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PART I

REPORT OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

PART I

REPORT OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. Introduction

1.1 The First Extra Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity was held concurrently with the Fifteenth Session of the Management Committee in Hotel Ramada Renaissance, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The meetings were convened and hosted by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

1.2 A list of the participants is shown in Annex I.

2. Inaugural Session

2.1 Delivering his welcome address, Mr. Asoka Gunasekera, Secretary, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Sri Lanka and Vice President of the APT, said that with the unstinted efforts of the officials of all member administrations, APT has achieved great success and Sri Lanka is proud to be a founder member of the APT. He expressed his gratitude to the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister for Posts and Telecommunications for gracing the occasion with their presence. Mr. Gunasekera thanked all the guests and delegates for their presence and extended a very warm welcome to every one on this memorable occasion.

2.2 Dr. Wang Zhanning, President of the APT said that it was a great privilege and honour for him to welcome the Honourable Prime Minister Mr. D.B. Wijetunga, the Honourable Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Mr. A.M.S. Adikari and the Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. J.E.A. Amaratunga and all participants to these important meetings of the APT. Dr. Wang noted with satisfaction the progress made by the APT in meeting the telecommunication needs of the Asia Pacific region. He said that telecommunications has a very major role to play not only in fuelling the growth of economies but also in improving the quality of life of the people.

2.3 Delivering his opening address, Mr. Setyanto P. Santosa, Chairman of the APT Management Committee extended a warm welcome to delegates and expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for hosting the Meetings.

- 2.4 Mr. Setyanto said that the objectives of the Telecommunity are yet to be realized. He reminded delegates that the theme of the recently concluded Telecom 91 in Geneva was 'An Inter-Connected World: Improving the Quality of Life for All' which reflects the efforts being made to bring the world closer. However, the developing countries of the region are suffering a lot due to poor investments made in the past. He appealed to the developed member countries of the region to give more significant contributions to the developing or less developed member countries through APT.
- 2.5 Mr. Setyanto also called for the enlargement of the membership of the APT to manufacturing companies in the region or countries like the USA and Canada which are located in the Pacific rim. He hoped that a consensus on this matter would be reached at the meeting. Mr. Setyanto invited all parties to make special efforts to meet the challenges which we all have to overcome for achieving success.
- 2.6 The Honourable Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Mr. Adikari conveyed his appreciations to APT for its decision to hold the General Assembly and Management Committee Meetings in Sri Lanka. He said that one of the most peaceful revolutions known in this world, telecommunication technology, has broken down barriers and has set mankind on a global course unimaginable a few years ago. Development of telecommunications has facilitated peace, trade and commerce and has uplifted mankind's economic, social and political status. Mr. Adikari also highlighted the significant progress made by Sri Lanka in the field of telecommunications. He said that a massive project is under way to improve the country's telecommunication network. An Act of Parliament in June this year started the process of demonopolization of the industry and the next stage was reached on 1 September 1991 with the creation of Sri Lanka Telecom with greater autonomy and flexibility. Sri Lanka expects to provide half million telephone lines by 1994 and further increase the telephone penetration in the coming years. Sri Lanka is also now inviting the private sector to join hands with Sri Lanka Telecom in its development efforts. He felt confident that a competitive environment will benefit the customers most.
- 2.7 Mr. Adikari expressed his view that in a forum like APT both developed as well as the developing countries can play their roles not only in disseminating information but particularly in helping the development of the human factor as a major element in the progress of technology.
- 2.8 Mr. Chao Thongma, Executive Director of the APT extended a warm welcome to the Honourable Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. J.E.A. Amaratunga and to Mr. A.M.S. Adikari, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, Representatives of the International Organizations, Delegates and other participants to these important meetings. Mr. Chao specially thanked the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for hosting the General Assembly and Management Committee Meetings.
- 2.9 Mr. Chao said that, since its inception, APT has kept pace with the fast changing telecommunication scenario and has strengthened its catalytic role for accelerating the growth of telecommunications in the Asia Pacific region. He added that poor investment in the telecommunication sector in the past has not only affected the growth of the telecommunication sector but also the growth of other sectors in the developing countries.

Resource mobilization continues to be a problem for the telecommunication sector and

under these circumstances, co-sharing of our resources is absolutely essential for the benefits of all people in the region. Mr. Chao further added that APT's involvement as a catalyst for co-operation and growth will be beneficial to countries of the Asia Pacific region.

- 2.10 In his inaugural address, the Honourable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Mr. D.B. Wijetunga conveyed the personal regards and best wishes of the President who could not attend due to unavoidable official engagements.
- 2.11 The Prime Minister said that he considered it a great privilege and honour to be present at this inaugural ceremony of the General Assembly and Management Committee sessions of the APT. He recollected his pleasant memory of the time he served as Minister of Posts and Telecommunications for a period of almost 10 years.
- 2.12 Mr. Wijetunga observed that in all Asia Pacific countries very substantial progress has been achieved in the field of telecommunications and today's world is much different in terms of telecommunications than in the past. Several imaginations have become realities now.
- 2.13 He said that Sri Lanka has made rapid progress in the field of telecommunications. However, in introducing new technology it is not enough to have the means and funds alone. It is also necessary to develop human skills and train people to quickly adapt to the opportunities which the new technology is creating. He sincerely wished that the APT could play a great role in helping the development of human skills in the region. He extended a warm welcome to all the delegates on behalf of the Government and the People of Sri Lanka.
- 2.14 Dr. Arthur C. Clarke began his interesting keynote address by appreciating the word 'Telecommunity' which constitutes a part of APT's name. Dr. Clarke observed that several telecommunication revolutions like cellular telephone system, digital radio direct broadcast service, optical fibres, facsimile machines etc. are now starting and before the end of the decade, telecommunications will ensure the free flow of information across all borders. Dr. Clarke, however, noted that there are negative aspects to this technological revolution as well. There is a danger of information overload. We should never forget that "information is not knowledge and knowledge is not wisdom". Another imminent danger is pollution - crime and mindless violence that appears on TV and even more abominably the rubbish available on video cassettes. He said that perhaps in the very long run, raising general standards of education must be the solution. There is also the danger that 'electronic imperialism' may destroy many ancient art forms and traditions or at best preserve them as interesting fossils like flies in amber. We should accept the best of all traditions and abandon what is no longer viable.
- 2.15 Dr. Clarke's address was characterized by sharp wit. He concluded his speech by emphasizing the following words which he spoke on the World Telecommunication Day, 17 May 1983, from the famous podium in the UN General Assembly: 'The long-heralded global village is almost upon us, but it will last for only a flickering moment in the history of mankind. Before we even realize it has come, it will be superseded by the global family.'
- 2.16 The full Addresses are attached as Annex II.

3. Opening of the Session of the General Assembly

- 3.1 After having been confirmed by the Executive Director on the actual participation of representatives from 16 member countries, and ensuring that the quorum had been attained as required by the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, Dr. Wang Zhaning, President of the General Assembly opened the extra ordinary session. The President welcomed all the participants, and expressed his appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. Adoption of Agenda

- 4.1 The President informed the Session that only the specific items recommended by the last General Assembly would be considered in this session. He then invited comments on the Provisional Agenda. It was adopted, as outlined in Annex III.

III. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL WORKING PARTY SUMMARY PROPOSAL

- 5.1 The Chairman of the Special Working Party, Mr. Riluvan Shareef presented the Summary Proposal on the Report of the Special Working Party. Firstly, he thanked the host, the Sri Lankan Administration for their warm hospitality extended to all the Delegates, and the excellent arrangements made for the conduct of the two important meetings in Colombo.
- 5.2 He informed the Meeting that at the Fourth Ordinary Session of the General Assembly held in November, 1987 in Sydney, Australia, it was agreed that a review of APT be undertaken with a view to improving on the existing structure as well as the working methods of the APT as part of the APT 10th Anniversary activities. The then President of APT, Mr. George Maltby had, on behalf of OTC/Australia, offered to bear the costs in terms of secretariat support to facilitate such a review.
- 5.3 He said that at the 12th Session of the Management Committee, a Special Working Party was selected to conduct the review in consultation with member administrations. At the 13th Management Committee, the 10th Anniversary Review Document was tabled by the Special Working Party and it contained a recommendation to review the membership of the APT. At the 5th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly, a recommendation was tabled to amend the definition of Affiliate Membership, Article 3.5 of the Constitution.
- 5.4 He further added that when the 5th General Assembly was unable to arrive at a consensus,

it instructed the SWP to study the issue further and make a recommendation regarding the definition of the "Affiliate Member". After extensive dialogue with Member Administrations, the SWP has come up with a revised definition of "Affiliate Member" for consideration at the Extra Ordinary Session of the General Assembly under Agenda Item 3.1.

- 5.5 He said that at the 11th Management Committee in 1987 in Sydney, the Secretariat of the APT through the Executive Director suggested that in view of difficulties experienced in attaining a quorum at several MCs, consideration be given to changing the Constitution to reduce the quorum to one half or simple majority. At the request of the 11th Management Committee, the Executive Director obtained views of Members through a circular memorandum. After much debate, it was decided that the matter be referred to the SWP for further looking into this issue as part of its work for 1991, and to make a recommendation to this Extra Ordinary Session of the General Assembly.
- 5.6 The SWP met in Bangkok in March 1991, and addressed this subject. The SWP's recommendation is submitted to this Extra Ordinary Session of the GA for consideration as Agenda Item 3.2. Mr. Shareef requested the President to consider the two recommendations, which he believed reflected the majority view of the Members.
- 5.7 In conclusion, Mr. Riluvan Shareef thanked the members of the Special Working Party, Mr. Haji Ali Yusoff (Malaysia), Mr. Setyanto P. Santosa (Indonesia), Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Yushi Kitahara (Japan), Attorney Fidelo Q. Dumlao (Philippines), Mr. Fatahullah Azam (Pakistan), Mr. Peter Davidson and Ms. Annabelle Stephenson (Australia), for their excellent co-operation.
- 5.8 He wished to place on record special gratitude and appreciation to the Department of Transport and Communications and OTC Australia, who have contributed in cash and in kind to the work of the APT. Particularly Ms. Annabelle Stephenson and prior to her Mr. Peter Davidson as co-ordinator/rapporteur. He further added that without the valuable contributions made by Australia, the SWP would not have been able to carry out this important task.
- 5.9 He thanked the Executive Director and the APT Secretariat for the support and co-operation accorded to the SWP during the past three years. He also acknowledged the Members of the APT, who had through their wisdom and consideration, made the SWP's work possible and meaningful.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE APT CONSTITUTION

6. Proposal with respect to the Quorum for Management Committee Meetings

- 6.1 The Delegate from Philippines said that the Philippines is not in favour of amending the quorum from two-thirds majority to simple majority. The reasons for taking this position had already been explained in the last MC Meeting. He felt that the decisions taken with a quorum of simple majority would not fully represent the interest and feelings of APT members.
- 6.2 The Delegate from Pakistan said that if the quorum is not attained even the annual budget would be delayed and therefore, this Meeting should consider two aspects, (i) those which can not be delayed could be solved by simple majority in the Management Committee and (ii) for General Assembly, two-thirds majority may be allowed to continue.
- 6.3 In response to the Philippines, the Delegate from Australia referred to Article 9 para 9 of the Constitution of the APT which specifies that the decisions of the MC shall be arrived at by consensus.
- 6.4 The Delegate from the Philippines said that in this context, consensus means the consensus of a reasonable number of APT Members.
- 6.5 The Delegate from Indonesia said that originally Indonesia supported two-third majority but in view of the practical difficulties arising from the increasing number of smaller countries becoming APT members, it now fully supports the simple majority.
- 6.6 The Delegates from Maldives, India, PR China, Brunei Darussalam, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Pakistan supported the recommendations of SWP.
- 6.7 Subsequently, the recommendations of the SWP were adopted by the General Assembly by acclamation.

V. PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 The Delegate from Indonesia noted that the SWP proposal on amending the Constitution to enlarge the Affiliate Membership would restrict the participation of scientific and industrial organization including manufacturers. In his view, as long as these manufacturers do not have voting rights and participate only as Affiliate Members, it will not have any harmful effect on the APT. The ultimate objective of opening wider membership he felt, is not just to mobilize more funds to APT, but to enrich the overall APT activities.
- 7.2 The Executive Director said that Secretariat Document was submitted in the 14th MC to include manufacturers as affiliate members of APT. However, the SWP has recommended that the affiliate membership should be open to any provider of telecom services to the public within the region.
- 7.3 The Delegate from Australia explained that the words 'service provider' widened the scope to include providers of value added services, mobile, paging, data services, etc.

- 7.4 The Delegate from the Philippines wanted to know whether service providers like INTELSAT and INMARSAT are also included in this category.
- 7.5 The Delegate from Pakistan observed that in view of the rapid developments taking place in the region inclusion of manufacturers as affiliate members could be considered.
- 7.6 Mr. Ali Yusoff from Malaysia on behalf of SWP drew the attention of the meeting to Para 1.6.2 of the SWP Report which said that if there is too broad a definition of affiliate membership then entities with only a superficial interest in the aims of the APT could become members, with an adverse effect on the future of the organization.
- 7.7 Ms. Annabelle Stephenson from Australia, on behalf of the SWP said that a number of countries have reservations on including manufacturers as affiliate members. However, SWP has made a proposal to solicit participation of private companies in the APT activities excluding GA and MC Meetings. The proposal is available as Document No. MC-15/21.1.
- 7.8 The Delegate from Philippines said that although the affiliate members are required to pledge contributions in the General Assembly and Management Committee Meetings they have not been given the right to vote. He therefore requested for amendments in the provisions of Constitution to this effect.
- 7.9 The Delegate from the Republic of Korea suggested an amendment to the final recommendations of the SWP. He suggested that the affiliate membership in the Telecommunity shall be open to providers of telecommunication services to the public, instead of any provider of telecommunication services.
- 7.10 The Delegate from Japan said that Japan understands that the term of "any provider" means "telecommunications carrier", which provides telecommunication service in order to meet the demand of others.
- 7.11 The Delegate from India felt that since the SWP has reached the conclusions after carefully studying various aspects of the issues involved, the recommendations proposed by the SWP should be adopted.
- 7.12 The Delegate from Thailand felt that Indonesia's proposal is rather open and APT should broaden its scope of membership in a gradual manner. He therefore supported the recommendations of SWP.
- 7.13 The Delegate from Indonesia said that the spirit behind their proposal was mainly to assist APT not only in improving its finances, but also to enrich the APT activities as a whole. He observed that the time for introducing the participation of scientific industrial organizations perhaps is still too early for APT, however he believe that it could be introduced at later stage when Members of APT are ready to accept. He called to the attention of the Assembly the fact that each Member has to ratify the amended Constitution and thus can take a considerable amount of time. Therefore he appealed the Members that amendment of Constitution should be considered carefully and comprehensively, so as to avoid it always be amended every time the General Assembly is convened.

Concerning the proposal of SWP, he had difficulty in accepting the word "to the public" as this could also limit the scope of participation, realizing the fact that telecommunications is progressing at tremendous speed, and telecommunications services are going to be offered not only to the public but also to the private sector, to third party for resale etc.

- 7.14 The Delegates from Pakistan, Brunei Darussalam, PR China, Maldives, Republic of Korea, Myanmar, Islamic Republic of Iran, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore supported the recommendations of SWP.
- 7.15 The recommendation of the SWP were adopted. In doing so, the General Assembly decided that the position of existing Affiliate Members would not be affected.
- 7.16 The Extra-ordinary Session of the General Assembly appreciated the excellent work done by the Special Working Party. The General Assembly expressed its gratitude to the following members of the Special Working Party who made special efforts to bring the work of the SWP to a very satisfying conclusion.

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Mr Setyanto P. Santosa
Mr Haji Ali. Yusoff
Mr Peter Davidson
Mr Fidelo Q. Dumlao
Ms Annabelle Stephenson
Mr Morikazu Takahashi
Mr Yushi Kitahara

- 7.17 The Extra Ordinary Session of the General Assembly acknowledged that the SWP has completed its work mandated to it by the 5th Session of the General Assembly in Beijing in November, 1990.

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PART I

ANNEXES

**THE EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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We are all gathered here today on this prestigious occasion in order to witness the ceremonial inauguration of the Extra-ordinary General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity which is being held for the first time in Sri Lanka. The opportunity made available to our telecom administration to host this meeting is considered a great honour and privilege.

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity comprises of about 55% of the world population, but as you know, we in this region enjoy only about 20% of the world's telephone population. Even out of this small percentage, a major share is found in a few countries in the region. This in general would comprise of about 80% of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity population having very small penetration.

Facing this situation over a decade ago, countries in the Asia-Pacific Region felt that it was not possible to participate meaningfully confining themselves only to the International Telecommunication Union programmes to achieve any impact or influence as would have been necessitated and desired. Having understood the challenges we faced, the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity was established in 1979 as a regional telecommunication organization under the auspices of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) by an inter-governmental agreement. Asia-Pacific Telecommunity by maintaining a close co-operation with the relevant agencies and international and regional organisation has facilitated countries to come within the framework of the International Telecommunication Union. In addition, the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity is an inter-governmental organisation and is being afforded the same privileges and immunity as other approved United Nations agencies. The Telecommunity is to ensure balanced development of telecommunications in the region so as to commensurate with the technological, economic and social development of the region. In this context, we are extremely happy to note the achievements of this organisation due to the unstinted efforts of the officials of all our administrations who have given their fullest support for all its activities and for the great success this organisation has achieved so far. Shri Lanka is proud to be a founder member of this organisation and we are happy that we could contribute in no small measure for the upliftment of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity. I am happy to mention that Mr H. D. S. A. Gunawardena, former Chief Telecommunication Engineer, was one of the consultants who helped in the drafting of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity Constitution. The present Managing Director of Sri Lanka Telecom, Mr P. K. Wickramarachchi himself is no stranger to Asia-Pacific Telecommunity as he functioned as Project Engineer in 1987, and Mr K. K. Gunawardena, former Director General Telecommunication, was assisting the APTEL Database programme as an ITU Expert, and the telecommunication family of Shri Lanka would continue their unstinted co-operation to the well being of the Telecommunity in the years to come.

This meeting which commences today in Colombo, Shri Lanka will be an important event in the history of our telecommunication administration.

On this great occasion, it has been a proud privilege and honour to have the Prime Minister of our country, Hon. D. B. Wijetunge as our Chief Guest to declare open this sessions, Hon. Sir, you are no stranger to the Telecommunity and to the telecom administration of Shri Lanka. During your term of office as Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, development of communications has taken great strides and your advice and guidance was very much contributory towards the proud position we enjoy in this region today. You have on at least two occasions graced the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity meetings representing the Shri Lanka Administration.

The presence of Hon. A. M. S. Adikari, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications on this important occasion is a great source of encouragement to the Telecommunity and we are proud that you have given the correct leadership towards the complete restructuring of Sri Lanka's telecom administration with a new vision and outlook in recent times, and we are confident that the Telecommunity itself will be greatly benefitted with your guidance. We are also honoured to have with us State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Provincial Councils, Hon. John Amaratunge and Hon. Susil Moonesinghe, Chief Minister for Western Province amidst us. We are grateful to you sir for having afforded your valuable time to grace this occasion and the Telecommunity sincerely appreciates your presence.

The fact that we have had almost 100% attendance by our distinguished delegates from countries within the region and affiliated agencies aptly speaks to the fact the interest they take in the activities of the Telecommunity. On our part, we are greatly encouraged to witness the confidence, love and affection you have shown to our country by opting to have this meeting in Sri Lanka and for everyone of you to be with us. We sincerely hope that the deliberations at the end of this conference will be meaningful and fruitful to the wellbeing of the Telecommunity and that you will find your stay comfortable and enjoyable and will partake of our hospitality, love and affection which is a speciality among Shri Lankans.

Your excellencies representing the international community, you have shown great interest in the activities of Telecommunity and honoured us with your gracious presence. Senior government officials, my colleagues in the Posts and Telecommunications administrations the representatives of the media and all you ladies and gentlemen, we are greatly honoured with your presence. On behalf of the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications and the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, may I extend a very warm welcome to everyone of you on this memorable occasion.

