General Carreon thanked all delegations for electing him as President. He expressed that he was accepting this high office with great humility. General Carreon recalled the great efforts and work done by Mr. Sribhumi in the establishment and during the difficult formative stage of the organization. He stated that he would do his best for the success of this organization.

#### Election of Two Vice Presidents

88. The President Mr. Sribhumi invited nominations for electing two Vice Presidents.

89. The Delegate of China proposed Police Major General Suchart P. Sakorn of Thailand. The delegate of Singapore supported the proposal. The delegate of Republic of Korea also supported the nomination of Pol. Maj. General Suchart.

90. The delegate of India proposed the nomination of Mr. A. Shanmugarajah of Sri Lanka. The delegate of Vietnam supported the proposal.

91. The delegate of Japan proposed the nomination of Mr. Liu Yuan of China. The delegate of Thailand supported the nomination of Mr. Liu Yuan.

92. The President stated that there were three candidates proposed for the two posts of the Vice President. Mr. Sribhumi declared that as head of Thai delegation he was withdrawing the nomination of Pol. Maj. General Suchart in the spirit of cooperation.

93. The President declared that Mr. Liu Yuan of China and Mr. A. Shanmugarajah of Sri Lanka were elected as the two Vice Presidents of the APT for the next term.

94. Mr. Liu Yuan thanked all the delegates for electing him. He  
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expressed that he would like to make great contribution for the development of APT.

95. Mr. Shanmugarajah thanked all for the trust bestowed in him by electing him as Vice President.

#### X. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

96. The General Assembly decided that the next ordinary session would be held in Bangkok, tentatively from 14 to 24 November 1984.

#### XI. CONCLUDING SESSION

97. It was decided to make presentations to the retiring office holders of the General Assembly in recognition of their services to the Telecommunity. Representing the members, associate members and affiliate members, Mr. V.J. Kane of Australia presented plaques to the following office holders of the General Assembly :-

1. Mr. Sribhumi Sukhanetr, President of the APT  
1979 - 1981
2. Mr. Liu Ping Yuan, Vice President of the APT  
1979 - 1981
3. General Ceferino S. Carreon, Vice President of the APT  
1979 - 1981

98. The delegate of Japan expressed their thanks to Mr. Sribhumi, the retiring President. He also expressed appreciation for the work done and guidance provided by Mr. Sribhumi in the establishment and during the formative stage of the APT.

The delegate of Japan took the opportunity to congratulate General Carreon and hoped that under his leadership the Telecommunity would develop as a dynamic organization. The delegate of Japan also congratulated Mr. Shanmugarajah and Mr. Liu Ping Yuan. He also stated that Japan is committed to strengthening the activities of the APT.

99. Mr. Suchart of Thailand also congratulated the new President and the two Vice Presidents.

/100. The Executive



100. The Executive Director thanked Mr. Sribhumi for the efficiency with which he had presided over the session. He also thanked the Chairman of the Management Committee and the Chairmen of the working groups for work programme, budget and drafting committee for the hardwork done which was essential for the success of the sessions. The Executive Director felt that the success of the sessions was due to the understanding and spirit of cooperation among the delegations. He stated that he would do his best to implement the approved programmes of the Telecommunity. He thanked all the delegates and wished them a very pleasant and safe journey.

101. The President, Mr. Sribhumi in his closing and farewell address felt that all the major tasks of the session had been realized. The ceiling on annual expenditure of the Telecommunity until 1984 was decided. Guidelines and general policies and principles for the work programme and fulfilment of the objectives of the APT during the years ahead were laid down.

Mr. Sribhumi expressed his thanks and gratitude to membership of the Telecommunity for the confidence and cooperation rendered to him. He also thanked the Secretariat and Mr. Boonchoo personally for assisting him in such a dedicated manner. On behalf of the Telecommunity the President thanked the ESCAP for their continued cooperation and assistance since the establishment of the Telecommunity.

Mr. Sribhumi felt that it was a great pleasure to work among good friends during the past three years when he had the privileges to work closely with all. However, he assured that as a Telecommunicator and being in charge of telecommunication activities of Thailand, he would be ready to cooperate and assist the APT at all time.