Thank you.

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ADDRESS

BY DR. WANG ZHANNING
PRESIDENT OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

Honourable Prime Minister, Mr. D.B. Wijetunga,

Honourable Ministers,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates, Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure and a privilege for me to welcome the Honourable Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. D.B. Wijetunga, Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. J.E.A. Amaratunga, Honourable Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. A.M.S. Adikari, and Honourable Minister for Telecommunication Development, Mr. Harindra Corea, Distinguished guests, Distinguished representatives of member administrations, associate members, affiliate members, specialised agencies and other administrations and organizations to this important session of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

I am also happy to welcome our new member - Mongolian People's Republic and three new affiliate members - PT Indosat, PT. Telkom and Dhiraagu Private Ltd. This has brought to a total of the members, associate members and affiliate members to 45.

First of all, I wish to express our grateful thanks to the Government of Sri Lanka for taking host country responsibility. We also wish to express our deep appreciation for the excellent organizational set up arranged for the Secretariat and the Delegations.

I observed with much satisfaction the progress made in the operational activities of APT working in partnership with the Governments, Affiliates, Agencies and Private Organizations, APT has been able to cope with the needs of the region in the area of technological development.

Telecommunication has a very major role to play not only in fuelling the growth of economies but also in improving the quality of life of the people by accelerating the process of social development. The transition from the industrial to the information age had been quite swift and the challenges for keeping pace with the development of technology are enormous. These challenges can be faced only when we put up united efforts for meeting them. In a global village who can afford to live in isolation? It is for us to decide how best we can utilise the strength of our unity for reaping the fruits of technology, for bringing the people of our region together and for improving their living standards. We need the will and determination for that. It is in this context that international organizations like APT has a major catalytic role to play. However, in order to maintain its effectiveness, APT will have to grow further and will also have to retain its dynamism. Decisions which are required to be taken today cannot be postponed for tomorrow. It is for this reason that an Extra-Ordinary Session of the APT General Assembly has been called here. We have to address important issues like enlarging APT membership and other constitutional matters so that the decision making process is not delayed. We feel that with your active participation we will be able to decide the issues mentioned in the agenda. We look forward to having a very interesting and useful meeting here.

May I congratulate you all for being here to help making the General Assembly and the Management Committee Meetings a success, and for working together to make further progress in attaining the ultimate objectives of the Telecommunity for a better world through telecommunication development.

May I wish all of you a very pleasant and memorable stay in Sri Lanka during the next ten days.

Thank you.

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OPENING ADDRESS

BY MR SETYANTO P. R.

CHAIRMAN, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

H. E. Prime Minister of the
Democratic Socialist of the
Republic of Sri Lanka,

H. E. Minister of Posts and
Telecommunications,

H. E. Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Mr State President and Vice President
of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity,

Mr Executive Director and
Deputy Executive Director
of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity,

Distinguished Representatives and Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, let me first share to extend a warm welcome to all the delegates of the Extra-ordinary Session of the General Assembly and Fifteenth Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, and also "Ayubowan" or welcome to the beautiful city of Colombo.

I wish to extend a special welcome to the delegation from Mongolian People's Republic who join for the first time as a member of the APT.

Allow me also to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for their kindness to host this very important Meeting, and for the generous hospitality and support extended to the organization of this Meeting.

We know obviously, that a lot of efforts have been made for making our stay comfortable, fruitful and memorable. In this regards, I would like to thank you all for the preparatory and organizational work which will be the basis of a smooth running of our Meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On every occasion of the APT, I always draw the attention of the Members on the objective of the establishment of our Organization, to ensure the balance development of telecommunications services in the Asia-Pacific region. Being involved with this organization for the last five years and since this Meeting would be my last meeting to some members of the APT as the Chairman of the Management Committee, it is therefore appropriate for me to remind the Members that the objective is still far from the reality.

Some of the delegations have witnessed last October, at Telecoms'91, the development of telecommunications which will be led to a revolution in telecommunications which calls for a fundamental change in the attitude of the industry. The theme of Telecoms '91 was "An Interconnected World : Improving the Quality of Life for All". It reflects the efforts to bring the world closer together through high telecommunication technology. It is very marvelous show of the progress of the telecom technology in the world.

Meanwhile, we are all aware that our Region accounts for more than half of the total population of the world and it offers one of the fastest growing markets in the field of telecommunications. However, as mentioned by previous speakers, our Region has got only 2% of the world's total number of telephones. We also understand that most of our Members are suffering a lot due to poor investments made in the past. Besides the scarce of funds, shortage of technological skills and lack of training facilities are also other major problems faced by many Members. Therefore, on this occasion, I would like to appeal our Members from developed countries to give much more significant contributions to the Members from developing or less developed countries through our Organization, in order to balance telecommunications facilities in our Region. I would like also to appeal to the Government of Member countries to put the telecom development in their respective countries a higher priority in the national development programme besides other infrastructure. Without this effort, there still exist a big gap in providing telecom facilities between developed and developing countries approaching the 21st century.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Regarding the future of the APT organization, I observe that there are some Members who want to make our organization stronger through enlarging the membership to other groups such as telecommunication manufacturing companies in the Region or countries such as United States and Canada which are located also in the Pacific Basin.

This group of Members understand the real problem faced by APT, that is the budget; while in our Region there are a lot of sources of funds and technology that can be generated to help the financial problems and to keep the development of telecommunication. The consensus of these matters would be discussed during our gathering and I believe that with the APT spirit of cooperation and understanding, we will reach an agreement and solve the problems, because every Members realize that we have gathered here to work together in order to coordinate development of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific region.

I also invite all parties to take a special effort to bring APT into an efficient and promising organization that have a significant role to serve the Members needs, not only today but also in the future because there are so many challenges in front of us to be overcome to success.

With your cooperation, I have every reason to believe that very successful results will be achieved at this meeting.

"Bohoma Stuti".

Thank you for your kind attention.

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ADDRESS

BY THE HON. A. M. S. ADIKARI
MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SRI LANKA

Mr. Chairman, Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Ministers,
Your Worship the Mayor of Colombo,
Secretary, Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications in Shri Lanka,
President and Executive Committee of Asia Pacific Telecommunity,
Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity,
Chairman and Members of the Management Committee,
Members of the Diplomatic Corps,
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am extremely pleased to be here with you today at the Asia Pacific Telecommunity General Assembly and Conference and I would like to convey my appreciation for your decision to hold this conference in Shri Lanka. On behalf of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, I would like to welcome you all to Shri Lanka and express the hope that your conference will be a successful one in every respect and that at the same time your stay in Shri Lanka will be both fruitful and pleasant. There is no doubt that the field you are all engaged in, the field of telecommunication, is today one of the most important activities in the world because it combines the economic activities as such with the ability of people to communicate among themselves.

We are all here today at this conference, one of the many conferences that this great group of nations in the Asia Pacific Region is organising, and I am certain that even the togetherness among ourselves in this region would not be what it is, if we do not have the possibility to communicate between us so easily. Through this huge progress in communication, we are able to bring the nations of this world and member states of the Asia Pacific countries so near to each other since there has been a very substantial progress in the field of communication.

It must be said that one of the most peaceful revolutions known in this world, telecommunication technology, has broken down barriers and has set mankind on a global course unimaginable a few years ago.

We are in the next phase of development - the information age and this would not be possible without telecommunication. The speed at which information can be exchanged between countries has made the world a smaller place shrinking all the time as the global telecommunication revolution continues on a course which has still a long way to go.

Development of telecommunication has facilitated peace, trade and commerce. With this growth, it has now made available to us instant communication with our offices, homes, friends and relations wherever in the world we may be. Rapid development of mobile phones has eradicated the problems of time and location.

There is no doubt that telecommunication has played an important role by encouraging understanding among the people of this world. Telecommunications revolution has uplifted mankind's economic, social and political status. An efficiently run telecommunication industry can open new areas in business and speed up growth rates in the countryside making much contribution to the overall economic development of any country. Voice communication, electronic data exchange have integrated even the remotest sections of society while political policies can be disseminated more quickly to an ever wider audience. By expansion of telecommunication facilities and enhancing computer technology, such information can be disseminated to all cities of the earth.

Opening for young numerate minds are likely to increase with the trend also moving towards home - workers can be in constant communication with the office. To illustrate the impact of telecommunication on all our lives, you should look no further than what took place during the recent Gulf War. It revealed to the whole world that satellite pictures pinpointed military targets which was once done by a pilot with a camera - while cohesion and control was brought to the air, land and sea forces through a battery of communications and navigation satellites which link the battle field to the capitals of nations which formed a coalition. Back in our country and homes, we had the opportunity of watching satellite pictures shown through 'CNN'. Pictures of satellite guides patriot missiles intercept scuds of Saudi Arabia and Israel. This was a clear show of underlying ability of telecommunications.

The consumer too has not been neglected in the communication revolution. Many of the services we now take for granted have become possible only through the advanced data network covering the world - such as computerised stocks control to ensure stores always meet customer demands, booking travel on view data screen, or cash machines in the bank and high speed credit cards transactions. It has also resulted in a great problem for you and I since it has paved the way for our wives now being able to spend at record pace.

In Shri Lanka, a massive project is under way to improve the country's telecommunication network. An Act of Parliament in June this year started the process of demonopolisation of the industry. The next stage was reached on 01.09.91 this year with the creation of Shri Lanka Telecom with greater autonomy and flexibility. It is anticipated that its eventual generation of funds will fund the ambitious goals set by my Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications - such as providing half million telephone lines by the year 1994, increasing the penetration in the first half by 1995 and thereafter by the year 2000.

Developments are being processed by a stepped up programme in order to improve the quality of National and International communication which is recognised as a pre-condition for the development of crucial foreign trade, foreign investments and our new industrialisation policy. The Government and my Ministry are now recognising the benefits of deregulation. We are with open arms now inviting the private sector to join hands with Shri Lanka Telecom in our development efforts and we have now been issuing licences to the private sector particularly in the areas of value added network services covering areas of cellular, paging, data communication, electronic mail and even to the extent of joint and profit sharing ventures with Shri Lanka Telecom to develop some of the under-developed areas in the country to reach our goal within a period of four years. We are confident that the reward for customers from deregulation has been more an better quality services as competitors move in to challenge the established net work.

We are also giving the fullest co-operation and assistance to telecommunication companies and organisations to set up factories in Shri Lanka to assemble and manufacture offering to the extent of 8 years tax free holiday and duty free import of raw material and very many more tax benefits and privileges.

This brings me back to your conference today and to the importance this conference has. A forum with representatives from members of Asia Pacific Region including some of the most developed countries in the world and some which are just now beginning to develop can play their role not only in disseminating information but particularly in helping the development of the human factor as a basic element in the progress of technology.

In this field as the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications in Shri Lanka, I am pleased and proud to say that our own Shri Lanka Telecom Corporation has played an important role in exchanging information. With these thoughts, may I take this opportunity to wish you once more a very successful conference and a memorable stay in Shri Lanka.

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WELCOME ADDRESS

BY MR CHAO THONGMA

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

Honourable Prime Minister, Mr. D.B. Wijetunga,

Honourable Ministers,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates, Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, and on my own behalf, I extend our warmest welcome to the Honourable Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. D.B. Wijetunga. Your Excellency, we feel very honoured and privileged to have you with us today. I could not express how grateful we are to you for graciously consenting to inaugurate this very important meetings of the APT, in the midst of your many pressing duties of States.

I would like to welcome the Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. J.E.A. Amaratunga, Honourable Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. A.M.S. Adikari, and Honourable Minister for Telecommunication Development, Mr. Harindra Corea. Our warmest welcome is also extended to Distinguished guests, Distinguished representatives of member administrations, associate members, affiliate members, specialised agencies and other administrations and organizations to this important session of the APT.

Your Excellency, I wish to specially thank you for hosting this Meeting and also for your support and contributions towards the organization of the Meetings.

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the Honourable Adikari, Honourable Corea, and Mr. Gunasekera for their initiatives taken to host this meeting. I greatly appreciate their hard work for the past many months - making every effort to have this Meeting organized in Colombo, and to make it a really memorable one.

My sincere thanks go to all the distinguished delegates and observers for making special efforts to attend this Meeting.

Since its inception 12 years ago, APT has tried its utmost to serve its membership. We have kept pace with the fast changing telecom scenario and have strengthened our role as a catalytic for accelerating the growth of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific region. We have achieved our aim due to the support and cooperation extended by all APT members. APT has emerged as the focal telecom organization of the Asia-Pacific region and its views are respected in telecommunication world outside the region as well. We know that we have several tasks to perform and our effectiveness lies in promoting the balanced growth of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific region in the most cost effective manner. Our resources are limited but the determination to do our best is strong. In the process of development we have to take all the partners together - our members, associate and affiliate members, international organizations and friends within and outside the region. With your support and active cooperation we will be able to meet the challenges and remain a leader in the process of enhancing telecom development in the region.

Twelve years ago when APT was established, telecommunication was considered as secondary important in many developing countries of the region. Telecom planners had a difficult time in persuading their governments for a higher allocation in the national budget. And quite often they were disappointed. Poor investment in telecom sector has affected not only its own growth but also the growth of other sectors in the developing countries. Although telecommunication is now recognised as an important infrastructure for economic growth but inspite of this the resources at the disposal of telecom sector are quite inadequate. The telecom sector is often asked not only to mobilise its own resources but also to part with a portion of its earning for the development of other sectors.

Resource mobilisation will continue to be very difficult for the developing world and for effective utilisation of the available resources concentrated efforts are therefore required to be made instead of isolated ones. We have to co-share our resources for the benefit of the people of our region. In addition to this, Human Resource Development will be a very big task for all developing countries. Greater effort should also be made in catching up the rapid change of communication and information technologies. Careful attention should be given at all phases of planning, implementation and development for a better quality and reliability of telecommunication networks, services. APT's involvement as a catalytic for cooperation and growth will be beneficial for all member countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

In the coming ten days the Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee will be discussing several important issues covering the budget, work programme and structure of the APT. While leaving a very successful year behind us, we have to look ahead at the challenges which we have to face in the coming years and also to reaffirm our determination and strength to meet them unitedly and energetically, we believe that with a high spirit of cooperation only through telecommunication development, the Asia-Pacific economic growth and prosperity will become possible.

In concluding, may I wish the sessions of the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly and the Management Committee, a great success.

Thank you.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

BY HON. D.B. WIJETUNGE
PRIME MINISTER OF SRI LANKA

Mr. Chairman, Hon. A.M.S. Adikari,
Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,
Hon. Harold Herath, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Provincial Councils,
Hon. Susil Moonesiugh, Chief Minister,
Mr. Asoka Gunasekera, Secretary Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunications,
Secretary and Vice-Presidents of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity,
Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee,
Mr. Chao Thongma, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Telecommunity,
Mr. H. Sonoki, Deputy Executive Director,
Your Excellencies,
Very Distinguished Delegates,
Dr. Arthur C. Clarke,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

His Excellency the President of Shri Lanka was very much desirous of being with us today but due to an unavoidable official engagement he was not able to be present with us and wished that I convey his personal regards and best wishes to everyone of you and also wished that your conference will be successful and your stay in Shri Lanka pleasant and fruitful.

I consider it a great privilege and honour to be present at this inaugural ceremony of the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity in Shri Lanka, particularly since I have very pleasant memories of the time I served as Minister of Posts and Telecommunications for a period of almost 10 years. I am thankful to your organisation for the decision you have taken to hold this conference in Shri Lanka and on behalf of the Government and people of Shri Lanka I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and wish your conference success and your stay in Shri Lanka memorable.

Telecommunication is as important in the infrastructure for economic development as the provision of roads, bridges, ports and power. Telecommunication helps in disseminating the necessary information and motivation for rapid development. Its socio-economic impact in developing countries is very significant because the telephone service is generally availed of by the most productive sectors of the economy. I am certain that in all Asia Pacific countries there has been a very substantial progress in the field of communication by introducing and applying developments that have taken place very rapidly.

Judging from ones personal experience one can see that the world we live in today in terms of telecommunication is entirely different from the world that we were born in or the world we have grown up as teenagers. The changes have been tremendous. I remember that when I was a young man making an international call was an event. I am certain that in some parts of the world it is still an event. Today it is part of everyday practice. When the telex service was introduced for the first time it was a great relief that at last there was a practical way to communicate quickly in writing. Progress of telefax has been a further step forward. One cannot believe that with the progress of telecommunication tele-conferences could take place in which people in any part of the world could have a conference without moving from their offices. These perhaps were concepts that were in the elm of dreams even 10 or 20 years ago. Today they are realities. The importance of this growth in telecommunication I do not think it is necessary to emphasise. We all know that having good communication with the outside world is an important, if not the most important, ingredient for efficient functioning of the economy of any country. Hence without up-to-date equipment and uninterrupted communication it is extremely difficult to be able to manage an economy. I am referring to all these things in order to emphasise the importance of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity conference and the role you all have to play in developing telecommunication in your own country and by doing so help to develop the economy of your country and in turn provide a better standard of living for your people.

We in Shri Lanka have also attached great significance to the development of communication and today I am proud to say we are very much ahead of some other developing countries in introducing modern technology in order to up-date our communication facilities. In this respect I would like to pay a tribute to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and Shri Lanka Telecom administration for their dedication and enthusiasm towards the development efforts of this country. As a result of their hard work we have been able to overcome the losses and to move into modernising very rapidly our telecommunication services, bringing telephone lines to the most remote villages and at the same time enabling Shri Lanka to become a service centre and provide the offshore and other companies operating in the Island facilities to communicate directly to any part of the world at a reasonable cost. All this great work was due to the fact that Shri Lanka was a member of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, ITU and other such organisations and that we could through the various Asia Pacific administrations and through the Telecommunity establish contacts, exchange ideas about progress made in various other member countries and have the opportunity to study the progress made in various countries.

In this respect I want to point out that despite the progress that I know you all have achieved and the progress that as I said before, we have made in our small island and despite the ambitious dreams that we all have, unless we make sure that we run as fast as possible we will all be in danger of lagging behind. Progress in telecommunication technology is so fast that it is extremely difficult to really grasp it or even to be able immediately to adopt it and make use of it.

I have had the privilege during the period I served as Minister of Posts & Telecommunication in the company of your Vice President Mr. Asoka Gunasekera who was my Secretary even then, to visit the laboratories of M/s Bell Research Faculty and Canadian Research Council. Both of us together also had the opportunity of visiting some research centres in many other developed countries during that period and we were shown what those people were working on and I must admit that I could not believe what I was seeing.

The progress, as I have said, is really so fast that we cannot even visualise it. Of course, I know I am talking to experts, so I should not be trying to scare you. What I am trying to say is that it is not simply a question of technology. It is also a question of attitude. For example, in order to be able to make efficient use of new telephones, in order to be able to visualise and understand how many opportunities this development of technology offers it takes a serious effort and people are always reluctant to accept change particularly when change may be affecting the way they are working. The impression I got from those visits to some of the telecommunication installations and administrations is that indeed progress in technology is extremely fast and the opportunities are very great, and it is very important for us to take advantage of them.

Progress is so fast that it is also an advantage for member countries of the Asian Pacific Telecommunity because it gives the opportunity to countries which could not communicate before suddenly to move up and acquire the latest technology.

But in order to be able to introduce this technology, it is not enough to have the means and funds. It is also necessary to develop human skill and make people adapt quickly to the opportunities that the new technology is creating and be able to make effective use of them. I do not think that I exaggerate if I say that in the next 5 - 10 years the countries which will be able to move faster in the field of communication will probably be the countries that will also be able to achieve a better overall development in their economy.

I sincerely wish that your organisation, as a forum at which representatives from all your member countries which consist of some of the most developed and developing in this region and some which are now just beginning to develop, could play a great role in helping the development of human skill towards this great progress we see in the field of communication throughout the world. In this respect, I am pleased and proud to say that our telecommunication administration has played an important role in exchanging information and I am confident that the telecommunication family of Shri Lanka will continue their unstinted cooperation to the wellbeing of the Telecommunity in the years to come.

I am also very happy to note that you have thought it fit to elect one of our senior officers who heads the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. Asoka Gunasekera, as your Vice-President.

On behalf of the Government of Shri Lanka and the people of Shri Lanka, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all the distinguished delegates and hope that your deliberations in Colombo will be fruitful and you will find our people most friendly and lovable and that you will carry away very pleasant memories of your visit at the end of your conference. May I also take this opportunity to wish you a very comfortable and safe journey back home.

I declare the Extra Ordinary General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity open.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

BY DR. ARTHUR C. CLARKE

CHANCELLOR OF UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA

Honourable Prime Minister,

Honourable Ministers,

Distinguished Guests,

Delegates from the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity,

Telecommunity - that's a nice word, and it gives me a very good excuse for a commercial. By a fortunate coincidence my next book has the subtitle "Towards the Tele-family of Man". The main title is How the World Was One : spelt O-N-E. You can get a preview of it very shortly in a special issue of the journal which, over the last twenty years, has published many of my more serious technological speculations - playboy Magazine for January.

You are gathering here in Colombo on the eve of the greatest cultural changes in the long history of Asia - indeed, of the world. To mention only the most dramatic example, last month the BBC inaugurated its satellite TV service which will soon cover the whole subcontinent on a 24-hour basis. I have a particular interest in ASIASAT, as a friend of mine, astronaut Joe Allen, helped to rescue it. He brought it back to earth in the Space Shuttle, when it was originally launched into the wrong orbit. Recently Joe sent me his autobiography, Entering Space, with the inscription, which does make me feel rather elderly: "When I was a boy, you infected me with both the writing bug and the space bug, but neglected to tell me how difficult either undertaking can be ..."

Incidentally, I'm quite angry with the BBC because ASIASAT apparently doesn't recognise the existence of Sri Lanka. I regard that as a personal insult and am starting a campaign to drag the footprint a few degrees south.

Several other telecom revolutions are now starting. The first is the advent of a truly global cellular telephone system - probably using low-altitude satellites. When this is in place, all the inhabitants of Planet Earth will be able to speak to each other through a cellular telephone no larger than today's models.

Another development is the coming of digital radio via direct broadcast satellite. DB 'radiosats', providing compact disk quality sound, may make existing short-wave services instantly obsolete, and give rise to new global networks of major importance.

But satellites aren't going to have it all their own way. The amazing come-back of cables, thanks to fibre optics, is starting another revolution. In 1976, at the Centennial of the telephone, I was asked to give an address at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology - the United States equivalent of the University of Moratuwa. A charming ceremony took place then when Alexander Graham Bell and his assistant's great-great-grandsons re-enacted, over a fibre-optics link, the first phone call ever made. And may I remind you what that message was: "Come here, Mr Watson - I need you." A lot of people in Sri Lanka need Mr Watson ..

Another invention which is now rivalling the telephone in its impact on every aspect of human affairs is of course the fax machine. The astonishing political transformations in Europe and the USSR would never have been possible without the joint interaction of TV and fax. As was well said, two thousand years ago, "You shall know the Truth - and the Truth shall set you free."

Before the end of this decade, telecommunications will ensure the free flow of information across all borders, and there is nothing that the most repressive government can do to prevent it. As the UN's Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed, people everywhere are entitled to unbiased news and information. The more channels they have available, the more likely they are to get it.

However, there are negative aspects to this technological revolution; all powerful tools are doubled-edged. There is grave danger of information overload. And we should never forget that information is not knowledge, and knowledge is not wisdom.

Another danger is information pollution. I am frequently appalled by the programmes devoted to crime and mindless violence that appear on TV - and the even more abominable rubbish available on video cassettes.

There is no simple answer to this problem, but censorship only makes it worse. In the long run - perhaps the very long run - raising general standards of education must be the solution.

There is also the danger that "electronic imperialism" may destroy many ancient art forms and traditions - or at best, preserve them as interesting fossils, like flies in amber. The relentless laws of Darwinian survival operate both on genes and cultures. But wisdom lies in co-operating with the inevitable - not struggling vainly against it. We should accept the best of all traditions, and abandon what is no longer viable.

I recently came across a brilliant cartoon - I have a copy here - in an Indian newspaper. It shows a typical peasant farmer, carrying a huge load on his shoulders. And he is saying to his equally laden wife: "No, I am not going to enter the 21st century this way. I will buy a bullock cart."

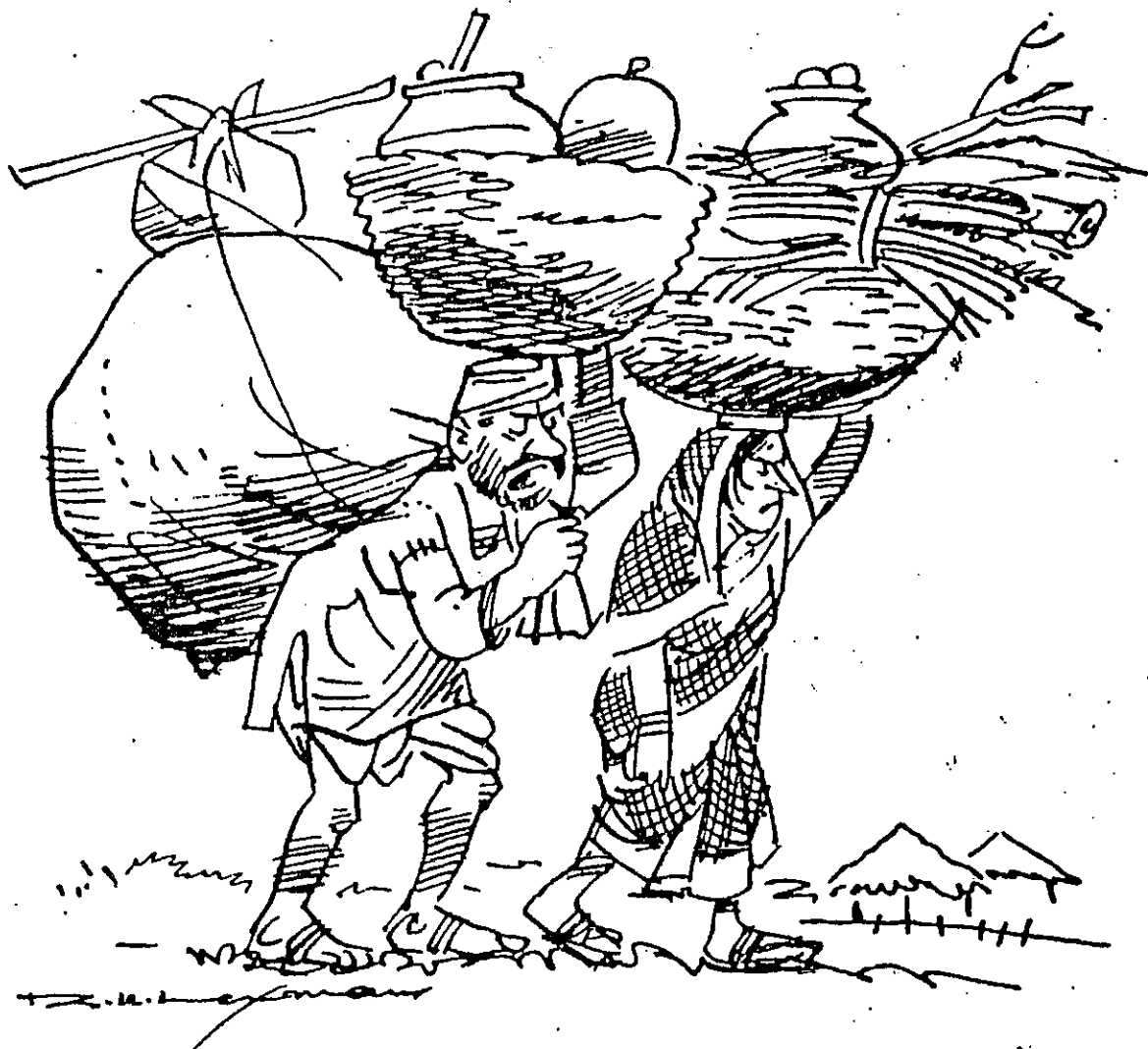
There are many lessons in this cartoon, not all of them obvious. There's a lot to be said for bullock-carts, preferably with pneumatic tyres. But that farmer also needs a telephone - yes, and TV! Then he can indeed enter the 21st century.

On World Telecommunications Day, 17 May 1983, I had the privilege of speaking from the famous podium in the UN General Assembly Building. Let me repeat my closing words :-

"The long-heralded global village is almost upon us, but it will last for only a flickering moment in the history of mankind. Before we even realise it has come, it will be superseded - by the global family"

So, welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to the Tele-family of Man.

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**THE EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

23 - 30 NOVEMBER 1991, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session by the President of APT
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Consideration of the Amendments of the Provision of the APT Constitution
 - 3.1 Proposal to enlarge Affiliate Membership
 - 3.2 Proposal to change the Quorum of Meetings of the General Assembly and the Management Committee from two-thirds majority to one half or simple majority
4. Closing of the Session

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**AMENDED PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

ARTICLE 9 PARAGRAPH 8

QUORUM

A quorum for a meeting of the Management Committee shall consist of the representatives of a simple majority of the Members of the Telecommunity.

ARTICLE 3 PARAGRAPH 5

Affiliate membership in the Telecommunity shall be open to any provider of telecommunication services to the public within the region and which is nominated for affiliate membership by a Member or Associate Member of the Telecommunity. Any such entity, upon informing the Telecommunity, through the nominating Member or Associate Member, in a communication addressed to the Executive Director or, prior to the appointment of the Executive Director, to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, of its willingness to uphold this Constitution shall become an Affiliate Member of the Telecommunity with effect from the date of the receipt of such communications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned REPRESENTATIVES have signed the amended provision of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

Dated, 29 November, 1991, Colombo, Sri Lanka

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE	ADMINISTRATION	SIGNATURE
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PART II

REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Fifteenth Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity was held concurrently with the Extra Ordinary Session of the General Assembly at Hotel Ramada Renaissance, Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 23 to 30 November, 1991. The Meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

2. Attendance

- 2.1 The Session was attended by 104 representatives, alternates and advisors of the following Members, Associate Members, and Affiliate Members.

17 Members: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

1 Associate Member: Hong Kong

15 Affiliate Members: Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited, Hong Kong Telecom International, PT. Indosat, PT. Telekomunikasi Indonesia, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, Kokusai Denshin Denwa Company Limited, Korea Telecom, Dacom, Korea Mobile Telecommunication Company, Eastern Telecommunications Philippines Inc., Globe MacKay Cable and Radio Corporation, Philippine Global Communications Inc., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, Communications Authority of Thailand and Telephone Organization of Thailand.

2 Eligible Non-Members: Macau and Federated States of Micronesia.

- 2.2 Representatives from the following International Organizations attended as observers: Forum Secretariat, International Maritime Organization, International Telecommunication Union, International Satellite Organization, International Maritime Satellite Organization, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

- 2.3 Representatives from other Administrations and Organizations also attended as observers: Telecon OY of Finland, France Telecom, CPRM and Canada.
3. **Opening of the Session**
- 3.1 The Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. Setyanto P. Santosa thanked the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the excellent arrangements and for the warm hospitality extended to all delegates. He welcomed new members especially the Mongolian People's Republic, and Affiliate Members - two from Indonesia; PT. Indosat and PT. Telekomunikasi Indonesia and one from Maldives; Dhiraagu Private Limited. He looked forward to Sri Lanka Telecom becoming an Affiliate Member soon. He welcomed all delegates and observers to the 15th Session of the Management Committee.
4. **Adoption of Agenda**
- 4.1 The Chairman invited comments on the Provisional Agenda. The Agenda as given in Annex I was adopted.
- 4.2 The Chairman informed the Meeting that there would be two working groups relating to Budget and Work Programmes and these would be chaired by the two Vice Chairmen of the Management Committee.
5. **Chairman of the Drafting Committee**
- 5.1 It was unanimously agreed that Mr. P.K. Wickramarachi from Sri Lanka would be the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, assisted by Mr. John Hughes from Australia, Mr. Hussain Shareef from Maldives and Mr. Masahisa Matsubara from Japan.

II. STATEMENTS OF MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS

- 6.1 The Chairman invited member administrations who wished to make statements to the Management Committee Meeting.
- 6.2 Delegates from Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, India, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Philippines, Pakistan and People's Republic of China delivered their statements. These are summarized below, with the full texts attached as Annex II.
- 6.3 The Delegate from Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr Hossein Mahyar expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity given to him to address this august gathering. He sincerely thanked the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for hosting the Extra Ordinary Session of the General Assembly and the Fifteenth Session of the Management Committee in this beautiful city of Colombo.

- 6.4 He then drew the attention of the Meeting to the question whether it would be possible for every developing member country to benefit from the facilities of international telecommunication networks in the most economic and practical manner. He requested for establishing closer cooperation in APT which would further a spirit of team work in international forums. He added that no one would expect a miracle - the wisdom of countries and the attitude of delegates would facilitate APT's activities in the coming years and provide opportunities to the countries of the region to achieve greater success. He assured full cooperation for the progress of the APT.
- 6.5 The Delegate from the Republic of Indonesia, Mr Soegiharto expressed his profound gratitude to the host country, Sri Lanka for the excellent organization and arrangement as well as his country's best support towards the success of this esteemed conference. He reiterated the specific characteristics of the Asia-Pacific region which has more than half the global population, consisting of countries with diverse levels of development ranging from developing, newly industrialised as well as developed countries.
- 6.6 He mentioned that Indonesia has been very active since becoming a member of APT in 1985 and it has since enlarged its membership by bringing in PT. Indosat and PT. Telekomunikasi Indonesia to the APT. He said that Indonesia would continue to strengthen its participation through extra budgetary contributions in kind to the APT, particularly in the field of satellite communications. Indonesia hoped that in future APT would continue to strengthen its eminent role in fostering telecom development in the region, continue to work cooperatively with other international organizations, promote the implementation of single international standard of the ITU and to identify the work programmes which are most important for member countries.
- 6.7 The Delegate from Japan, Mr Kiyoshi Oida expressed his sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Sri Lanka for their excellent preparation of the meeting and their warm hospitality. He also thanked the Executive Director and the staff of the APT for their contribution. APT has played and will continue to play a pivotal role in the telecom field in the Asia Pacific region. He assured both technical and financial support from the Japanese Administration to the APT. He emphasised that Japan considered human resource development to be focal and it would continue to dedicate greater efforts to further improvement of human resources.
- 6.8 The Delegate from Australia, Mr Tom Dale thanked Sri Lanka for hosting the 15th Management Committee and Special General Assembly of the APT. Australia believes that the APT is well-placed to continue to make a major contribution to the process of change in the areas of technical development and training. Policy and regulatory structures are also being examined by member countries to ensure that they meet new circumstances, and therefore APT is a valuable forum to consult on common concerns and propose solutions.

Australia is pleased to be able to contribute to the work of APT through active participation in its various activities. Australia also noted the recent major changes to its telecommunication policy, resulting in significant liberalization of all services. In conclusion, Australia noted the absence of Mr Peter Davidson from their delegation, explaining his retirement from OTC and acknowledged his invaluable contribution to the APT over many years. The meeting endorsed Australia's comments.

- 6.9 The Delegate from India, Mr A. M. Joshi thanked Sri Lanka for the excellent arrangements made and the warm hospitality extended to delegates. He also expressed his gratitude to the Honourable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, his colleagues in the Ministry and to Dr. Arthur C. Clarke for their presence in the inaugural session. He appreciated the efforts made by APT and ITU in developing telecommunication infrastructure in the Asia Pacific region and extended the full support of the Indian Administration in promoting regional cooperation in telecommunications under the aegis of APT and SAARC. He said that India has a large telecom training infrastructure which could be made use of by the APT. He hoped that the pace of activities of the APT will increase further for the benefit of its members.
- 6.10 The Delegate from the Republic of Korea, Mr Lee Chul-Sung extended his sincere appreciation to the APT Secretariat and to the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the splendid arrangements made for this meeting. He said that in the rapidly changing telecom environment, we must see ourselves as members of the global community. He hoped that this event would further our joint efforts to develop telecommunications in the Asia Pacific region and stated that the Republic of Korea would continue to cooperate with all the members of the APT.
- 6.11 The Delegate from Hong Kong, Mr K. S. Wong extended his sincere appreciation to the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the excellent arrangements made and for their warm hospitality extended to the delegates. He also thanked the APT Secretariat for the successful implementation of the work programme.
- 6.12 The Delegate from the Philippines, Mr Fidelo Dumlao expressed appreciation to the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the warm hospitality extended to all the delegates. He said that the major objective of the APT is to ensure the balanced growth of telecom in the region at a pace commensurate with economic and social developments. He said that telecom services in the Philippines are already deregulated which had resulted in the provision of better services to customers.
- 6.13 The Delegate from Pakistan, Mr Akhtar Hussain Malik thanked the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for their excellent arrangements. He also thanked the Royal Government of Thailand for offering host facilities to APT since its inception. He said that Pakistan is expanding its telecom services significantly and thanked the neighbouring countries for their support. He sought cooperation from APT in developing human resources and telecom services in Pakistan.
- 6.14 The Delegate from People's Republic of China, Mr Wang Zhanning thanked the Executive Director and the APT Secretariat for their successful implementation of the Work Programme and activities during 1991. He observed that with its limited budget, APT is playing an increasingly important role in the development of telecommunications in the region. He offered to host two training courses in China during 1992 in which the accommodation and daily expenses of the participants would be borne by the Chinese Administration. He also offered to exchange bilateral study visits through APT for administrative and technical personnel of member administrations.

III. STATEMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 7.1 A message from Dr. Pekka Tarjanne Secretary General of ITU was presented by Mr. M. Ansari, Regional Director Asia Pacific Region of ITU.
- 7.2 In his message, Dr. Tarjanne said that the founder members of APT were men of great foresight who could foresee the benefits in setting up a regional telecom organization which could apply itself specifically to the problems of telecom development and operations. The phenomenal success achieved by the Telecommunity during its 12 years of existence especially in providing a forum for coordination among the countries of the region has fully justified the trust placed in the organization by its founder members.
- 7.3 Dr. Tarjanne observed that the rapidly changing telecom infrastructure in the Asia Pacific region is marked by a new dynamism whose impact can be seen in almost all segments of telecom development. He further added that within the larger context of Transport and Communication Decade for Asia and Pacific, telecommunication has been recognised as an important element of the regional action programme and ITU has put forward a number of new proposals for funding by the UNDP. There will be a need for enhanced APT/ITU collaboration in realizing the objectives of these programmes. Dr. Tarjanne felt that the Colombo Meetings will be seen as yet another milestone in the cooperation among countries and they will serve to focus attention on inadequacies in telecom infrastructure so that appropriate direction is given to activities during the Transport and Communications decade for Asia and Pacific.
- 7.4 The delegate from the International Maritime Organization, Mr Tsuguo Awai thanked the Government of Sri Lanka and the APT for extending an invitation to the IMO to participate in the meetings. He said that his Organization recognizes the significant importance of international cooperation in implementing the GMDSS and, therefore, they very much appreciate the work carried out by the APT in developing telecommunications including GMDSS in this region. He recollected with appreciation the regional seminars relating to maritime services by APT in 1989 and in 1990 - both of which produced excellent results. He hoped that the cooperation between APT and IMO will further contribute towards the development of telecommunications in the Asia Pacific region.
- 7.5 The Representative of INTELSAT, Dr Eui Koh said that it is a great privilege for his organization to be invited to the APT Meetings in Colombo. INTELSAT is very proud to have been a telecommunication service provider in the Asia Pacific region for the last 25 years. The INTELSAT assistance and development programme was set up in 1978 to provide assistance to the INTELSAT countries. To date nearly 100 countries have benefitted from the programme. Types of assistance provided under this programme include planning and development of international and domestic satellite services and human resource development, etc. He said that INTELSAT would like to cooperate with APT and other international organizations in this area.