Finally, Mr. Sribhumi in his concluding remarks reiterated his sincere congratulations to the delegation of Philippines and to General Carreon personally for his election as President of the APT. He expressed confidence that under the leadership of General Carreon, the Telecommunity would become more and more successful and play a bigger role in the development of telecommunications in this region.

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Annex II

OPENING ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
BY  
H.E. ADMIRAL AMORN SIRIGAYA, MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to have the opportunity of addressing the representatives of telecommunication administrations from all over the region, on the occasion of the opening of the second session of the General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity.

I would like to extend, on behalf of the Royal Thai Government and on my own behalf, most cordial greetings and warm welcome to the delegates from membership of the Telecommunity and observers from regional and international organizations.

Telecommunication has been recognized as an important element of infrastructure for socio-economic development. It offers basic means by which interaction of various developmental activities can be facilitated and co-ordinated and is a vital instrument of international trade and economic relations. Telecommunication plays ever increasing role in promoting peace and bringing people nearer to each other.

But unfortunately, the development of telecommunication services in the Asia Pacific Region, representing about 60% of world population lagged far behind the world standard.

The establishment of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity under the auspices of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) was a major step towards technical and economic co-operation among the countries of the region in the field of telecommunications. The inaugural session of the General Assembly was held only about two and a half years back. It is gratifying that during this relatively short period the Organization has been fully established and is ready to fulfill the objectives for which it was created. Under the limitations of resources and time the constructive role played by the Asia Pacific Telecommunity and the programme and activities undertaken is commendable for any new organization. I am also happy to note that many more countries have joined the Telecommunity since its establishment. I hope the membership would grow in future so that  
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the benefits could be shared by all the countries of the region.

It is our conviction that the Asia Pacific Telecommunity has a vital role to play in the development of Telecommunications in the region. The Government of Thailand fully supports and will extend all possible assistance within its mean to strengthen the activities of this organization. The problem of development of telecommunications in the Asia Pacific Region is vast and complex. Lots of work is required to be done and resources available to Asia Pacific Telecommunity are limited. ESCAP had realized the need for establishment of a specialized regional telecommunication organization and all the preparatory work was done by the ESCAP with great enthusiasm. Therefore, I feel it is most appropriate that the ESCAP should extend all possible assistance to Asia Pacific Telecommunity by offering extra-budgetary resources available for its telecommunication sector and taking up various projects and activities jointly with the Asia Pacific Telecommunity for realizing the objectives of establishment of this organization, and a concerted effort aimed at greater regional co-operation.

I find that one of the important tasks before you during this session is concerning policies and principles for future activities and relating them to resources. There is clearly a need to plan strategy for development of telecommunications considering the needs of the regional countries for the next decade and ahead. I am sure that policies adopted by you will form part of a long-term planned strategy that relates not only to implementation aspect but also optimum utilization of existing networks including improvement in quality of service. In this context key factor of the strategy should be collective, self reliance, implying a need for more efficiently and extensively to use the real and potential complementarities of countries of our region.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am sure that with the active participation and co-operation of all the delegates, regional and international organizations the deliberations that are to follow soon will be most successful.

The second session of the General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity is hereby declared open, and I wish you all successful conclusion and a very pleasant stay in Bangkok.

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STATEMENT OF MR. S.A.M.S. KIBRIA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
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Mr. President, Your Excellency Admiral Amorn Sirigaya,  
Distinguished Delegates, Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to address you on the second session of the General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity. At the outset, I would like to express the deep sense of loss that we experienced a short while ago at the untimely demise of the first Executive Director of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, Mr. Loqman Husain, who worked untiringly building up this infant organization during its early stages. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Boonchoo Phienpanij, the new Executive Director, and wish him all success during his tenure in office.

We, in ESCAP, look forward to continuing our fruitful co-operation in activities concerning telecommunications with ITU and APT. Looking through the work programme that has been proposed for the next five-year period, it is very encouraging to find that a far-reaching programme has been formulated with much design and perspective. It is appropriate that we have an all-embracing programme for telecommunications in this region to improve it from its present stage to what could be considered a satisfactory situation in respect of regional telecommunications.

It is essential to develop appropriate plans not only for a modern network but also for signalling and maintenance to ensure satisfactory operation. I have no doubt that APT, in co-operation with ITU, is already working on these requirements.