- 7.6 The representative from UNESCO, Mr Martin Hadlow thanked the Government of Sri Lanka and said that his organization enjoyed a fruitful association with the APT. UNESCO values that link and looks forward to an enhanced and closer relationship in the years ahead. In the communication sector, UNESCO and APT have several similar aims, especially in relation to the provision of information services to the people of the region, and it is very appropriate that these two organizations complement each other's work, thus ensuring the most beneficial and efficient use of scarce resources.
- 7.7 Mr. D. Sagar described INMARSAT's wide range of global maritime, aeronautical and mobile services that are now available, characterized by increasing portability through reduced weight and size of mobile terminals, continuing reduction in cost of terminals and usage and improved spectrum utilization; longer term plans included hand-held satellite phones available globally, possibly through an integrated network of geo-stationary and low and high earth orbit satellites.
- 7.8 The Asia-Pacific region was well served by INMARSAT space segment capacity, and over 30 countries in the Region were benefiting from mobile-satellite services; the maritime services were particularly used by container cargo and fishing vessels and for distress and safety purposes in the GMDSS. The world's first commercial satellite telephone services for airline passengers were provided in the Region by Singapore Airlines in September 1991; land mobile-satellite services were expected to expand rapidly in the Region for long-distance transportation, remote and rural communications, environmental monitoring and flood control, emergency relief in natural disasters and many other applications.
- 7.9 Twelve APT member states were also members of INMARSAT, and it was hoped that more states of the region, including some island states, would join in order to participate directly in INMARSAT's policy making processes.
- 7.10 Cooperation between APT and INMARSAT continued to flourish through joint seminars on subjects such as mobile-satellite communications in the Region, regulatory issues and preparation for WARC-92, as well as APT advice in implementing INMARSAT's development programme, and in other ways.
- 7.11 Particular reference was made to the need for governments in the Region to implement the recommendations of the 1990 joint meeting in Bangkok in facilitating the transborder use of land mobile earth stations, in order to assist international trade, economic and social development and public safety within the Region.
- 7.12 The full statements are attached as Annex III.

IV. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1991 (Doc.No. MC-15/4 Rev. 2)

- 8.1 The Chairman of the Management Committee invited the Executive Director to present his annual report for the year 1991. He also advised the Executive Director to briefly cover the contents of the document No. APT/MC-15/7, APT/MC-15/8, APT/MC-15/9, APT/MC-15/11, APT/MC-15/12, APT/MC-15/16.2, APT/MC-15/16.3, APT/MC-15/17.1, APT/MC-15/17.2 and APT/MC-15/17.3.
- 8.2 Mr. Chao Thongma, Executive Director of the APT presented his report to the Management Committee in which he also elaborated upon the contents of the Management Committee documents mentioned in para 8.1 above.
- 8.3 The Chairman congratulated the Executive Director and the APT Secretariat for successfully implementing APT activities during the year. He then referred the report to the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget for consideration.
- 8.4 The Working Group on Work Programme acknowledged the Executive Director's annual report and expressed its appreciations and thanks for his services during the year. The Working Group recommended adoption of the report by the Management Committee.
- 8.5 The report was also introduced by the Executive Director to the Working Group on Budget. He said that the percentage for resources devoted to A, B and C budget items were 19%, 3% and 78% respectively, including extra-budgetary contribution. The Chairman also noted that the important criterion of 50% regular budget expenditure on the Work Programme had been met.
- 8.6 Some delegations sought clarification for the difference in some figures mentioned in documents No. APT/MC-15/4 Rev. 2 and APT/MC-15/16.1 Rev. 1 which were provided by the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director.
- 8.7 With discussion and clarification, the Report was adopted subject to the figures as discussed being brought into line with those of document No. APT/MC-15/16.2 Rev. 1.

V. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (Doc. No. MC-15/8)

- 9.1 The Executive Director presented the report of the Consultative Committee for Coordination (CCC). He said that three meetings of the CCC were held during the year and cooperation with other international organizations has been strengthened.

APT has organized seminars with important regional organizations like the Asian Development Bank, the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, International Maritime Satellite Organization and the Asian Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology. Implementation of joint programmes is being discussed with ESCAP.

The Chairman referred the report to the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget for consideration.

- 9.2 The Working Group on Work Programme acknowledged the report, noted that three meetings of the CCC have taken place during 1991 and recommended that a summary of the outcome of CCC meetings in 1992 onwards be sent to the Member administrations.
- 9.3 The Deputy Executive Director presented the report in the Budget Committee. He said that the results of coordination have been very positive. He made particular mention of the results of coordination with INMARSAT, INTELSAT and International Red Cross over disaster communication. He believed that it could be useful to organize a seminar on these items. The Executive Director mentioned that in the APT/ADB Seminar, the Secretariat has utilized an amount of US\$179,022 only as against the total amount of US\$ 221,675 offered by the ADB. He also said that successful discussions had been held with ESCAP's APCTT and a seminar was jointly organized on Transfer of Technology.
- 9.4 A delegate of the Philippines congratulated the Executive Director on his team's work and expressed the hope that this would continue.
- 9.5 In response to a question by a delegate from Australia, the Executive Director mentioned that UNDP is tentatively considering provision of funds for APT projects amounting to US\$ 8 million. He, however, said that he was doubtful about consideration of APTEL for this funding. He also clarified that the possibility of UNDP funding is only tentative.
- 9.6 Following the discussion, the Chairman thanked the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director on their efforts which he thought most helpful.
- 9.7 The contents of Doc. No. MC-15/8 were noted.

VI. THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEMINARS HELD IN 1991 (Doc. No. APT/MC-15/9)

- 10.1 The Executive Director presented the papers outlining the reports, conclusions and recommendations of the following seminars/workshops organized by the APT during 1991:
 1. Rural Telecommunications, 6 - 12 February 1991, Brisbane, Australia jointly organized with Telecom Australia.

2. Tokyo Forum 91 on Asia Pacific Mobile Communications, 26 February - 2 March 1991, Tokyo, Japan jointly with Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Japan.
 3. Information Age Challenges for the Telecom Sector in Asia-Pacific Region, 19 - 22 March 1991, Bangkok, Thailand jointly with ADB.
 4. Regional Seminar Preparatory to WARC 92, 5 - 8 August 1991, Bangkok, Thailand jointly with ABU/INMARSAT.
 5. Techtrans 91 Hi-Tech Seminar, 20 - 25 August 1991, Bangalore, India jointly with APCTT.
- 10.2 The Management Committee took note of the conclusions and recommendations of the seminars and referred the report to the Working Group on Work Programme for its consideration.
 - 10.3 The Working Group approved the Recommendations of the Seminars already held in 1991 and recommended that the recommendations be implemented if they are in accordance with the approved Work Programme.
 - 10.4 The Management Committee noted the recommendations of the Working Group on Work Programme.

VII. THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY GROUPS (Doc. No. APT/MC-15/10)

- 11.1 The Chairman of the Study Groups Mr. Bambang Sulistyono presented the Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups for 1991.
- 11.2 The 11th Session of the Study Groups was held in Chiangmai, Thailand from 10 - 17 September 1991 and the Report is available in a separate booklet.
- 11.3 The Chairman of the Management Committee thanked the Chairman of the Study Groups and referred the report to the Working Group on Work Programme for detailed discussion. The Working Group acknowledged the Report and expressed its thanks to all concerned for their efforts.
- 11.4 The Australian delegation acknowledged the improvement in the performance of the Study Groups noting that the new fellowship criteria approved at the 1989 Management Committee Meeting should remain a priority for the Secretariat, in selecting member country representatives to attend the annual Study Groups meetings.
- 11.5 The Working Group also agreed that the Seminar on Optical Fibre proposed by the Study Group is now not necessary because detailed studies on the subject have been undertaken by the CCITT. The future work of this Study Group will be undertaken by correspondence subject to consultation with its Vice-Chairman.

- 11.6 It was agreed that a new proposed question for Study Group 5 on increasing the transmission capacity on existing open-wire lines and cables would be accepted if agreed by Member Administrations, after consultation.
- 11.7 Delegations were requested to expedite replies to Study Group questionnaires from the 12 respective Administrations.
- 11.8 The offer of the Australian Administration (through Telecom Australia) to host the 12th Study Groups Meeting in Sydney in September 1992 was accepted with gratitude.
- 11.9 The 15th Session of the Management Committee approved the recommendations of the Working Group on Work Programme concerning Study Group activity.

VIII. THE REPORT ON THE APT MEMBERSHIP (Doc. No. APT/MC-15/11)

- 12.1 The Executive Director reported that in 1991, Mongolia People's Republic joined the APT as a full Member and PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia, PT Indosat and Dhiraagu of Maldives joined as Affiliate Members.
- 12.2 New Zealand, Niue, Macau, Papua New Guinea, Guam, Republic of Palau, Micronesia and Bhutan have indicated an interest in joining the APT.
- 12.3 The Chairman referred the document to the Working Group on Budget for consideration. The Working Group and subsequently the Management Committee noted the contents of the document.

IX. HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH THE HOST COUNTRY AND AGREEMENT WITH MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Doc. Nos. APT MC-15/12.1 and APT-MC-15/12.2)

- 13.1 The Executive Director reported that a revised draft Headquarters Agreement remained under review by the Government of Thailand. Meanwhile, the Government of Thailand has accorded the APT and its officials the same privileges and immunities as were accorded to UN organizations.
- 13.2 The Management Committee took note of the documents and requested the member Administrations to expedite finalization of the Headquarters Agreement.

**X. CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SWP
ON THE REPORT OF THE REVIEW OF THE APT
CARRIED OUT BY A CONSULTANT IN 1990
AND PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL RESTRUCTURING,
POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND SELECTION CRITERIA
FOR APT PROFESSIONAL STAFF
(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/13)**

- 14.1 Document No. MC-15/13 on Recommendations of the SWP was presented by Mr. Riluvan Shareef, Chairman of the Special Working Party. Mr. Shareef gave the background to the consultancy report prepared as a consequence to activities following the 10th Anniversary of the APT. As a delegate of Maldives, he also thanked the Government of Sri Lanka for the excellent arrangements made for the meetings.
- 14.2 He said that the 14th Session of the Management Committee entrusted the SWP to prepare detailed criteria and position description for professional positions. The SWP was also requested to report to the Management Committee for decision, additional proposals for restructuring of the Secretariat and some other associated matters. Consequently, the SWP has made comprehensive recommendations for the consideration of the 15th Session of the Management Committee. The detailed recommendations are available in the document No. MC-15/3.
- 14.3 The Chairman referred the document to the Working Group on Budget.
- 14.4 The recommendations of the SWP were examined by a sub group constituted under the chairmanship of Mr. A. M. Joshi of India and the Report, including its recommendations and Resolutions is attached as Annex IV. The Management Committee adopted the sub-group's report including its recommendations and resolution.
- 14.5 The Management Committee noted that the Special Working Party has completed its task and conveyed its appreciation to the Chairman and the Members of the SWP for completing the work.

**XI. THE REPORT OF THE ITU PROJECT COORDINATOR
ON APTEL DATABASE (Doc. No. APT/MC-15/14)
AND
SECRETARIAT REPORT ON APTEL DATABASE SYSTEM
(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/14.1 Rev 1)**

- 15.1 The Executive Director presented document No. 14.1 on APTEL Database Project and mentioned that there had been detailed discussions on the APTEL Database on 22 November 1991 and that the Management Committee is requested to decide the future course of action for APTEL because ITU/UNDP funding for the Project will not be available since 1 January 1992 onwards.

- 15.2 The Executive Director said that the Consultant's Report on the APTEL Business Case had already been distributed to delegates and has also been presented in the meeting held on 22 November 1991 by Dr. Peter Booth, the Consultant for the Business Case study.
- 15.3 The Chairman referred the documents to the Working Group on Work Programme for further consideration.
- 15.4 The Working Group acknowledged the documents and noted that the most important issue to be addressed was the issue of funding the APTEL facility in 1992 after the ITU hands it over.
- 15.5 There was a consensus that the APTEL Information System was a useful facility and was deserving of support. There was no consensus, however, on how to fund it in 1992. Nine delegations expressed their willingness to contribute financially to ensure the facility's viability, while another seven delegations, each for its own reason, could not express such willingness at the meeting.
- 15.6 A compromise was debated by the Working Group, under the terms of which an allocation of US\$ 76,000 would be funded by reducing other items in the 1992 work programme regular budget. The nine delegations willing to contribute financially would endeavour to supplement the amount of US\$ 76,000 with their own contributions and with subsidies from other sources.
- 15.7 The Management Committee agreed to continue the APTEL Information System on a trial basis in 1992, as an element of the main Work Programme.
- 15.8 A draft Resolution on the future of APTEL Information System (Annex V) was presented to the Management Committee and adopted.
- 15.9 During the discussions, it was pointed out that if the APT takes over the APTEL, it will not be able to do any other work except the APTEL project. It was then explained that the word 'APT' as mentioned in para 2.1 of the proposed resolution does not mean APT Secretariat only. A mechanism for taking over the APTEL system will be finalised by the Advisory Group. With this explanation, the resolution was adopted.
- 15.10 A proposed plan for the APTEL Information System for 1992 was also presented by the Advisory Group and noted by the Management Committee.

XII. EXPENDITURE AND AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1990

(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/16.1)

- 16.1 The Executive Director presented the Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 1990 as given in Document No. APT/MC-15/16.1.
- 16.2 The Management Committee agreed to adopt the Report without amendment.

XIII. REVISED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1991 **(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/16.2)**

- 17.1 The Executive Director presented the Budget Estimates for the year 1991 as given in Document No. APT/MC-15/16.3.
- 17.2 The Chairman then referred the paper to the Working Group on Budget for its consideration. The full report of the Working Group on Budget is at Annex X.
- 17.3 The revised budget was approved and adopted by the Management Committee.

XIV. BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1992 **(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/16.3)**

- 18.1 The Executive Director presented the Budget Estimates for the year 1992, as given in Doc. No. APT/MC-15/16.3. The estimates were then referred to the Working Group on Budget for detailed consideration.
- 18.2 As decided by the last General Assembly in 1990, the unit cost of contribution for 1992 was agreed to be US\$ 6,250 which is 10% more than last year's value of the unit contribution.
- 18.3 It was also agreed that the Secretariat's proposed budget for 1992 should remain within the limit of expenditure agreed by the General Assembly which amounted to US\$1,030,110.
- 18.4 After making adjustments to the budget for which 50% goes to work programme, the Budget Estimates for the year 1992 was approved and adopted by the Working Group. The Management Committee subsequently adopted the Working Group's Report (see Annex X).

XV. WORK PROGRAMME OF THE TELECOMMUNITY **REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1991** **(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/17.1)**

WORK PLAN FOR THE YEARS 1992-93 **(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/17.2)**

WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1992 **(Doc. No. APT/MC-17.3)**

- 19.1 The Executive Director presented the Documents Nos. APT/MC-15/17.1, APT/MC-15/17.2 and APT/MC-15/17.3 concerning the Work Programme of the Telecommunity.
- 19.2 The Executive Director highlighted the main activities of the Work Programme implemented during 1991 and said that 1991 was a very successful year for the APT regarding implementation of the Work Programme. He also said that in accordance with the decisions taken at Beijing in 1990, a two year work plan for 1992 - 1993 has been prepared for approval of the Management Committee and 3-year work plan will be instituted at the 1993 General Assembly to be implemented from the beginning of 1994.
- 19.3 The Chairman thanked the Executive Director for the successful implementation of the Work Programme and referred the documents to the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget for consideration.
- 19.4 The documents were acknowledged and discussed extensively by the Working Group on Work Programme.
- 19.5 The Working Group recommended that the following four Seminars be organized for 1992:

	Topic	Venue	Month
1.	Intelsat Business Services	Bangkok	Feb 1992
2.	VSAT Applications	Brunei	May 1992
3.	Consumers' Forum to celebrate Thai National Communications Day	Bangkok	Aug 1992
4.	Digital Mobile Communications	Sydney	Sept 1992

- 19.6 The Working Group also recommended that fellowships be provided to APT Members to attend the CommunicAsia Seminar on Information Technology and Telecommunications in Singapore in June 1992.
- 19.7 It was also agreed that any balance of money left over from Seminar activities should go to the provision of fellowships for the Marketing and Liberalization Seminar to be organized by the South Pacific Forum in New Zealand in September 1992.
- 19.8 The Working Group reaffirmed its policy of according the highest priority to Study Groups and Seminars and the lowest priority to the experts' missions.
- 19.9 The extra-budgetary contributions from various administrations as mentioned in the report of the Working Group were noted.

- 19.10 The Working Group appreciated the work of the Secretariat in compiling the Document No. MC-15/17.2 which ran to 83 detailed pages. The Working Group recommended that the Projects APTEAM and APTHAN be approved, provided that if the extra-budgetary contributions for these projects were large ones, then the consultative mechanism as decided by the MC will be activated.
- 19.11 It was decided not to proceed ahead with APTICA and TELETRANS Projects.
- 19.12 The Recommendations of the Working Group on Work Programme were adopted by the Management Committee.
- 19.13 Subject to these recommendations, the Management Committee approved the proposed Work Plan for 1992 - 1993 and the Work Programme for 1992. The report of the Working Group is attached as Annex XI.

**XVI. EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND TO BE PLEDGED
BY MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/18 Rev. 1)**

- 20.1 The document was introduced by the Executive Director in the Plenary and was referred by the Chairman to the Working Group on Budget.
- 20.2 The delegations from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, the Philippines, Korea Telecom, KDD and NTT offered extra budgetary contributions in kind as detailed in the reports of the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget. (See Annex X)
- 20.3 The Management Committee acknowledged the contributions with gratitude and thanked the Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for their support.

**XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CASH CONTRIBUTION
FROM NEW MEMBERS
(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/19.1)**

- 21.1 The Executive Director presented the Document No. APT/MC-15/19.1.
- 21.2 Since the Constitution already covers the point sufficiently well, it was felt that the Executive Director had sufficient authority under the Constitution to request payment by new Members, at his discretion.

- 21.3 The Management Committee therefore decided to just note the document.

XVIII. PUBLICATION OF APT TELECOM JOURNAL (Doc. No. APT/MC-15/20.1)

- 22.1 The Executive Director introduced the Document No. APT/MC-15/20.1 on Publication of APT Journal and said that a draft agreement for publication of the Journal by a publishing agency is placed for consideration of the Management Committee. The document was referred to the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget.
- 22.2 The Working Groups recommended that continued support for the Journal and agreed that the Executive Director could proceed ahead to sign the Publishing Agreement for an initial period of two years. The delegations of Australia, Philippines, India and Indonesia indicated that they will actively solicit subscriptions to the journal and suggested that other members take similar action.
- 22.3 The Management Committee approved the recommendations of the Working Groups.

XIX. PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE WORK PROGRAMME (Doc. No. APT MC-15/20.2)

- 23.1 The document was introduced by the Executive Director in the plenary and was referred to the Working Group in the Work Programme by the Chairman.
- 23.2 The Working Group thanked the Secretariat for instituting the procedure. It felt that the questionnaires were useful but their formats should be kept under continuing review.
- 23.3 The Management Committee noted the comments of the Working Group.

**XX. PROPOSAL TO ALLOW PRIVATE COMPANIES
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APT ACTIVITIES
(Doc. No. APT MC-15/21)**

- 24.1 The document was introduced by the Special Working Party in the plenary by the Chairman of the SWP and was subsequently referred to the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget. The Working Groups decided to recommend to the Management Committee that it approved the Special Working Party Recommendations on this matter, subject to slight amendment.
- 24.2 A resolution to allow private companies to participate in the APT activities was subsequently adopted by the Management Committee. The text of the resolution is placed at Annex VII.
- 24.3 The Management Committee also agreed with the recommendation of the SWP that the Proposal should be managed by the APT Secretariat and any increase in the Secretariat costs should be compensated by contributions from the 'companies'.