Effective administrative and operational agreements will be necessary for the efficient operation of the Asian telecommunication network covering technical, operational and tariff areas. APT would be a natural forum for discussion on these important aspects and I wish you success in your endeavours.

Progress in telecommunications in developing countries in this region has lagged behind in the past decade with the disparity widening between the developed and developing countries. Within the developing countries themselves the distribution of telephones is uneven, with 20 per cent of the  
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telephones being available in the rural areas where 80 per cent of the population resides. All this is the result of inadequate investment in telecommunications. I would urge that, in your deliberations, particular attention should be given to this important aspect in the development of telecommunications.

Shortage of trained technical manpower is another serious handicap to development and maintenance of telecommunications. It is heartening to see that provision has been made in your work programme for training fellowships. With the substantial training facilities that have been established with ITU/UNDP assistance, much scope for TCDC in technical training exists in this region.

Telecommunications is of the utmost importance for development but the fact remains that adequate resources are not available from national and international sources to fund the essential projects in an adequate measure. I am confident that with continuing co-operation between ESCAP, ITU and APT it will be possible to foster TCDC to solve at least the major telecommunication problems and thus provide for an efficient regional telecommunication service in the ESCAP region in the not-too-distant future.

I wish you a very successful meeting and assure you of the active co-operation and support of ESCAP in your task of development of telecommunications in this region.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT BY MR. M. ASLAM ON BEHALF OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union, I thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Second Session of the General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, with which the ITU has had extremely close relationship ever since its inauguration two and a half years ago. While expressing our gratitude for the opportunity to contribute in your deliberations, I would like to convey the greetings and good wishes of Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, who profoundly regrets his inability to attend the meeting personally.

The meeting provides an unique opportunity for exchange of views on matters concerning regional cooperation in telecommunication development, specially at this point of time when the countries in the region are seized with the problem of reshaping their development strategies in the light of issues and priorities foreseen for the new decade. The timing of this meeting, just before the ITU regional Conference-cum-Seminar, which is scheduled for January 1982, provides an extremely useful forum for the ITU to have the benefit of collective consideration and evaluation of priorities and programmes in technical cooperation which could lead to concrete recommendations at the said Conference.

The General Assembly meeting simultaneously with the Management Committee has an extremely important and heavy agenda. This indeed reflects the urgent issues that call for attention at this juncture and must be faced to evolve a balanced and meaningful programme, to respond to the needs of telecommunication development in the ninetee-eighties. A review of the work programme detailed in document APT/GA-2/4 reflects the comprehensive scope of activities foreseen by the APT during the period 1982-86. We have noted with interest that the programme envisages activities relating to regional network development, improvement and upgrading of national networks and services, as well as studies on new technological advances and their application in the regional context. The programme no doubt will cover a fairly wide field and should enable the APT to respond to the emerging requirements in the region in an effective manner. While supporting the broad objectives of the  
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programme, ITU hopes that necessary resources would be raised in time to realize the objectives as foreseen. Experience has, however, shown that the availability of resources often fails to meet the expectations, in which case it may become necessary to review the programme from time to time, to ensure that the resources do not spread over too wide an area so as to endanger the desired impact. Perhaps an assignment of priorities for the activities in the programme would simplify the process of subsequent reviews and assure maximization of the effect through channalization of resources on a rational basis.

During the last decade, ITU within the framework of UNDP, and in collaboration with ESCAP, assisted the countries in the region in the implementation of the backbone terrestrial communication network. As you are all aware, the progress on the implementation of the network in some areas has been slow mainly because of the resource difficulties and unavoidable geopolitical factors. In spite of these constraints, the efforts on filling the gaps in the network have continued and two of the important links involving India/Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have been recently completed.

The implementation of transmission links in various relations, specially in the ASEAN sub-region has generated a need for correlating the operational arrangements in various relations. ITU being conscious of this need has initiated a study on the standardization of signalling systems in the ASEAN sub-region. The study which commenced within the framework of UNDP/ITU project RAS/79/086, earlier this year, aims at the adoption of appropriate signalling system for the introduction of ISD before the end of this decade. As a result of this study, ITU foresees the emergence of an agreed programme for the setting up of digital gateways in the ASEAN countries, together with CCITT No. 6 signalling systems in the sub-regional network during the period 1983-90.