**XXI. EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION
(APT/MC-15/19.3)**

- 25.1 The Executive Director presented the Document No. APT/MC-15/19.3 regarding extra budgetary contributions and their importance to the APT. The document contained a resolution recommending the APT request member countries to endeavour to raise more funds for extra budgetary contributions. This resolution with slight amendments was adopted by the Management Committee (Annex IX).
- 25.2 The Management Committee also approved the following guidelines regarding Extra-budgetary contributions planned for 1992.
1. Special Funds will be used for additional activities covering training, dispatch of experts, study visits and seminars in new telecommunication technology such as Mobile Telephone, ISDN, Digital Switching, Optical Fibres, etc.
 2. Special Funds will be used for satisfying requests from member countries that have not yet been satisfied.
 3. Special Funds will be used for the urgent need of member countries.
- 25.3 In order to streamline the procedure for accepting the extra-budgetary contributions offered in between its MC Meetings, the Management Committee adopted a guideline for Member Administrations and APT Secretariat concerning extra-budgetary contributions. This guideline is placed at Annex VIII.

**XXII. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE CHAIRMEN
OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
(Doc. No. APT/MC-15/3)**

- 26.1 The Chairman, Mr. Setyanto announced that according to Article 9 Para 6 of the Constitution of the APT, the Management Committee should therefore elect a Chairman and two Vice Chairmen for the next two years term.
- 26.2 The Chairman said that he had already served two years and he thanked some members who requested him to serve the second term. He apologized for not being able to comply with the request due to some considerations, amongst others was the principle of APT affairs which should be managed by all members from different member countries.
- 26.3 The Chairman then gave the floor to all delegates to nominate the Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 26.4 The Delegate from Maldives, Mr Riluvan Shareef, first of all, congratulated the Chairman, Mr Setyanto on behalf of all the members for his excellent conduct of the affairs of the Management Committee for the past two years, as well as exofficio in the consultative mechanism of the APT. He was certain that there were no words for him to describe the excellent manner in which Mr Setyanto has assisted the membership and the Telecommunity in the good and fair conducts of the Management Committee and other related meetings.
- 26.5 He then nominated the distinguished Delegate from Sri Lanka, Mr P. K. Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee for the forthcoming term of two years. He further added that Mr Wickramarachi is not a stranger to APT as he has an excellent background in the affairs of APT, both as Director of Telecommunications before and during his term as Project Engineer in the APT. The Delegate from Maldives placed all his confidence in Mr Wickramarachi and therefore proposed the Management Committee to select Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 26.6 The Delegate from Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr Hossein Mahyar thanked the Chairman, Mr Setyanto for his excellent job for the past two years. He then endorsed the proposal of Maldives and supported the nomination of Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 26.7 The Delegate from People's Republic of China, Mr Wang Zhanning thanked the Chairman, Mr Setyanto for the excellent job. He especially thanked Mr Setyanto for his great help during his election as President of APT. He then endorsed the proposal of Maldives and supported Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee
- 26.8 The Delegate from Australia thanked the Chairman for his contribution to the work of the APT over a long number of years, not only as Chairman but also as Vice Chairman for two terms.

She then endorsed the proposal of Maldives and supported Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee.

- 26.9 The Delegate from Philippines congratulated the Chairman for his untiring job that he had extended to the organization for the past three years, adding that his contribution towards the organization will not be forgotten by APT members. He then joined others in nominating Mr Wickramarachi from Sri Lanka as Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 26.10 The Delegate from Brunei Darussalam thanked the Chairman for carrying out the duties of chairmanship for the last two years with most diligent attitude and hoped that he would still be able to participate in the forthcoming years possibly as a delegate of Indonesia.
- 26.11 The Delegate from Japan thanked the Chairman for his excellent leadership in the activities of the APT. He then endorsed the proposal of Maldives and supported Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 26.12 The Delegate from India thanked the Chairman for his able chairmanship as well as his long years as Vice Chairman of APT. He also endorsed the proposal of Maldives and supported Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee.
- 26.13 The Chairman then thanked all the members and concluded that by acclamation the Management Committee agreed and approved the nomination of Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee for the next term.
- 26.14 The Chairman then opened the floor to the delegates for the election of two Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee.
- 26.15 The Delegate from the Philippines nominated the distinguished Delegates from Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr Hossein Mahyar and the distinguished Delegate from Australia, Mr Robert Scoble who had shown excellent leadership in the handling of the respective groups, as Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee.
- 26.16 The Delegate from Sri Lanka endorsed the proposal of the Philippines and supported Mr Hossein Mahyar from Islamic Republic of Iran and Mr Robert Scoble from Australia as Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee.

He extended his sincere appreciation to the Chairman, Mr Setyanto for his great leadership and hoped that he would continue to support the Telecommunity in the coming years.

He then thanked all the delegates for their support and confidence shown in Mr Wickramarachi as Chairman of the Management Committee.

- 26.17 The Delegate from Pakistan thanked the Chairman, Mr Setyanto for his excellent job and also welcomed the new Chairman Mr Wickramarachi. He supported the nomination of Mr Hossein Mahyar and Mr Robert Scoble as Vice Chairmen of the Management Committee.
- 26.18 The Chairman then concluded that the Management Committee agreed to nominate Mr Hossein Mahyar and Mr Robert Scoble as Vice Chairmen of the Management Committee for the next term.

- 26.19 Mr Wickramarachi expressed his regret that Mr Setyanto who has been doing an excellent job is not opting for another term. He further added that he would do his best to carry out the work done by all the past Chairmen, including the immediate Chairman, Mr Setyanto. He is aware of the responsibility attached to the Chairman and he would do whatever possible within the resources available and would make great effort to see that the good work is continued without interruption. He said that Mr Setyanto has steered the Management Committee so diligently and efficiently and it is not easy for him and that he would have to work hard to ensure that the work is carried out without interruption. He is especially delighted to work with APT due to his close association during his term as Project Engineer from 1985 -1988.

Also from the point of view of Sri Lanka, it has been going through many structural changes which has resulted in the passing of the new telecom act in Sri Lanka, hence the setting up of a regulatory body headed by the Director General of Telecoms and a transfer of Telecom Department to a public corporation, the Sri Lanka Telecom.

He was delighted that in his first year as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Sri Lanka Telecoms, he has the privilege to become the Chairman of the Management Committee and he was happy that Sri Lanka Telecom has been admitted as an Affiliate member of the APT.

He thanked all the delegates and appreciated the great efforts made by the two Vice-Chairmen, Mr Hossein Mahyar and Mr Robert Scoble and the Executive Director, Mr Chao Thongma and the Deputy Executive Director, Mr Hiroyasu Sonoki and all the staff of APT for working very hard during the past many days. He also thanked his own secretariat staff. He especially thanked Mr Gunasekera for his support in the organization of the meetings.

- 26.20 Mr Chao Thongma, on behalf of the APT, congratulated Mr Wickramarachi on his election as Chairman of the Management Committee. He also congratulated the two Vice Chairmen, Mr Hossein Mahyar and Mr Robert Scoble on their election as Vice Chairmen for the second term. He has full confidence in them and he look forward to working together to achieve the objectives of the Telecommunity. He expressed his grateful thanks to Mr Setyanto who is well known for his efficient and intelligent way in conducting the Management Committee Meeting very successfully.

Mr Chao then presented an appreciation plaque to Mr Setyanto. He also presented the flag of APT to the competent Chairman.

- 26.21 Mr Robert Scoble thanked the members of the APT for demonstrating their confidence in him. He promised that he would do his best to uphold the principles in the APT Constitution.

He congratulated his colleagues, Mr Wickramarachi and Mr Mahyar on their elections and he was grateful to the Management Committee for electing two such outstanding gentlemen with whom it would be very easy to work.

He thanked Mr Setyanto for being his guru in teaching him the Vice Chairman's job. He further added that much of his career has been spent in Indochina and to his great satisfaction his principal proposer and seconder last year were the representatives of Vietnam and Laos. But now that Cambodia has joined the U.N., he sincerely hoped that during his term of office he might have the pleasure of welcoming a Cambodian delegation to the meetings for the first time.

- 26.22 Mr Hossein Mahyar expressed his thanks to all the delegates and for the confidence shown in him in electing him for the second term. He said that he was very attached to APT and felt very honoured to serve the Telecommunity.

He thanked the APT Secretariat for assisting him in his first term. He thanked the host for their excellent and magnificent preparation.

XXIII. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

(Doc. No. MC-15/22)

- 27.1 There was no offer to host the 16th Session of the Management Committee of the APT.

If there is no offer forthcoming from members to host the next Management Committee Meeting, the Sixteenth Session of the Management Committee will be held at the APT's Headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand.

As recommended by the SWP, it will be held during the month of November 1992.

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PART II

ANNEXES

**FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

23 - 30 NOVEMBER 1991, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
4. Annual Report of the Executive Director for the year 1991
5. Statements of Member Administrations
6. Statements of Representatives of International and Regional Organizations
7. Relationship between APT and other International and Regional Organizations
8. The Report of the Consultative Committee for Co-ordination
9. The Reports and Recommendations of the Seminars held in 1991
10. The Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups
11. The Report on the APT Membership
12. Consideration of the Status of Draft Agreements
 - 12.1 Headquarters Agreement with the Host Country
 - 12.2 Agreement with Members and Associate Members
13. Consideration of the Recommendations of the SWP on the Report of the Review of the APT carried out by a Consultant in 1990
14. The Report of the ITU/UNDP Project, Regional Telecommunication Planning
 - 14.1 Secretariat Report on APTEL Database Project

15. Proposal by Special Working Party for general restructuring, Position Descriptions and Selection Criteria for APT Professional Staff
16. Finances of the Telecommunity
 - 16.1 Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 1990
 - 16.2 Revised Budget for the year 1991
 - 16.3 Budget Estimates for the year 1992
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17. Work Programme of the Telecommunity
 - 17.1 Review of the Work Programme for the year 1991
 - 17.2 Proposed two year work plan (1992 - 1993)
 - 17.3 Work Programme for the year 1992
18. Extra-Budgetary Contribution in Kind to be pledged by Members, Associate Members and other Organizations
19. Any other items proposed by Members, Associate Members, and the Executive Director of the Telecommunity
 - 19.1 Effective Date of Cash Contribution from New Members
 - 19.2 Vacancies for the Chairman and Vice Chairmen
 - 19.3 Extra Budgetary Contribution
20. Progress Report on the decision made by the last Management Committee
 - 20.1 APT Telecom Journal
 - 20.2 Procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the various activities in the Work Programme
21. Any other matters
 - 21.1 Proposal to allow Private Companies to participate in APT Activities
22. Date and Venue of the next Meeting
23. Closing of the Session

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STATEMENT OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Mr Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I should express my heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity given to me to address this August gathering. I would also like to extend my own and my delegation's warmest gratitudes to the Administration of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for hosting the Extra Ordinary Session of General Assembly and Fifteenth Session of the Management Committee in this beautiful city of Colombo.

On many different occasions, I have tried to elaborate one of the pressing and important subjects, which in my understanding, deserves equal attention from distinguished delegates. Many developing countries and Policy makers in the field of Telecommunication have been considering an important question, which concerns the International Telecommunication today and in the next decade - Would it be possible for every developing country to benefit from the facilities of international Telecommunication networks in most economical and practical manner? At present, the effect of telecommunication in the economical, social and cultural development of human societies is an approved fact; therefore the sensitivity of the policy makers should no doubtedly be attracted to this important matter. We may also agree that there are many issues that APT member countries may be interested to see that the International Organizations which accept them for the benefit of all gatherings with these points in mind. I have requested on many occasions to be mindful of our attitudes as APT member countries and express ourselves as APT community.

I may take this opportunity once more to invite distinguished delegates by further considering our requirements and our goals in APT and to establish closer co-operation in APT, so that we will practise a team work in international forums.

Having the experience of participation at the regional and world gatherings for a long time, I am confident that if all the APT member countries pay serious attention to closer co-operation in the international affairs for achieving the goals of their own and the region wide countries, great successes would be resulted, if we really work on this issue. APT should employ its thorough capabilities and potentials in the framework of the member countries' demands for further achievements of APT's goals. These capabilities should lead us towards our expected purposes more quickly than before. Further collaboration of the regional countries in many possible fields with the APT, would assure the great success of this Telecommunity. Nobody expects a miracle or the assistance of the others; the region wide countries are quite capable and there is no doubt that their wisdom and the providence and attitudes of the distinguished delegates will facilitate the APT's works and activities in the coming years and will make an opportunity for the regional countries to attain more success.

We on our part, are in line with our friends in the other member countries and will do our utmost for the more progress of the APT.

I ask God Almighty for the success of this meeting and good health of the distinguished delegates.

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STATEMENT OF REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Mr Chairman and Vice Chairmen
of the Management Committee,

The Executive Director and the
Deputy Executive Director,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Republic of Indonesia delegation, it is my highest privilege to express my delegation's profound gratitude to the host country, Sri Lanka for the excellent organization and arrangement as well as the best support towards the success of this esteemed conference.

Please allow me to reiterate the specific characteristics of the Asia-Pacific region which has more than half of the global population, consisting of countries with diversified levels of development ranging from the developing, newly industrialised as well as developed countries.

However, the region represents one of the fastest growing telecommunication industry as compared to other regions, which is 18% per annum on average. Added with a huge geographical coverage from Iran to US/Canada/Latin America, or with regard to APT upto ESCAP countries, it constitutes a tremendous strength in developing the world, in telecommunication in particular.

Joining the APT in 1985 as a member country, Indonesia has since then been active in almost any APT activities and hosted some conferences. Since January 1, 1991, the country enlarged its memberships through the countries of PT. Indosat (the international carrier) and PT. Telkom (previously Perumtel and domestic carrier), both as affiliate members.

As has been done in the past, Indonesia will continue to strengthen its participation through in kind contribution to APT particularly in satellite communication. The country wishes to express some hopes for the future development of APT in the following areas.

1. To continuance in strengthening its eminent role in fostering telecommunication development in the region.
2. To work cooperatively with other international organization/bodies in the region such as ITU/BDT, Intelsat, Inmarsat, PTC, ADB, UNDP, etc.
3. To promote the implementation of the single international standards of the ITU (CCITT and CCIR) in the region and thus does not support creation of regional standard setting bodies as this may harm the developing countries.
4. To identify more sharply and accurately work programmes which are of the most important for the member countries.

With this, I would like to conclude the statement of the Republic of Indonesia by wishing all the delegates of the Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee, a fruitful deliberation and a great success of the meetings.

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STATEMENT OF JAPAN

Mr Asoka de Z. Gunasekera, Vice-President
of the APT General Assembly,

Mr Setyanto P. R., Chairman
of the APT Management Committee,

Mr Chao Thongma, Executive Director
of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity,

Distinguished Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Japanese delegates, I have the honour to say a few words at this opening session. First of all, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Sri Lanka and related organizations for the excellent preparations for this meeting and their warm hospitality.

We wish also to express our appreciation to the Executive Director, Mr Chao Thongma, and all the staff of the APT who have contributed so much to this meeting.

It was long recognised that the 1990s would bring magnificent development in telecommunications in this region. There is no doubt about this so far. Current developments are based on the remarkable economic progress in this area, as well as on technological advances. We also recognise that mutual cooperation is more important than ever before in supporting such rapid developments in telecommunications.

We believe that the APT has played and will continue to play a pivotal role in the telecommunications field in this region. Therefore, we are happy to continue supporting the APT's activities, both financially and technically. Also, we are willing to transfer our experience and knowledge about telecommunications management. In particular, Japan considers human resource development, through seminars, training and dispatch of experts, to be focal, and will continue to put the greatest effort into further improvements in this regard.

Finally, I would like to welcome our newest member, Mongolia, and express our sincere hope that this meeting will strengthen the mutual understanding and friendship between all of us.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Mr Chairman and Vice Chairmen,
of the Management Committee,

The Executive Director and the
Deputy Executive Director,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Australia wishes to thank Shri Lanka for hosting the 15th Management Committee and Special General Assembly of the APT.

We meet here at a time of rapid change and growth in world telecommunications. Nowhere is this more evident than the Asia Pacific region. Australia believes that the APT is well-placed to continue to make a major contribution to the process of change in the areas of technical development and training. Policy and regulatory structures are being examined to ensure they meet new circumstances, and here again the APT is a valuable forum to consult on common concerns and propose solutions.

Australia is pleased to be able to contribute to the work of the APT through active participation in seminars and study groups, expert assistance and specific activities such as the Special Working Party. Regional and international activities of this type are more important than ever as telecommunications becomes a truly global industry.

We believe it is essential in this time of change to ensure the APT Work Program is focused on the issues that are of most importance to the majority of its members, and that offer prospects for long term gain as well as short-term improvement.

Australia has almost completed the major changes to its telecommunications sector which were announced by the Australian Government last year. Arrangements for the merger of Telecom and OTC to form a single government-owned carrier, the Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation, are almost finalised. The Government has recently announced that a Consortium "OPTUS" (51% Australian owned, 49% Bell South and Cable & Wireless) is the successful bidder for the second carrier licence. A new regulatory framework is now in force. These arrangements provide a basis for transition to full network competition from 1997.

As indicated in Beijing last year, these arrangements will see the Australian Government continuing to provide its existing level of support to the APT. We will be encouraging our carriers and other new industry players to become affiliate members of the APT in the near future.

Lastly Australia wishes to acknowledge on record the longstanding contribution made to the APT by Mr. Peter Davidson of OTC who attended every meeting from the APT's inception in 1979. He was now retired from OTC and I am sure all APT members wish him well.

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STATEMENT OF INDIA

Mr. Chairman,

M/s Vice Chairmen,

Mr. Executive Director,

Mr. Deputy Executive Director,

Dear Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, on behalf of the Indian delegation, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of the Government of Sri Lanka for the excellent arrangements made and warm hospitality extended for our meeting. Indeed we look forward to a fruitful and enjoyable stay in this historic and beautiful city of Colombo.

We were honoured at our inaugural session by the gracious presence of the Honourable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and his Cabinet colleagues. Their presence amongst us reflected the importance of the telecommunications development and the role of the APT; of which the governments in the Region are becoming increasingly conscious. It was indeed a privilege and honour for us to hear their advice and encouragement in our endeavour. It was also a matter of delight for us to meet and hear in person, the pearls of wisdom from Dr. Arthur C. CLERKE, the visionary telecom personality.

Due to sustained efforts by the APT and the ITU in the recent period, the importance of telecommunications as the basic infrastructure, not only for economic development but also for social and cultural integration, good governance and general welfare is now being recognised, in full measure, by policy makers in developing countries. In India too, high priority is being accorded to telecom development. In the 8th Five Year Plan period i.e. from 1992 to 1996; we have set a target, to increase the telephone lines from existing 5.2 millions to 12.5 millions and to about 20 millions by the end of the century. Our Minister for Communications, Honourable Mr. Rajesh Pilot, has accorded a high priority for development of rural telecommunications. It has been decided to expeditiously provide, a long distance P.C.O. line, to each of the village Panchayats i.e. village councils, numbering about 220,000. 40,000 of these are already provided for, at present. Thereafter, provision of a telephone to each of the 556,000 villages is envisaged.

The above ambitious expansion of telecom network in the country can be achieved only by bringing in major structural and organisational changes in the telecom sector. Development of indigenous digital switching technology has been undertaken. Major policy initiatives as regards involvement of private sector in manufacture of telecom equipments, grant of franchises, organisational restructuring and network planning have been under taken in the last 2 years. Additional policy changes are also on the anvil, in view of winds of liberalisations and deregulation, in various fields.

India has the privilege of being actively associated with the APT since APT's inception. In this decade, countries in the Region are looking forward to telecom revolution. India is keen to share here experiences in telecom development, as well as keen to learn from those of others in the Region, through the aegis of the APT and the SAARC. In particular, we have a large telecom training infrastructure of which the APT can make good use.

From the Reports to the Management Committee, we find that the activities of the APT are becoming intensive and diverse, under the sustained efforts by Mr. Chao Thongma, the Executive Director, Mr. H. Sonoki, who took over as Deputy Executive Director, this year, brings with him rich and varied experience in international telecommunications. Under their leadership, I am sure that the pace of activities of the APT will increase further for the benefits of its members.

Finally, last but not the least important, I feel assured that our fruitful discussions in this meeting, will strengthen the bonds of solidarity and understanding, in the telecom fraternity of APT members.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you and through you Sir, the distinguished delegates for their kind attention.

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STATEMENT OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Mr Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the delegation from the Republic of Korea, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and APT Secretariat for the splendid arrangements that have been made in accommodating this meeting.

In the rapidly changing telecommunications environment, we must see ourselves as members of the global community and must cooperate to achieve our mutual goals as telecommunications providers.

Most of all, it is our hope that this event will further our joint efforts in order to develop telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific Region.

In line with the fact that Korea has been actively involved in the activities of APT since its beginnings, taking this opportunity, we would like to express that we are willing to continue to cooperate with all the members of the APT.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT OF REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Mr Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Government of Sri Lanka for their excellent arrangements and warm hospitality extended to all the delegates.

I would like to welcome the new member, the Mongolia People's Republic and the new Affiliate Members. I also wish to welcome our partners of the APT; ITU, UNDP, ADB and all other International organizations that have been working in close cooperation with APT to pursue the objectives of the Telecommunity. We have come a long way from our respective countries to pursue the objectives of the APT.

As stated in our Constitution, our major objective is the establishment of a balanced development of Telecommunications in the Asia and Pacific region at a pace commensurate with the Economic and Social Development in the region. With this in mind, I urge the members that are present in this meeting to continue to work hand in hand to pursue the goals of the APT in the spirit of cooperation.

We would also like to call on our big brothers in the Association to continue to support the association in helping the developing members in their search for solutions to their respective telecommunications problems as it is indeed the objective of this organization.

So far as our country is concerned, we will continue to cooperate and work with the membership in pursuing these goals and in so far as increasing the membership of the APT, in our own humble part, we have tried our best to encourage as you all know our country has a service carrier and we have been encouraging our telecom entities to join as affiliate members of the APT, in order to contribute as much as we can in promoting the goals and objectives of this organization.

I hope that in this meeting, we will continue to achieve the goals of the organization and to pursue the directions set ourselves upon as we try to take the challenges of changing times.

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STATEMENT OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr Chairman,

The Chinese Telecommunications delegation is honoured to attend the Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee of the APT in Colombo, Sri Lanka, a beautiful pearl on the Indian Ocean. Please allow me on behalf of the Chinese Telecommunications delegation to extend our whole-hearted thanks to Mr Chao Thongma, the Executive Director and the APT Secretariat. Our heart-felt thanks also go to the Government, especially the telecommunication administration of the host country, Sri Lanka for the good service provided and arrangements made for this important meeting. We would also like to welcome the new Member; the People's Republic of Mongolia and the new Affiliate Members, Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co. Ltd., Hongkong; Hutchison Telecommunications Ltd., Hongkong; PT. Indosat, Indonesia; PT. Telkom, Indonesia and Dhiraagu Private Limited, Maldives to join the APT.

Mr Chairman,

The Chinese Telecommunications delegation appreciates the Annual Report given by Mr Chao Thongma, the Executive Director and would like to thank him and the APT Secretariat for their successful implementation of various work programmes and activities for the year 1991. With its limited financial sources and budget, APT is playing an increasingly important role in the telecommunications development of the Member countries and the coordinations among them and have made positive contributions to the telecommunications, social and economic development of the region. At present, APT is faced with the challenges posed by the changing international telecommunication environment. Many countries are making efforts to realize their modernization of economic development. It is our sincere hope that this meeting will enhance the unity, cooperation and mutual understanding among the Member countries.

Mr Chairman,

The Chinese Administration is aware of the increasing importance in consolidating the cooperations among the Member countries in the development of telecommunications.

Since China is a developing country and its financial capability is limited for the moment, but we will make our maximum efforts to continue our support to the various activities of the APT in the principles of "Give and take, learning from each other's good points" and we would like to host a training course on "Digital Telephone Switching System in Shanghai" and a training course on "Telecommunications Engineering in Nanjing" in 1992 with the round trip airtickets of the trainees borne by the APT and the accommodations and daily expenses and other expenses borne by the Chinese Telecommunications Administration.

This will be our contribution to the Extra Budgetary activities of APT. The Chinese Telecommunications Administration would also arrange through the APT the exchanges bilateral visits with the officials and technical persons of the Member countries on a reciprocal basis. The duration of the visits shall be one to two weeks with travel expenses borne by the visiting administration and the accommodation, local transportation and other mutually agreed expenses borne by the host countries.

Mr Chairman,

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the APT and the Member countries concerned, especially Australia, India, Malaysia, etc. for sending excellent experts to China for the expert consultation project add Japan and the Republic of Korea, etc. for the training projects provided.

In conclusion, it is our belief that with the active participation, cooperation and equal consultation by the Member countries, this meeting will achieve full success.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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STATEMENT OF ITU

BY DR. PEKKA TARJANNE

**SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION**

I am hereby to learn that an extraordinary session of the APT General Assembly and of the Fifteenth Session of the APT Management Committee will be held concurrently in Colombo from 23 to 30 November 1991. As it has not been possible for me to personally attend these sessions, I wish to take this opportunity to convey to all the participants my best wishes for a successful outcome of their deliberations.

The founder members of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity were men of great foresight who could foresee the benefits in setting up a telecommunication organization in the region which could apply itself specifically to problems of telecommunication development and operations. The phenomenal success achieved by the Telecommunity during its twelve years of existence, especially in providing a forum for coordination among the countries of the region, has fully justified the trust placed in the organization by its founder members.

Telecommunications unquestionably have an important role to play in the socio-economic enhancement of the region. The rapidly changing shape of telecommunication infrastructures in Asia and the Pacific is today marked by a new dynamism, not only in the approach towards coordinated planning, but also in national and international actions aimed at evaluating the legislative, regulatory and management frameworks for the sector. The impact of this new vigour can be seen in almost all segments of telecommunications development, be it customer services, provider relationships, marketing evaluations or policy formulation. It is from this total perspective that telecommunication applications and usages are emerging from the traditionally-assumed role of sector support services to a new phase of integrated development which is commensurate with the overall pace of economic and social growth. Clearly a need for new initiatives and institutional necessities is arising, many of which will call for much closer international collaboration.

Within the larger context of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, telecommunications has been recognized as an important element of the regional action programme. It is in this framework then that the ITU has put forward a number of new proposals for funding through the fifth cycle inter-country programme of the UNDP.

These proposals envisage support to countries in areas as diverse as Telecommunication Network Expansion, Liberalization of the Regulatory Aspects of Telecommunications, Organizational Development and Computer-Based Training, Upgrading of Telecommunication Operations, Planning of Integrated Services Digital Networks and Mobile Communications Systems Technologies. In the South Pacific specifically, support will continue to strengthen the regional capability for telecommunications development and training. For the most part, these proposals seek to extend to the countries the advantages of modern technology and management practices so that they are able to expand their networks efficiently and achieve their optimum potential, taking due account of their individual circumstances.

These projects will, in fact, once approved enable the Union to advise the countries on the application of international standards in equipment and services, on the optimization of traffic flows and on the reorganization of administrative structures so as to achieve the most efficient and economic level of service. Clearly then, there will be a need for enhanced collaboration if the objectives of this programme are to be achieved. And it is here that both the APT and the ITU have their particular roles to play and where I look for a closer association between our organizations in realizing the objectives of this programme.

I have no doubt that these Colombo meetings will be seen as yet another milestone in the movement of cooperation among the countries and that they will serve to focus attention on inadequacies in telecommunication infrastructures so that the appropriate direction is given to activities during the second half of the Transport and Communications Decade in Asia and the Pacific.

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STATEMENT OF IMO

BY MR TSUGUO AWAI

**TECHNICAL OFFICER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION**

Thank you Mr Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the International Maritime Organization which is attending the APT Meeting for the first time as an observer, I wish to thank APT and the Government of Sri Lanka for inviting IMO to this Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Administrations and Organizations concerned in developing the maritime telecommunication in Asia-Pacific Region.

Many years have passed since IMO started its work in developing the new maritime distress and safety radiocommunication system in co-operation with other organizations in early 1970s. As a result of continuous effort by the maritime and telecommunications community, 1974 SOLAS Convention was amended in 1988 to introduce the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System. Jobs necessary for the introduction of the GMDSS have almost been completed and the system will enter into force on 1 February 1992, about two month time from now.

We recognize the significant importance of international co-operation in implementing the GMDSS and therefore, we much appreciate the work carried out by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity in developing the telecommunication including the GMDSS in the region. We recall with appreciation that in the recent past Regional Seminars relating to the GMDSS have been held by APT with the assistance of Administrations and Organizations in 1989 in Singapore and in 1990 in Bangkok, both of which produced successful results.

IMO is also deeply concerned about the implementation of GMDSS in this part of the world and IMO Seminars and Workshops have taken place at Tokyo in 1987 and at Dalian this year. For the year 1992, we are organizing a similar programme in Hongkong with the assistance provided by Hongkong.

We hope that co-operation and co-ordination by APT and IMO would further contribute the development and implementation of telecommunication and the GMDSS in Asia-Pacific Region.

Thank you Sir.

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STATEMENT OF INTELSAT

BY DR. EUI K. KOH

REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR ASIA/PACIFIC REGION

Mr Chairman and Vice-Chairmen,

Ladies & Gentlemen,

At the opening ceremony, we have witnessed one of the greatest 20th Century futurist, Dr. Arthur C. Clarke. He published an inaugural paper for global satellite communication system in 1945. No body paid attention at that time. In 1964, United State President, Mr John F. Kennedy, initiated an idea to establish INTELSAT (International Telecommunication Satellite Organization) for civilian commercial purposes using Dr. Clarke's idea.

It is a great privilege for INTELSAT to be invited in the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity in the beautiful country with rich tradition. INTELSAT is a non-profit international organization providing satellite network globally, with a total number of 121 member countries. The latest member that joined INTELSAT is USSR on 18 July 1991. INTELSAT serves the world in telecom field with 16 satellites operating in three ocean regions, including 4 satellites each in Indian Ocean Region and Pacific Ocean Region.

Asia/Pacific countries share more than 30% of total investment share of INTELSAT. Annual traffic growth in the region is more than 20%. INTELSAT is keeping pace with strong growth in telecom demand in the Asia/Pacific region, with variety of new services, Satellite News gathering Services, VSAT system, IBS and IDR, etc.

In this year, during the Gulf war, INTELSAT was proud to make Ku-Band Spot beam coverage available to provide video services throughout the world. Also INTELSAT was able to respond quickly to restore international telephone service for Bangladesh after the cyclone damage last April.

INTELSAT is very proud of being a telecom provider in Asia/Pacific Region for the last 25 years and likes to continue closer relationship and grow together. We have provided satellite networks for domestic, regional and international communications. The IADP (INTELSAT Assistance and Development Programme) was established inn 1978. Todate, nearly 100 countries have benefitted from the programme.

The IADP provides technical operational support to member countries and users in all aspects of their use of the INTELSAT space segment. Types of assistance include planning and development of international satellite services and initial or expansion planning for domestic services and training.

We also encourage regional cooperation through seminar and training. In this regard, I congratulate APT for their outstanding job. On behalf of the Director General of INTELSAT, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent preparation of the General Assembly Meeting by the Government of Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka Telecom.

We would like to cooperate with APT along with other international organizations in this area.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT OF UNESCO

BY MR MARTIN HADLOW

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION ADVISER FOR ASIA UNESCO

Mr Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I sincerely thank you for the opportunity of making this brief intervention. From the outset, I would like to express grateful thanks to our hosts, the Government of Shri Lanka and the various agencies involved, for the gracious hospitality and assistance we have received during this conference.

Mr Chairman and distinguished delegates, I bring you greetings from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

UNESCO has had a long and fruitful association with the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. We value that link and look forward to an enhanced and closer relationship in the years ahead. In the communication sphere, our organizations have several similar aims, especially in relation to the provisions of information services to people throughout the region, and it is therefore very appropriate that we complement each others work, thus ensuring the most beneficial and efficient use of scarce resources.

UNESCO's mandate is broad and far-reaching. Many of our activities, such as the development of distance education services, and goals, such as the international free flow of information by word and image, are very much reliant upon the telecommunication infrastructures established by governments and agencies represented in the membership of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. In the future, more and more of the world's population will have access to telecommunication facilities as the new technology brings services to those living in even the most geographically remote regions of the globe. As these opportunities open up, we hope that user groups, particularly in the least developed countries, can continue to look forward to the consideration of APT members in keeping telecommunication tariffs as low as is feasible, thereby ensuring access to information and education opportunities by as many people as possible.

Mr Chairman, UNESCO is appreciative of APT's invitation to attend this meeting. We trust that your deliberations are positive and rewarding, and we look forward to continued cooperation with you and your members in the future.

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REPORT ON INMARSAT

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Introduction

The 1990's are witnessing a revolution in mobile services for personal and business communications through the use of satellites offering large area coverage and instantaneous interconnectivity with the international public switched networks.

Mobile satellite services are the sole means of providing high quality voice and data communications on the high seas and in airspace over the oceans. They complement terrestrial services on land, in coastal waters and in national airspace.

Inmarsat is leading this communications revolution, and this paper describes its global satellite network and its wide-ranging array of maritime, aeronautical and land mobile services, characterised by increasing portability through reduced weight and size of mobile terminals, continuing reduction in cost of terminals and usage, and improved spectrum utilization. Inmarsat's longer-term plans for new services including, by the end of the century, hand-held satellite phones are also outlined. Special mention is made of Inmarsat's services in the Asia-Pacific Region and of its cooperation with APT.

Inmarsat Space Segment

Coverage is now provided all over the globe except for the extreme polar regions; nine satellites are at present in service in four operating regions, as shown on the chart at Attachment 1. These include two of Inmarsat's second-generation (Inmarsat-2) satellites. They are connected to the international public switched network through an increasing number of gateway land earth stations operated by Inmarsat Signatories in all regions.

The third and fourth Inmarsat-2 satellites are due for launching by early 1992. The construction of the third generation (Inmarsat-3) satellites is already underway with a view to being available for service in 1994-95. The Inmarsat-3 satellites will cover all of the internationally allocated L-band frequencies for mobile-satellites services, will have considerably increased power, introduce spot beams for more cost-effective handling of new services in regions of high traffic intensity and facilitate more efficient use of limited spectrum through frequency re-use.

With the twenty-first century on the horizon, Inmarsat is already looking at the shape of follow-on satellites to Inmarsat-3 under a plan known as Project 21, to provide new capabilities including a hand-held satellite phone or personal communicator available globally possibly through an integrated network of geostationary and low-earth orbit and high-earth orbit satellites.

Inmarsat Services: Present and Planned

Inmarsat's existing services cover Inmarsat-A and C for maritime and land users and Inmarsat- Aero for aeronautical users.

Inmarsat-B, a digital companion to Inmarsat-A, and Inmarsat-M, a low cost, smaller digital phone, for maritime as well as land applications will be introduced in 1992. A wide-area satellite paging service with a global reach is planned for the 1993-94 time-frame.

A number of specialized services, such as audio, data and facsimile broadcasting to Inmarsat-A mobile terminals, are in service. Audio and data broadcasting services to mobiles with medium gain antenna (e.g Inmarsat-M and aeronautical high-gain) are under development.

Progress is being made with integration of communications and navigation for mobile users - for example, Automatic Dependent Surveillance (ADS) for the aeronautical community, precise positioning services through differential GPS broadcasts to the survey and oil and gas exploration community on a subscription basis, and development of L-band Inmarsat-C mobile terminals with integrated GPS navigation receivers.

As indicated at the outset, reduced terminal costs are a constant aim, and since the introduction of maritime services in 1982, when the Inmarsat-A terminal averaged around \$75,000, economies of scale have seen this cost come down to as low as \$25,000, while Inmarsat-C currently averages \$6000, and is likely to come down to half this amount in the next 12 to 18 months. The planned Inmarsat-M may be as low as \$4000, and, looking ahead, the hand held phone of the year 2000 is planned not to exceed \$1000 at today's values.

The Use of Inmarsat in the Asia-Pacific Region

(i) Membership and Management

Asia-Pacific looms large in Inmarsat's activities. 13 APT Member States are also Members

of Inmarsat, out of a current total Inmarsat membership of 64. Administrations are represented on the executive Inmarsat Council of Signatories.

Although this is a substantial representation of the Region in the Organization, there are a number of Asian countries not yet Members and as yet none of the island States of the Pacific has joined. As a global organization, Inmarsat needs the direct participation of Governments and telecommunications entities in its policy and decision-making processes for proper space segment planning and the evolution of new services to meet the requirements of all Asia-Pacific countries. While Inmarsat's services are open to non-discriminatory use by all nations, membership brings additional benefits, and it is hoped that more Governments from the Region will join in the near future.

(ii) Satellite Capacity and Ground Segment

The region is served by five satellites over the Indian and Pacific Ocean Regions, including an Inmarsat-2 satellite in the IOR, and a further Inmarsat-2 will be launched for operation in the POR early in 1992. These satellites will each provide up to about 150 Inmarsat-A equivalent voice channels, sufficient to serve the Region's needs until the mid 1990's, according to our current traffic estimates.

The system is served at present by a number of Inmarsat land earth stations in countries of the Region, as indicated in the list in Attachment 2.

(iii) Services and Applications

A wide range of services is now being provided in the Region: at present over 3000 Inmarsat-A mobile terminals are operating in 31 countries of the Region, out of a world-wide total of nearly 16000 terminals licensed in over 130 countries. Nearly 300 Inmarsat-C terminals, which went into service early in 1991, are operating in some 11 countries in the Region.

(a) Maritime Services

In the maritime field, where countries of the Region have about one-third of the world's shipping, some 2800 ships are equipped with Inmarsat-A ship earth stations. Container, cargo and fishing vessels are the main users. Inmarsat-C is now in growing demand, particularly by merchant trading vessels whose main communications requirements are for reliable telex and distress alerting purposes. Over 260 vessels now use this terminal in the Region.

Some recent new developments of note include:

- the commencement of the Inmarsat-C SafetyNETTM service, for the broadcasting of maritime safety information, particularly as part of the GMDSS;

- the approval of the Inmarsat-E L-Band Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) system, which will give shipowners an alternative or complementary EPIRB to that operated under the COSPAS-SARSAT system, as a means of meeting GMDSS requirements for automatic ship distress alerting and position locating;
- the linking of the Inmarsat-C data reporting service with Global Position System (GPS) receivers, to provide reliable position reporting for vessels anywhere in the world, automatically or on manual command from either ship or shore; and
- the opening of the dual-ocean region Inmarsat-A and Inmarsat-C Coast Earth Stations at Perth in Australia and Beijing in China, together with the Inmarsat-A CES at Kumsan in the Republic of Korea and the Inmarsat-C CES in Singapore.

Inmarsat's activities in collaboration with various elements in the maritime community in the region include:

- promotion of Inmarsat-C for use by fishing vessels engaged in driftnet fishing in the Pacific Ocean, to reduce the high cost of using other systems and providing a commercially beneficial communications system for the fishermen's own use, whilst assisting in monitoring and controlling this environmentally sensitive activity;
- participation in maritime exhibitions and seminars for nautical colleges and national shipping groups throughout the region;
- supporting maritime business development activities of administrations in the region, including help with demonstrations of equipment and applications and the implementation of pilot programmes;
- market research, analysis and technical advice to support national administrations in the region in determining whether or not to build Inmarsat Coast Earth Stations, for both the existing Inmarsat-A and C systems and also the new Inmarsat-M/B systems;
- encouragement in the introduction of satellite communications to inter-island shipping in archipelagic states, with particular emphasis on improving the safety of life at sea through improvements in vessel tracking and distress alerting schemes for inter-island passenger ferries and ship carrying dangerous cargoes;
- discussions with manufacturers of ship earth station equipment in the industrialised countries of the region, and with their agents throughout the region, to increase the level of regional equipment production and availability; and
- advice on the implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System.