In October 1980, ITU initiated a study for the setting up of a statistical data base in Asia to provide the countries of the region with the basic statistical information necessary for planning of telecommunication services and networks. The study which covered 15 countries of the region has since been completed and the statistical data base has been computerized at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva. ITU believes that the data base will be

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transferred to the region at the appropriate time when facilities for the computerization of the data in the region have been properly established. It should, however, be borne in mind that the information will need updating from time to time in order that the data base remains continuously useful as a tool for planning purposes.

For the countries in the ASEAN sub-region, a training course in satellite communication was implemented with the cooperation of the Indonesian Administration in 1980.

The main thrust of ITU activities during the past decade has been in the training of personnel. ITU provided assistance to the Governments in the establishment of training centres in a number of countries viz : Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, India, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Mongolia and Vietnam. Of these, the Advanced Level Training Centre at New Delhi provides high-level training in telecommunication and accepts trainees from countries in the region. In addition to the centres set up at the country level, two ITU/UNDP regional projects currently under implementation in the field of training are the Frequency Management and Monitoring Project hosted by Singapore and the CODEVTEL project hosted by Malaysia. The CODEVTEL project assists training centres in the region in systematic course development, which enhances training efficiency by making it job-oriented. The frequency Management and Monitoring project has trained a number of personnel from countries in the region in frequency management and monitoring techniques and methodology.

The future regional activities of the ITU, foreseen in the context of UNDP's third programming cycle (1982-86), are not going to be of the level foreseen by us earlier. I think it is pertinent to point out that this situation has been brought about partly because of the lack of appreciation of the significance of telecommunications as the essential infrastructure for social economic development in the aid-coordinating ministries of the countries of the region. This has effected not only the regional programme but also country programmes in some countries where telecommunication failed to attract the priority it deserves.

In view of the difficult resource position, it is necessary that  
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the developing countries should place more reliance on TCDC and ECDC approach and try to develop new modalities for achieving greater degree of TCDC in the regional programmes. ITU believes that the APT could also benefit from this approach and is willing to share its views with them at the appropriate time.

The new regional projects for providing technical assistance to the developing countries, foreseen in the UNDP/ITU regional programme for 1982-86 are :

- (i) Rural telecommunications for the least developed countries of the region
- (ii) Telecommunication system maintenance
- (iii) Propagation studies in HF, VHF and microwave bands in Laos and Vietnam
- (iv) Support to telecommunications (study, training, etc.) in ASEAN

In addition to these new projects, the regional programme provides for the continuation of the two South Pacific projects, as well as the Radio Frequency Monitoring and Management Project and the CODEVTEL project until 1983.

It is obvious from the position indicated above that the expectations in ITU's statement in your Management Committee last year have not proved correct and the regional programmes foreseen for 1982-86 stand considerably reduced in scale. ITU believes that the APT forum can play a significant role in impressing upon the Governments the need for allocating higher priority to the telecommunication sector. ITU is pursuing the matter through the ESCAP's Committee on Transport and Communications and hopes to highlight the matter further at the regional Conference-cum-Seminar in January 1982.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I take this opportunity to reiterate ITU's intense desire for cooperation with APT, as well as with ESCAP, in our common endeavour to develop and harmonize the use of telecommunication services in the region, and to convey its wholehearted support for the work programme outlined in document APT/GA-2/4.

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WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR. SRIBHUMI SUKHANETR  
PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to welcome distinguished participants to the Second Session of the General Assembly. I am particularly happy to welcome representatives of new members who have joined the APT since the First Session of the General Assembly.

Since the inception of the APT, I have the privilege, as the President of the Telecommunity, to follow closely the activities of our organization and its achievements. At the First Sessions of the General Assembly and the Management Committee in May 1979, general policies and guidelines as well as necessary measures have been laid down and established for the smooth and effective functioning of the Organization. The Second Session of the Management Committee held in December 1979 was convened to expedite important tasks among which were the approval of a programme of work and the consideration and approval of a budget on which the Telecommunity could work in the following years. At its Third Session in November 1980, the Management Committee had noted with great satisfaction the progress and realization made during one and a half years of existence of the Telecommunity. The Fourth Extra-ordinary Session of the Management Committee was held in July this year specially to appoint the new Executive Director following the sudden demise of the late Executive Director, Mr. Loqman Husain.

Now we are at the Second Session of the General Assembly and the Fifth Session of the Management Committee. While recognizing that the membership of the Telecommunity had grown and that our organization is now in a position to expand its activities with effectiveness and efficiency, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the Telecommunity and to the efficient staff of the Secretariat. I also would like to extend a special welcome to Mr. Boonchoo Phienpanij, our new Executive Director, to whom I have much confidence in his ability to direct and to carry out the difficult tasks and activities of the Telecommunity for the common benefits of all members.

Before closing my lengthy speech, I would like to invite you all to observe one minute silence in the memory of the late Mr. Loqman Husain.

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Annex III

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE  
ACTIVITIES OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY  
DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1979 TO NOVEMBER 1981

1. The First Session of the Management Committee was held concurrently with the inaugural session of the General Assembly from 8 to 17 May 1979 at Bangkok.

2. The Second Session (Extra-Ordinary) of the Management Committee was held from 10 to 20 December 1979 at Bangkok. The full approved Report of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity on its second session was printed and circulated as Document APT/MC-2 to all members, associate members and affiliate members.

Details of the activities of the APT for the year 1979 were summarised in the Annual Report for 1979 presented by the Executive Director given on pages 32 - 46 of approved Report APT/MC-2. As recorded in Paragraph 21, the Report of the Executive Director was discussed by the Management Committee on the basis that some of the items in the Report requiring formal approval according to the Constitution would be taken up separately as items of Agenda. It recorded its approval of the items in report not dealt with elsewhere.

3. The Third Session of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity was held in Bangkok from 24 to 28 November 1980. The approved Report of the Third Session was printed and circulated as document APT/MC-3/80.

Details of activities of the APT for the year 1980 were summarised in the Annual Report for 1980 presented by the Executive Director given on page 37 to 47 of the approved Report APT/MC-3/80.

As recorded in Paragraph 26 of the Report, it was discussed by the Management Committee. The Paragraph 30 of the Report states that the Executive Director briefly replied to the points raised by different delegates and the report was accepted subject to the remarks made by the different delegates and, on condition that the items requiring formal approval of the Management Committee would be taken up separately against relevant Agenda items.

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4. The Fourth Session (Extra-Ordinary) of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity was held in Bangkok on 22 July 1981 only to select and appoint a new Executive Director due to sudden demise of the first Executive Director late Mr. Logman Husain.

The Management Committee selected and appointed Mr. Boonchoo Phienpanij of Thailand as the Executive Director of the APT who joined on the 1st August 1981. No other matter was discussed.

Report of the 4th Session of the Management Committee APT/MC-4/81 was circulated during this Session.

5. The report of the Executive Director on the work of the Telecommunity for the year 1981 (till November 1981) was approved by the Management Committee in the Fifth Session and is attached as Annex I of the report of the Management Committee.

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Annex IV

GUIDELINES TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE TELECOMMUNITY

1. Among the objectives listed in Article 2 of the Constitution of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, the most important in the early formative years are:-

- (1) Assistance in the implementation of all agreed networks
- (2) Assistance in the development within the region of the network components for an efficient regional telecommunication network
- (3) Seeking the adoption of efficient operating methods in regional telecommunication services.

Article 9, Paragraph 5 of the Constitution states that the Management Committee shall:

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"(b) Draw up such regulations as it may consider necessary for the administrative, financial and other activities of the Telecommunity

"(c) Consider and approve the programme of work of the Telecommunity

"(d) Consider and approve the annual budget of the Telecommunity

and any supplementary budget deemed necessary on the basis and within the limits of the annual expenditure established by the General Assembly."

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2. These guidelines identify the plan of action to be undertaken by the Telecommunity within the approved limits of annual expenditure.

3. In order to facilitate the objectives of the Telecommunity, a longterm work programme has to be established by the Management Committee within the framework of the general policies and principles for fulfilling the objectives of the Telecommunity and correlated to the budget proposals and the programmes of other concerned organizations.