Planned future maritime activities over the next one to two years include:

- the setting up of pilot programmes to demonstrate the value of combined Inmarsat-C/GPS communications in improving fisheries management throughout the region;
- assistance with the marketing of Inmarsat maritime services by countries of the region, including both CES operators and those countries reliant on foreign CESs;
- continuing advice on the implementation of the GMDSS, for both national maritime administrations and shipowners and operators.

(b) Aeronautical Services

Turning to aeronautical communications, it may be noted that the Region has the highest growth rate in international scheduled passenger traffic than the rest of the world; in the past, reliable communications for air traffic control and other safety services were lacking in the vast ocean regions and other remote parts. That is now about to change.

Inmarsat's aeronautical services which started in 1990 are now available through twelve gateway earth stations. Five ground earth stations supporting Inmarsat's aeronautical service in the Pacific region have been commissioned, with one each in Singapore, Australia, Japan and two in the USA. All of them currently support voice communications. By the middle of 1992, all will be supporting both voice and data communications.

Service is offered through a number of competing global service "consortiums" all of which will provide services to Region, ie:

- the "Skyphone" consortium of British Telecom, Norwegian Telecom and Singapore;
- the Aircom consortium of Teleglobe Canada, France telecom and OTC, Australia, in association with SITA and IDB-Aero; and
- Comsat (USA) and KDD (Japan);

The Region claimed the world's first fully commercial satellite telephone service for airline passengers in September 1991 when Singapore Airlines introduced its Celestial Service on board its 747-400s enabling travellers to phone world-wide. At least 20 aircraft will be fitted with the terminals by 1994.

Since the launch of Inmarsat's aeronautical service on the 2nd November 1990, a total of 80 aircraft Earth Stations (AES's), which is the system or equipment on board the aircraft using the Inmarsat service, had been commissioned into the Inmarsat system. Twenty of these have been from airlines operating in the APT region and include 18 low rate data AES's on Qantas, Cathay Pacific, and Japan Airline's aircraft and two voice AES's on a single Singapore Airlines Boeing 747-400 aircraft. A total of 38 corporate aircraft are equipped for

a telephony or voice service. Currently, another five airlines are seriously considering subscribing to the Inmarsat service, and many of these fly frequently in the Region. The Asia Pacific Region promises to have the highest growth in the take up of Inmarsat's aeronautical services.

The recent 10th ICAO Air Navigation Conference endorsed concepts for a Future Air Navigation System (FANS), which envisages a large reliance on satellite communications and satellite navigation for Air Traffic Services. Currently several data equipped aircraft from United Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Northwest Airlines are participating in 'Pacific Engineering Trials' to demonstrate the viability of Automatic Dependent Surveillance (ADS) data reporting, using satellite communications, in lieu of using HF radio communications for voice based position reports. To date the trials have been encouraging and will probably lead to the extensive use of ADS reports on an operational basis in the Asia Pacific Region during the 1993 to 1995 time frame.

The Region is already proving to be one of the fastest growing areas for aeronautical satellite communications; airline passenger communications and corporate aviation needs are proving to be much in demand; air traffic control (ATC) and airline operational and administrative communications will be among the major applications in the near future.

Inmarsat sees the APT region as being extremely important for its aeronautical services and envisages that over the next five years approximately 150 aircraft will be operating in the APT region with Inmarsat aeronautical satellite communications equipment. In July 1991, Inmarsat hosted an Aeronautical Services Conference in Singapore and as a result of the interest expressed by the delegates, Inmarsat will be holding several briefings and conferences over the next few years. In the short term Inmarsat will be holding a one day industry briefing during the 1992 Asian Aerospace Exhibition.

(c) Land Mobile Services

Land mobile-satellite services are expected to prove of vital importance to the Region; since the start of the services in early 1990 nearly 300 Inmarsat-A and some 70 Inmarsat-C land mobile earth stations have been commissioned for use in the Region.

The variety and number of applications suitable for such services match the diversity in topography and telecommunications infrastructures of the Region. Road haulage and other long distance transportation industries will be prime users along with a number of applications for government purposes, business travellers, remote and rural area communications, environmental monitoring and control, oil and gas exploration and exploitation, media reporting, emergency services in disasters and back-up communications when other systems fail.

Some examples of applications in the Region are:

- Inmarsat-C remote monitoring applications for water level management in Papua New

Guinea, Australia and New Zealand; the State Water Authorities in Australia have equipped approximately 25 sites with Inmarsat-C terminals to send back data for water resource management purposes. They use a special interface unit called MODAC which has been specifically designed for connection of remote monitoring equipment of Inmarsat-C terminals.

-Inmarsat-C remote rural communications in Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, Pakistan and other States;

-Inmarsat-C and Inmarsat-A uses in oil exploration activities in a number of States;

-supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) applications in some countries, e.g. for pipeline control;

-The Water Authorities are evaluating the incorporation of N-C terminals in the Chinese national SCADA network; a similar evaluation is being undertaken by the Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture.

Activities planned by Inmarsat over the next year include seminars and exhibitions in several countries to raise awareness level. These will include a tour of Iran, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh with a demonstration vehicle and seminars in major cities. Inmarsat works in close collaboration with its Signatories in giving them support in the introduction of new services in their countries and raising the standard of available communication facilities in these countries.

Cooperation Between APT and Inmarsat

Since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two Organizations in 1989, cooperation in many fields has continued to flourish. Some notable examples are:

-the joint Seminar on Mobile-Satellite Communications in the Region, held in Singapore in September 1989; progress has been made with the implementation of the recommendations of that Meeting in such activities as the joint meetings on regulatory and spectrum issues referred to below, collaboration in the Inmarsat development programme and in the dissemination of information about mobile-satellite developments;

-the joint Meeting of Intergovernmental Experts on the Free Movement and Use of Land Mobile Earth Stations (LMESs) in the Region, held in Bangkok in July 1990; this will be referred to below under Regulatory Issues;

-the joint Seminar on WARC 92 organized in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU), held in Bangkok in August 1992; reference is made to this Seminar below;

- participation in the APT/Asian Development Bank (ADB) Conference on the Information Age, held in Bangkok in early 1991;

-participation by APT in the global meeting on transborder use of LMESs held in London in October 1991. This is also referred to below

Apart from these Meetings, there has been ongoing consultation and collaboration on other matters including contributions to the APT Journal and exchange of views on the needs of countries in the region for mobile communications, which has proved invaluable to Inmarsat in understanding the needs of the Region and in trying to adapt its services and programmes to serve those needs.

This cooperation will continue; in addition to other matters referred to elsewhere in this Report, a Meeting of Inmarsat Signatories, with manufacturers, users and others is planned to take place in China in late 1992, and we hope that APT will participate in this Meeting.

Inmarsat Programme of Cooperation with Developing Countries

This Programme comprises three elements:

-technical assignee arrangements for personnel nominated by Administrations to attend 2 to 3 week training seminars at Inmarsat, with a possible longer term attachment to one of Inmarsat's business departments;

-technical assistance to developing countries;

- demonstration of mobile-satellite applications, particularly of Inmarsat-C.

The choice of countries invited to participate in the Programme is governed by Inmarsat's current or potential business activity levels in the particular country. The Programme has been of assistance to several countries in the Region in the past two years. APT has cooperated with Inmarsat in disseminating information about the Programme and in helping to identify applications of particular utility. This collaboration will continue and consideration is being given to arranging courses at established training centres in the Region.

Regulatory Issues

From the outset of its operations, Inmarsat has sought the development of regulatory regimes which recognize the global character of the Inmarsat network and facilitate the use of internationally type-approved Inmarsat terminals in areas subject to national jurisdiction and across frontiers.

In the maritime sphere, the Inmarsat Assembly, in 1985, adopted the International Agreement on the Use of Inmarsat Ship Earth Stations (SESs) in the Territorial Sea and Ports. This is open for signature by all States. 3 States from the Region have signed the Agreement. A survey by Inmarsat reveals that at least 16 countries in the Region forbid the use of SESs in their national waters, while at least 8 countries permit such use. It is hoped that once the Agreement enters into force, now expected soon, these traditional regulatory restraints will

be lifted in many countries. Nearly all States in the Region have long coastlines, traversed by many ships and it is in the interests of good ship management and commerce, and safety of life at sea, particularly with the imminent start of the GMDSS, that the use of SESs in those maritime areas be liberalized.

The use of aircraft earth stations on board aircraft in national airspace poses similar problems. Inmarsat is working with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to seek solutions to this problem globally.

Restraints on the transborder use of land mobile earth stations (LMESs) is probably the most serious regulatory problem. Inmarsat has sought to tackle this on a global and regional basis. APT has cooperated very closely with Inmarsat in seeking the removal of these barriers in the Region.

The jointly convened Meeting of Governmental Experts of the Free Movement and of the Transborder Use of LMESs in Bangkok in July 1990 (itself one of the outcomes of the 1989 Seminar) made recommendations to all Governments in the Region to take measures to facilitate the transborder use of LMESs, in order to help improve trade, benefit the economies of the Region, facilitate long-distance transport, and contribute to public safety. Inmarsat will continue to cooperate with APT in seeking implementation of these recommendations.

APT also participated in the global Meeting on the Transborder Use of LMES, held in London in October 1991, which recommended the easing of barriers to the use of mobile terminals worldwide particularly for the business travellers and for emergency purposes.

While this issue is a problem for travellers between countries, travellers within the same country could benefit from satellite communications if the local licensing can participate in a rental arrangement to assist in licensing the terminals within the home country for use by foreign business travellers. In this way, the national licensing authority can start a commercial operation without much investment.

Spectrum Issues

The availability of appropriate additional spectrum on a worldwide basis holds an important key to the future evolution of mobile-satellite services. In this context, the forthcoming World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC-92) starting in February 1992 in Spain will play a vital role.

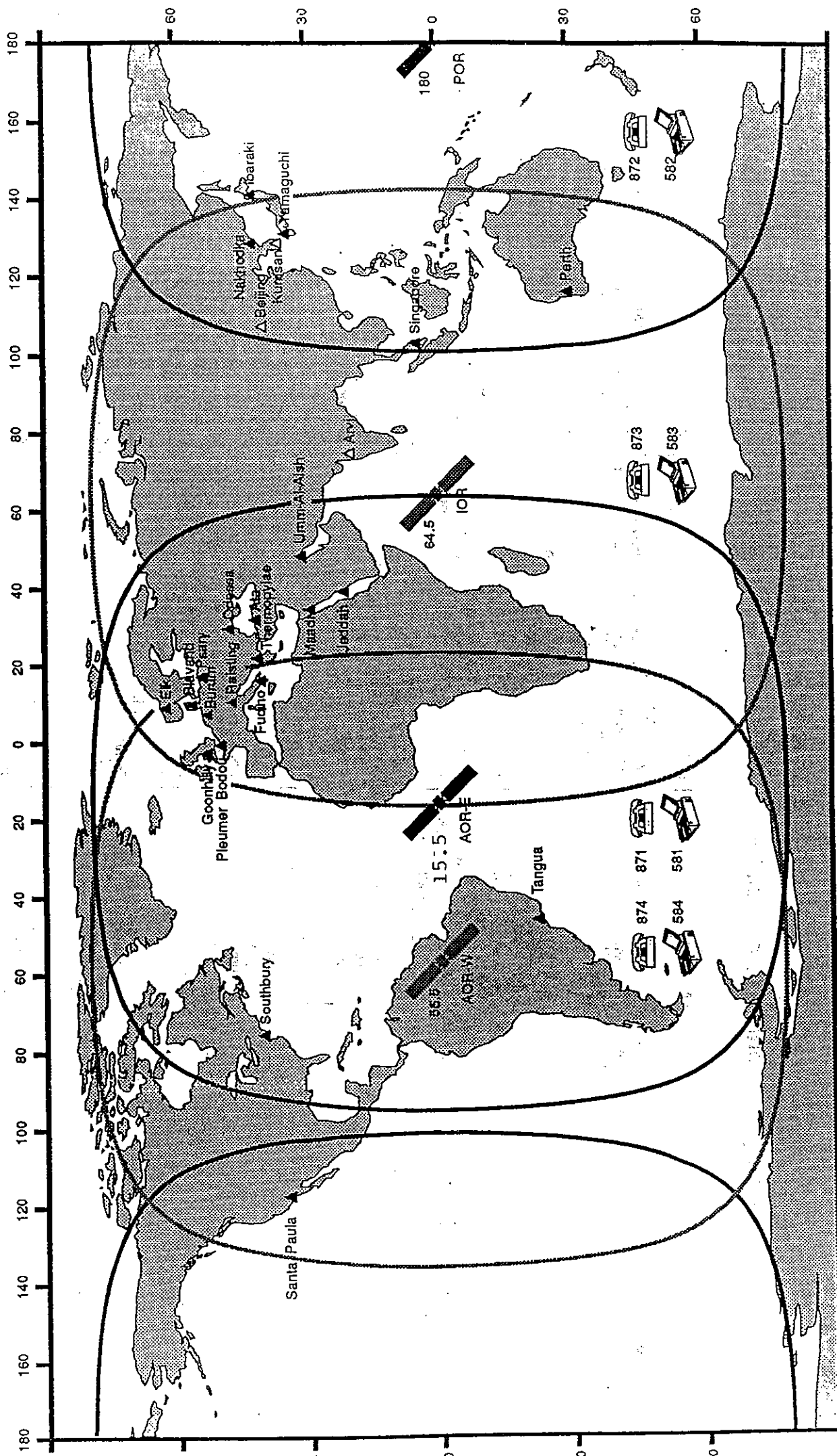
Inmarsat strongly supports the allocation of additional MSS spectrum at L-band, adjacent to the existing MSS allocations in order to support the anticipated demand for MSS up to the year 2010. Worldwide allocations are important both for the maritime and aeronautical communities with inherent international roaming, and no less for the land mobile-satellite service where interoperability and backup, terminal roaming capabilities and terminal standardization permit mass production which is vital to bring down user costs.

Inmarsat has cooperated closely with its Members in the preparations for WARC-92, and, in particular, with APT at the joint Meeting with ABU last August, which enabled Inmarsat to meet Administrations in the Region to discuss the issues involved.

Conclusion

During the 1990's Inmarsat, in partnership with its Signatories, will continue to introduce a range of new services, reduce the costs of user equipment and satellite production, and trim the size of terminals. The challenge is to ensure that future systems and services will meet the needs of the market, are technically appropriate and financially viable. Cooperation with APT and its Membership will be an integral part of our response to this challenge.

INMARSAT GLOBAL COVERAGE SHOWING 0° ELEVATION CONTOURS



INMARSAT Space Segment and System Status

Region	AOR-W	AOR-E	IOR	POR	MARISAT F1	MARISAT F2	MARISAT F3	MARISAT F3	MARISAT F1
Satellite	MARECS B2	INM2 F2	MCS-B	INM2 F1	MCS-A	MARISAT F2	MCS-D	MARISAT F3	MARISAT F1
Function	Operational	Operational	Spare	Operational	Spare	Spare/Lease	Operational	Operational	Lease/Spare
Location	55.5°W	15.5°W	18.6°W	64.5°E	68.0°E	72.6°E	180.1°E	182.2°E	105.9°W
Inclination	2.4°	2.5°	0.7°	2.1°	1.7°	8.5°	0.4°	9.9°	9.4°
Fuel Remaining (kg)	32.53	NA	NA	135.7	NA	0	NA	-	-
System 1	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	8.57	10.90
System 2	-	-	-	-	-	10.94	-	6.74	5.99
End of N/S Station Keeping	-	-	01.91	-	12.89	-	05.91	-	-
Est End Manoeuvre Life	-	2008	05.91	2006	03.90	-	08.91	-	-
Date 1=3	-	-	02.94	-	Q1.93	-	Q3.94	-	-
Date 1=5	Mid 97	-	07.96	-	08.95	09.88	10.96	01.88	09.88
End of Contract Date	Dec 1994	-	Mar 1995	-	Dec 1994	Dec 1992	Jan 1996	Dec 1992	Dec 1992
Noise Events	-	-	22	-	-	-	0	-	-
Inmarsat-A: NCS LES	Southbury Goonhill Southbury Niles Canyon	Southbury Maadi Odessa Pleumeur Bodou Psary Ata Fucino Tangua Burum Raisting FCS 109	- -						

7. The next post considered was that of Administrative Officer, at the level P2. The delegation of the Philippines noted that this post is not to be filled and suggested that reference to the Administrative Officer post could be deleted. However, members noted the remark of the Chairman of the SWP, to the effect that the proposal is to suppress this post, which means in effect that it cannot be activated without agreement of the Management Committee. Thus, if and when it is required, it will be helpful to have the description and guidelines for selection already completed. On balance, therefore, members preferred that the post be left in the document. Changes were agreed to the form of words used, comparable to the changes made for the post of Executive Director. They are indicated in Appendix of *Attachment 1*.
8. At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting for a coffee break and agreed with the Chairman of the Working Group on Budget that the Sub-Group should reconvene at a time to be decided, some time on Wednesday 28th November.
9. The Chairman of the Sub-Group reconvened the meeting at 13:45 hours on Wednesday, 27th November. He noted that the Sub-Group had completed discussion on the SWP Report upto and including the post of Administrative Officer, and proceeded to deal with the matter of the Associate Administrative Officer. It was agreed by members that changes to the original text of the SWP Report should be made along the lines as agreed for the previously discussed posts, and as set out in Appendix of *Attachment 2*.
10. The next topic concerned the section dealing with Non-Reimbursable Experts and Consultants within APT Secretariat. This session provoked considerable discussion, particularly from the delegations of Japan and Korea, from which experts and consultants had been provided as Extra Budgetary Contributions. These delegations pointed out that in practice, the staff provided as Extra-Budgetary Contribution had a broader range of expertise than would be needed to match the Guidelines contained in the SWP Report. Though consultation between SWP, Japan and Republic of Korea an amended set of guidelines were prepared and they are included in Appendix of *Attachment 2*.
11. The Australia delegation drew the Sub-Group's attention to the second-paragraph in Section 1 of the first page of the SWP Report. This is to the effect that the adopted wording for selection criteria (guidelines) be used to replace existing staff rules. There was discussion on this point, with interventions from the delegations of Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Japan. The Executive Director felt strongly on this matter, and continued that it would be unwise to take the decision to replace the relevant sections of Staff Rules and Regulations, without a careful study to ensure nothing important had thereby become omitted. This view was accepted and the Chairman requested that the Secretariat submit the necessary changes to the documentation to next year's Management Committee. It was agreed, however, that subject to the agreement of the Management Committee, the Staff Rules and Regulations should be superseded by the agreed changes with immediate effect.
12. The Chairman referred the Sub-Group to the proposal of the SWP that, notwithstanding the consultant's recommendation to the contrary, the post of Deputy Executive Director should be retained. It was the unanimous view of members present that the Deputy Executive Director plays an important and expanding role and all agreed that the post should be retained.

SUB-GROUP OF BUDGET WORKING GROUP

1. The Sub-Group Chairman, Mr. A.M. Joshi of India, opened the meeting at 11.40 hours on Tuesday 26th November. He explained that the task of the Sub-Group would be to make recommendation to the Working Group on the Budget based on the Sub-Group's consideration of the Special Working Party Report to the 15th Management Committee Meeting.
2. The Chairman then opened the meeting for discussion. The Chairman of the Special Working Party, Mr. Riluvan Shareef of Maldives, asked that the Sub-Group take note of a decision within the SWP that had not been incorporated in the document. This was that the SWP had agreed on a change of wording in the selection criteria for Staff. Where there was a stated requirement for a 'high level of expertise in the English language', it had been agreed in the SWP that it would be more appropriate to require 'A good working knowledge of the English language'. This was generally agreed by the Sub-Group.
3. There followed discussion of the stated Position Description and of the stated Selection Criteria, for the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Director Project Development, and Administrative Officer, with views expressed by the Chairman, delegations of the Philippines, Japan, Australia, the Chairman of SWP and the Executive Director. The result of the discussions was that a consensus view emerged that the text of the SWP report was not in contravention of the Constitution of the APT and while members did not wish the Selection Criteria to be considered mandatory, although it was accepted that such recommendation would be helpful as guidelines.
4. The Chairman proposed that the form of words used in the final text should be :

"General Guidelines for Nomination to and Selection for the Post of Executive Director."