4. The Asian Telecommunication Network is currently under implementation with the assistance of the International Telecommunication Union. Continuing liaison with member administration should be made to monitor the progress of the network. The network, comprising countries from Iran to Indonesia consists mainly of the terrestrial microwave systems under implementation. Other regional networks of new telecommunication technologies such as submarine cables, satellite communications and optical fibres should be taken into account.

5. To achieve/..



5. To achieve integrated operations of the Asian Telecommunication Network which aims at progressive mechanization of the regional telephone service, semi-automatic operation should be adopted as early as possible. The operational efficiency in general, especially in the developing countries of the region, has not been of the desired level owing to the fact that the regional service is mostly manually operated. Providing operator dialling services in the first instance and where possible, subscriber dialling service would increase the efficiency of service to a great extent.

6. However, to use the entire regional network to the optimum level would require an adequate plan and tariff structure based on the needs advised by the relevant administrations. The Management Committee should ensure that the plan includes:

- (1) A short-term network plan (including operational arrangements) covering a time frame of two to three years (to be updated each year).
- (2) A development plan covering a period beyond the short-term plan.
- (3) The development of relevant portions of national telecommunication networks including the networks in rural areas.
- (4) Collection of relevant information for a data bank for the Telecommunity.

7. The Study Groups should continue its work so as to recommend ways and means of achieving the following objectives:

- (1) The optimum utilization and exploitation of existing regional facilities and networks.
- (2) Expeditionary implementation of agreed regional networks by scheduled dates.
- (3) Planning and development of appropriate portions of national networks and services with emphasis also on rural networks.
- (4) Identification of needs for technical assistance and studies desired by individual administrations or groups of administrations to assist preparation of plans of action.

These activities should be progressively stepped up and wider participation by the Membership should be encouraged, and the working methods of the Study Groups should be continuously improved.

8. The Management/..



8. The Management Committee may wish to consider the modalities and mechanisms for the work to be undertaken by Study Groups and examine the financial implications which will affect the budget proposals. To improve participation by the membership, each Study Group should cover relatively narrow specialized field.

9. The Secretariat of the Telecommunity should collect and compile the data required by Study Groups. It should also co-ordinate with and assist the work of the Study Groups to prepare detailed documents for submission to the Management Committee each year. The work programme may subsequently be developed taking into account their findings and recommendations.

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Annex V

CONTRIBUTION PLEDGED FOR THE YEAR 1982-84

1. Australia	Pledged 20 units plus extra budgetary contribution equivalent to 6 units with Note 1
2. Bangladesh	Pledged 2 units with Note 1
3. People's Republic of China	Pledged 10 units with Note 1
4. India	Pledged 4 units plus extra budgetary contribution the total amount not exceeding \$27,500 for 1982 \$30,250 for 1983 and \$33,275 for 1984
5. Japan	Pledged 40 units with Note 1, subject to Government approval for 1983 and 1984
6. Malaysia	Pledged 4 units with Note 1
7. Maldives	Pledged ½ unit with Note 1
8. Philippines	Pledged 2 units with Note 1
9. Republic of Korea	Pledged 10 units with no reservation
10. Singapore	Pledged 2 units with no reservation
11. Sri Lanka	Pledged 1 unit with Note 1
12. Thailand	Pledged 4 units plus extra budgetary contribution equivalent to 2 units with no reservation
13. Vietnam	Pledged ½ unit with Note 1
14. Brunei	Pledged 2 units with Note 1
15. Hong Kong	Pledged 4 units with Note 1, subject to Government approval for 1983 and 1984
16. Cable & Wireless (HK) Ltd	Pledged 2 units with Note 1
17. HK Tel Co	Pledged 1 unit with Note 1
18. KDD	Pledged 10 units for 1982 and less than 10% yearly increase for 1983 and 1984 is reserved for the time being
19. NTTPC	Pledge 10 units with Note 1, subject to Government approval for 1983 and 1984
20. ETPI	Pledged ½ unit each with Note 1
21. GMCR	
22. PGCI	
23. PLDT	
24. PHILCOM	
25. Two new affiliate members	Temporarily pledged ½ unit each by Government
26.	of Philippines

Note 1 : Maximum to US\$3,300/unit for 1982 and not to exceed 10 percent increase for 1983 and 1984

CEILING ON ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEARS 1982-84

YEAR	1982	1983	1984	
CEILING	528	576	628	(in thousand US\$)

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Annex VI

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY (APT)  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (INTELSAT)

In view of the mutual benefits to both INTELSAT and APT arising from close cooperation between them in the attainment of their objectives and goals as set forth in their constitutive instruments, the two Organizations hereby agree to promote collaboration in the field of telecommunications as follows :

- 1) Each Party shall keep the other regularly informed on activities of mutual interest by the exchange of appropriate publications and documents that address matters of common interest. Accordingly, when either organization proposes to initiate a program or activity on a subject in which the other Organization has or may have a substantial interest, it shall so inform the latter Organization taking into account their respective responsibilities.
- 2) In conformity with the statutes and rules of each Organization, the information in 1) above will include aspects of technical and operational matters, including but not limited to the following :
  - (a) Plans for the development and/or improvement of national regional, and international telecommunication networks, notably those using space techniques, with a view to full advantage being taken of their possibilities and provision;
  - (b) Implementation of telecommunication network plans presently under consideration;
  - (c) Development of appropriate technical parameters and standards for use in national, regional and international networks with the aim of maximizing the efficiency of utilization of radio frequency spectrum and geostationary satellite orbit;
  - (d) Technical cooperation regarding earth station planning, implementation and/or upgrading.

3) Subject/..



- 3) Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safe-guarding or withholding confidential information, the parties shall periodically exchange scientific and technical information that is published by them for use without restriction.
- 4) The parties shall establish regular channels of communication by designating individual points of contact.
- 5) Each party shall bear the full cost of discharging its own responsibilities arising from this Memorandum of Understanding.

The parties recognize that it will be necessary to apply certain restrictions for the purpose of safeguarding confidential information furnished to them. It is therefore agreed that nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish information the dissemination of which would, in the judgement of the organization possessing the information, betray the confidence of any of its Members or of anyone from whom it has received such information, or interfere with the orderly conduct of its operation.

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Annex VII

RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE SUCCESSION  
TO THE POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS Article 9, Paragraph 10 and Article 10, Paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, the General Assembly is to define the nature of the functions of the Chairman of the Management Committee, the Executive Director, and the Deputy Executive Directors.

WHEREAS the APT Constitution does not specify who will discharge the duties of the Executive Director when the post of the Executive Director falls vacant.

WHEREFORE in order that successor to the position of the Executive Director can be determined when it falls vacant, the General Assembly hereby resolves that

1. If the post of Executive Director falls vacant, one of the Deputy Executive Directors, nominated by the Chairman of the Management Committee, shall succeed to it and shall remain in office until the assumption of office by an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Management Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
2. If the post of the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Directors fall vacant simultaneously, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall make suitable arrangements for the discharge of the duties of the Executive Director. The Management Committee Extra-Ordinary Session specially convened within 90 days for this purpose, shall appoint an Executive Director and a Deputy Executive Director.

Done at Bangkok, Thailand on the 13th day of November 1981.

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Annex VIII

RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING OF THE BUDGETARY BASIS  
AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

Realizing the need for a greater amount of funds to be made available to fulfill the objectives and perform the functions of the Telecommunity and implement the programmes and relevant activities as envisaged, and further bearing in mind that the budgetary difficulties of the Telecommunity may continue in its formative years.

The General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity

1. Invites the members, associate members and affiliate members to continue the efforts to provide greater regular and extra budgetary contributions and
2. Invites UNDP and other relevant international organizations to extend all possible cooperation including placing sufficient amount of resources at the disposal of the Telecommunity.
3. Invites that ESCAP/ITU extends all possible cooperation to the Telecommunity and that its work relating to the technical co-operation in the field of the telecommunication will continue to be implemented in full consultation and coordination with the Telecommunity.
4. Directs the Executive Director
  - i) To make more efforts and take all possible steps to realize extra budgetary contributions from other sources including the international organizations inter alia UNDP and non-member countries.
  - ii) To make more efforts and take all possible steps towards realizing greater contributions from the members, associate members and affiliate members to the regular and extra budgets, while making efforts to elaborate the projects and proposals to be attractive towards the extra-budgetary contribution.
  - iii) To report the progress on the action taken on the matters referred to above to the General Assembly and the Management Committee in all future ordinary sessions.

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