This was agreed, and further changes were also agreed to the individual texts for what had originally been listed as Selection Criteria. In general, the changes made were to provide more flexibility in keeping with the concept of guidelines rather than requirements. Accordingly, the word "proven" was deleted wherever it arose. The finally agreed text is as given in *Attachment 1*.
5. Similar changes were agreed for the post of Deputy Executive Director.
6. Regarding the post of Director Project Development, the Executive Director requested that in order to take account of the increasing importance of APT projects in future, the grading for this post should be P4, and not P3 - P4. This was accepted. Another request of the Executive Director was that in order to ensure that there is a qualified engineer in a senior rank at APT, it should be a requirement that the Director Project Development should have a formal engineering qualification, rather than an option of engineering, management, economics or accounting. While members agreed that it would be desirable for APT to employ an engineer at a senior level, they could not agree to the Executive Director's request and this aspect of the guidelines was left unchanged from the text of the Report.

13. The Chairman then moved to the matter of the Administrative Officer and noted the recommendation of the SWP that this post be suppressed, rather than deleted. It was made clear to members that by "suppressing" the post, it may readily be reactivated when needed, but will be subject to agreement of the Management Committee.
14. At this point, the Chairman adjourned the meeting for the day.
15. The Chairman of the Sub-Group reconvened the meeting at 13.45 hours on 28th November 1991, and moved to the remaining items recommended in the SWP Report. The items relating to promotion to GS 8/5 of the three long term GS7 staff and the employment of a receptionist/typist (GS3/1) were agreed by members. However, the matter relating to the APTEL Database Project was considered outside the scope of the Sub-Group and was not discussed. The items under sections 3, Performance Evaluation of Staff and 4, scheduling of meetings were similarly agreed by the Sub-Group.
16. The Chairman then moved on to the matter of how these matters should be brought forward. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that there should be a recommendation prepared for the posts of Executive Director and for Deputy Executive Director, and separately a resolution for other staff. The Delegation of Australia expressed concern that if the guidelines were not to be incorporated in the Staff Rules and Regulations, then administrative arrangements be made such that did not become lost. The texts of the proposed Recommendations and Resolution were then considered by the Sub-Group and agreed to.
17. On completion of the above editorial work the Chairman thanked all members, especially Ms. Annabelle Stephenson for her assistance in advising on the intention of the SWP. At that point the Chairman closed the meeting.

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RECOMMENDATION

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR THE POSTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Management Committee

Noting :

- (i) that the General Assembly at its 5th Session (1990) established a Special Working Party (S.W.P.) to prepare for consideration and adoption by the Management Committee detailed criteria and detailed position descriptions for the professional positions in the APT Secretariat;
- (ii) the provisions in Article 10(4) of the APT Constitution;

having considered at its 15th Session (1991) the report of the S.W.P and adopted the position descriptions and general guidelines for nomination and selection to the posts of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director detailed in Appendix.

Recommends :

that Members may give due consideration to the positions descriptions and general guidelines [Appendix] while :

- nominating candidates to the posts of the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director, and
- while carrying out the election or selection of appointees to these posts in accordance with Article 10 (10) of the APT Constitution.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES
FOR THE POSTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A.1 Position Description

In accordance with Article 10(4) of the APT Constitution the Executive Director is expected to:

1. Manage the activities of the APT Secretariat;
2. Manage the provision of administrative/accounting services to the APT General Assembly and the Management Committee meetings;
3. Implement the decisions of the APT General Assembly and the Management Committee meetings;
4. Provide policy and strategic planning advice to the APT General Assembly and the Management Committee meetings to assist in their deliberations;
5. Liaise with international organizations, local authorities, APT members and potential members to maintain the profile of the APT in the region and market its services and expertise;
6. Liaise with the host government on political matters;
7. Represent the APT at international conferences and meetings within the guidelines laid down by the Management Committee and/or General Assembly.

A.2 General Guidelines For Nomination and Selection

The candidates to the post of Executive Director are expected to have :

1. Recognised high order management skills and experience at senior executive level within a telecommunications or related organization;
2. Ability to plan for and effectively manage the human and financial resources of an organization;
3. Ability to develop and implement strategies to attain organizational goals, balancing short and long term objectives;

4. Adequate experience in negotiation/liaison/presentation and/or marketing skills at international level;
5. Ability to establish rapport with a wide range of people, adjusting approaches to suit different people and cultural situations;
6. Ability in adapting to pressure and change;
7. Willingness to accept a high level of personal responsibility for the effective completion of tasks;
8. Knowledge of current telecommunications issues and technological developments;
9. A good working knowledge of the English language;
10. Tertiary level qualifications in engineering, management, economics, accounting, law or related disciplines or alternatively proven high level expertise in these areas.

B. DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

B.1 Position Description

In accordance with Article 10(4) of the APT Constitution, the Deputy Executive Director is expected to :

1. Manage the day to day financial affairs as per the financial rules of the APT;
2. Manage the APT Study Groups;
3. Manage operational staffing matters:
 - chair selection panel for new staff;
 - appeals;
 - terms and conditions;
4. Provide strategic, consultative, policy and planning advice to the Executive Director, where necessary;
5. Management of APT information sources - library, publications, exhibitions, publicity and presentation papers for international meetings and conferences;
6. To assist the Executive Director and perform the duties of the Executive Director in his/her absence;
7. Provide advice and consultative services to the Director, Telecommunications Development where necessary;
8. Other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Director from time to time.

B.2 General Guidelines For Nominations and Selection

The candidates to the post of the Deputy Executive Director are expected to have :

1. Recognised high order management skills and experience at the executive level within a telecommunications or related organization;
2. Ability to undertake the day to day financial management of an organization;
3. Ability to assist in developing and implementing strategies to attain organizational goals, balancing short and long term objectives;
4. Adequate experience in presentation and/or marketing skills at international level;
5. Ability to establish rapport with a wide range of people, adjusting approaches to suit different people and cultural situations;
6. Ability in adapting to pressure and change;
7. Willingness to accept a high level of personal responsibility for the effective completion of tasks;
8. Willingness to be pro-active in the organization, with proven skill in recognising opportunities and suggesting innovative proposals to more senior management;
9. Knowledge of current telecommunications developments and their implications;
10. A good working knowledge of the English language;
11. Tertiary qualifications in either engineering, management, economics, accounting, law or related disciplines or alternatively a proven high level of expertise in one of these areas.

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RESOLUTION NO. 91/01

**RESOLUTION ON POSITION DESCRIPTION AND SELECTION
GUIDELINES FOR THE POSTS (OTHER THAN EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR) IN THE
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

The Management Committee

Noting :

- (i) that the General Assembly at its 5th Session (year 1990) established a Special Working Party (SWP) to prepare for consideration and adoption by the Management Committee detailed criteria and detailed position descriptions for the professional positions in the APT Secretariat;
- (ii) the provisions in Article 10 (4) of the APT Constitution;

having considered at its 15th Session (1991) of the Management Committee the report of the SWP and adopted a Recommendation on the position descriptions and general guidelines for nomination and selection to the posts of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director and also hereby endorsing its approval to the position descriptions and general guidelines for selections to other professional posts in the APT as detailed in Appendix and having noted that revision of APT Staff Rules and Regulations to include the position descriptions and guidelines in Appendix would need more time.

Resolves :

- (i) that for filling the professional posts in APT - pending formal revision of APT Staff Rules and Regulations - the position descriptions and guidelines in Appendix of Attachment 2, shall be treated as an addendum to the APT Staff Rules and Regulations, for all practical purposes.
- (ii) that the Executive Director of the APT prepare the necessary revisions to the APT Staff Rules and Regulations to incorporate these position descriptions and guidelines for consideration of the 16th Session of the Management Committee.

[Appendix]

A. DIRECTOR, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Responsible to the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director

Salary Level : P-4

A.1 Position Description :

1. Plan, manage, implement and evaluate annual APT Work Programme (except Study Groups)
2. Management financial resources available to the APT Work Programme
3. Coordinate between Project Personnel and the Secretariat
4. Coordinate the arrangements for General Assembly and Management Committee meetings
5. Provide professional support, judgement and assistance to the APT organisation, the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and to APT members on a variety of technical, management, financial and policy issues
6. Liaise with other countries, organisations and aid/training sources on a regular basis
7. Manage the day to day operations of the Secretariat
8. Represent the APT in meetings with other organisations and at various international forums; as directed by the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director
9. Other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director

A.2 General Guidelines for Selection :

1. High order management skills and experience at middle management level within a telecommunication or related organisation
2. High level of competence in three or more of the following areas :
 - telecommunications technology and engineering
 - telecommunications regulation and policy development
 - marketing
 - financial management
 - strategic planning
 - project management

3. Detailed knowledge of current telecommunications issues, technological developments and their implications
4. Ability to understand and analyse information from a wide variety of country, literature and cultural sources
5. Ability to establish rapport with a wide range of people, adjusting approaches to suit different people and cultural situations
6. Recognised liaison/negotiation skills
7. Ability in adapting to pressure and change
8. A good working knowledge of the English language
9. Tertiary level qualifications in either Engineering, Management, Economics, Accounting or related disciplines or alternatively proven expertise in one of these areas.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Responsible to the Deputy Executive Director

Salary Level : P-2

B.1 Position Description :

1. Supervise day to day accounting and administrative functions of the Office
2. Oversee financial matters such as :
 - maintenance of accurate accounts and record keeping
 - membership contributions
 - staff salaries
 - UN administrative policy changes
 - investment of funds
 - audit
 - annual budget preparation
3. Oversee administrative matters including public relations, protocol, legal matters, insurance, procurement, maintenance of building and equipment etc.
4. Consult with and provide regular advice to relevant officers on Work-Programme, Study Groups, Staff and Administration and expenditure
5. Carry out other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director or Director, Telecommunications Development

B.2 General Guidelines for Selection :

1. Ability and experience in the supervision and oversight of the accounting function within an organisation
2. Thorough knowledge of administrative, legal and financial regulations and procedures
3. Demonstrated capacity to exhibit honesty, integrity and fairness in work situations
4. Ability to make sound and well informed decisions
5. Ability to establish rapport with a wide range of people, adjusting approaches to suit different people and cultural situations.
6. Expertise in the English Language
7. University Degree in Finance, Accountancy, Business, Banking or related fields or alternatively proven competence in at least one of these fields
8. Experience and competence in dealing with computerised record and accounting systems

C. ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Supervisor : Director, Telecommunications Development or Administrative Officer

Salary Level : P-1

C.1 Position Description :

1. Coordinate and manage support functions for General Assembly, Management Committee Meetings, Seminars and Workshops
2. Administer procedures for selection of APT staff and experts
3. Administer the day to day operation of the APT Secretariat
 - supervision of office staff
 - procurement and distribution of Purchases
 - arranging customs and other clearance, visas etc
 - upkeep of office premises
 - maintenance of equipment and transport
 - other duties as required
4. Liaison with the press on public relations matters
5. Liaison with the host government on protocol matters
6. Other duties prescribed from time to time through the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director or the Director, Telecoms Development

C.2 General Guidelines for Selection :

1. Skills and experience in day to day office management
2. Ability to work as part of team and contribute to team morale
3. Ability to prioritise work and achieve results
4. Capacity to supervise staff
5. Well developed oral and written communications skills in English
6. Skill in establishing rapport with a wide range of people, adjusting approaches to suit different people or cultural situations
7. Ability to deal with pressure, ambiguity and change
8. Relevant tertiary qualifications or proven expertise
9. Word-Processing/computer literacy skills

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NON-REIMBURSABLE PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Preferred salary level : P level

Duties to be prescribed by the Director, Telecommunications Development, the Deputy Executive Director and Executive Director at the establishment of an agreement between the APT Secretariat and the member country dispatching a non-reimbursable expert or consultant.

Staff to report to the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director or Director, Telecommunications Development depending on the duties specified in the agreement.

Duties may include :

1. to plan, manage, implement and evaluate the annual APT Work Programme under the supervision of Director, Telecommunications Development; and
2. to collect and distribute information and advice on technological and policy development in telecommunications and information technology;
3. to identify regional problems in the context of existing programmes of CCITT and CCIR Study Groups;
4. to collect country information on telecommunication services and equipment within the region;
5. to prepare detailed programme/action plan for implementation of the Work Programme approved by the Management Committee;
6. to be assigned short term technical mission, when necessary;
7. to co-ordinate with the member countries of APT in regional telecommunication planning and network management;
8. to provide design advice for APT presentations and publicity;
9. to provide editorial and technical support and advice in the production of APT publications.

General Guidelines for Selection

Experience, knowledge and ability at appropriate levels, to the requirements of the duties expected to be discharged.

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RESOLUTION NO. 91/02

**RESOLUTION ON THE FUTURE OF
THE APTEL INFORMATION SYSTEM**

The Management Committee

1. Recognizing that :
 - 1.1 The objectives of the UNDP/ITU Project RAS/86/178 (Assistance in Regional Telecommunication Planning) have been achieved.
 - 1.2 It supports the APTEL Information System, and wishes it to continue.
 - 1.3 UNDP funds will no more be available to continue support to the APTEL Information System after 31 December 1991.
 - 1.4 It wishes to record its thanks and appreciation to ITU/UNDP for their generous support during the development phase of the APTEL Information System.
 - 1.5 It wishes to record its thanks and appreciation to the Consultant, Dr. Peter Booth, for his excellent work in producing two reports during 1991 to enable the Management Committee to crystallize its views on the APTEL facility.
 - 1.6 The APT counterpart technical staff have been fully trained to maintain and upkeep the APTEL Information System under the supervision of a Manager.
 - 1.7 There is consensus on the usefulness and potential benefits to the Members, and 9 Members have expressed strong support to contribute financially for one year trial period before commencing with the self sufficiency in financing the system commercial phase.
2. Recommends that :
 - 2.1 With effect from 1 January 1992, APT take over the APTEL Information System and accept the responsibility to operate, maintain and develop the system for a trial period of one year.
 - 2.2 APT's 1992 regular budget allocate US\$76,000 (U.S. Dollars Seventy six thousand only) to cover expenses of the existing technical staff of the Database, and administrative overheads.
 - 2.3 APT offer office space and operational support as it existed during the ITU/UNDP Project.
 - 2.4 The Members accept the support activities to the APTEL during this trial period be considered as part of the Work Programme for 1992.

- 2.5 In the spirit of co-operation, all Members make voluntary contributions towards the cost of the one-year trial period, in the form of special support or extra budgetary contribution, at their discretion, even though the necessary data required may not be made available by some Members.
- 2.6 An Advisory Board comprising of representatives selected from the APT Members and the Secretariat manage the affairs of APTEL Information System during the trial period.
- 2.7 The Advisory Board recruit and appoint a Manager to run and market the APTEL Information System during the period of one year.
- 2.8 The Advisory Board through the Manager endeavour to solicit support from and participation of any entity that has an interest in the APTEL Information System.
- 2.9 The Advisory Board make decisive recommendations for the furtherance of the APTEL Information System based on the outcome of the trial period to the 16th Session of the Management Committee.
- 2.10 Advisory Board authorize the Executive Director to solicit support from ITU/UNDP/and other potential sources of financial and in-kind contributions.

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THE APTEL INFORMATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED PLAN FOR 1992

1. Budget

(In addition to the provision in the regular budget of the APT)

Manager	45,000	45,000
Visits to APTEL nodes	2,000 x 6	12,000
Advisory Board Meetings	8,000 x 2	16,000
Miscellaneous		5,000
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Note: It is envisaged that visits to APTEL nodes and part of the costs to the Manager may be met by ITU/TCD existing arrangements. Assuming a 50% ITU/TCD component, the cash requirements may be:

$22,500 + 6,000 + 16,000 + 5,000 = \text{US\$ } 49,500$
(say US\$ 50,000)

This US\$ 49,500 will be met by contributing members and other well wishing donors.

2. Advisory Board

- 2.1 The First Meeting of the Advisory Board will be during the 15th Session of the Management Committee. The Advisory Board Meeting shall elect a Chairman and Secretary, and prepare an outlined "Plan of Action".
- 2.2 The Second Meeting of the Advisory Board shall meet in February 1992 in Bangkok, if possible, concurrently during the INTELSAT Business Systems Seminar to consolidate available funds, to appoint the Manager and finalize Plan of Action.
- 2.3 The Third and Final Advisory Board Meeting will be in August/September 1992 at a time and place to be decided upon at the Second Advisory Board Meeting. The Meeting shall review the achievements of the trial and prepare draft recommendations to the 16th Management Committee Meeting.

3. The Members of the Advisory Board

They will consist of :

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| 1. | Brunei Darussalam | - | |
| 2. | India | - | Mr. Amitabh Kumar |
| 3. | Indonesia | - | Mr. Bambang Sulistyo |
| 4. | Malaysia | - | Mr. Mohamed Ali Yusoff |
| 5. | Maldives | - | Mr. Riluvan Shareef |
| 6. | Pakistan | - | Mr. M. Akhtar Hussain |
| 7. | Singapore | - | |
| 8. | Sri Lanka | - | |
| 9. | Thailand | - | |
| 10. | Executive Director of APT | | |

The decisions of the Advisory Board shall be arrived through consensus of members present, which should represent a simple majority of the Board including the Executive Director.

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RESOLUTION NO. 91/03

**RESOLUTION ON PARTICIPATION OF COMPANIES
(OTHER THAN THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP)
IN APT ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN GA AND MC**

The Management Committee

Considering that:

- To increase the APT's role in the development of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific region, private and government owned companies such as telecommunication equipment manufacturers, associates of manufacturers, and consulting companies need to be invited to various APT activities such as seminars, forums, study groups meetings and other activities;
- The participation of private and government owned companies in the above various APT activities has the potential to improve APT finances and will also lead to obtaining better understanding between the private sector, administrations and carriers in the region.

Recommends that:

- The private and government owned companies other than those eligible for affiliate membership (hereinafter referred to as "the Companies") may be invited to participate in APT activities in accordance with the following terms of reference:
 1. participation should be open to any company or organization which
 - (a) is interested in APT activities;
 - (b) has headquarters, regional offices or local offices located in the Asia-Pacific region; and
 - (c) is recommended by at least one Member or Associate Member including the country where the headquarters of the Company is located.
 2. the rights of the Companies are:
 - (a) to obtain the annual programme of APT activities such as seminars, forums and study groups meetings;
 - (b) to participate in APT activities other than APT General Assembly, Management Committee and other meetings which are related to the management of the APT;

- (c) to obtain a free copy of APT publications and reports containing Seminars, Workshops and Study Groups activities;
 - (d) to purchase extra copies of APT publications and reports at 75% of the usual price.
3. the obligations of the Companies are:
- (a) to pay an annual cash participation fee to the APT
 - a minimum of a quarter unit.
4. when participating in Study Groups meeting, the Companies shall be given status as Observers and Resource Persons, while in Seminars, Forums or Exhibitions, they shall be given full participative rights.

The APT Secretariat shall undertake the following responsibilities:

- 1. to manage the participation of the Companies;
- 2. to include the contributions from the Companies in the APT budget according to the Constitutions and other rules;
- 3. to report to the Management Committee annually concerning the status of the participation of the Companies.

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GUIDELINES FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE APT SECRETARIAT CONCERNING EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The trend by member countries to increase the level of their extra-budgetary contributions over recent years is a welcome one.

The Management Committee in recognizing the increasingly significant role that extra-budgetary contributions play in the execution of the APT Work Programme, wishes to make the following recommendations to assist the APT Secretariat in implementing Work Programme activities.

- As a general rule, the Management Committee should be the body responsible for deciding the annual Work Program (including priorities for the extra-budgetary component)
- Every effort should be made by member countries to submit details of their extra-budgetary contributions at the Management Committee each year to assist adequate forward planning.

Where this is not possible, the following guidelines should apply:

- (i) For Projects less than US\$100,000 (or the equivalent in extra-budgetary contributions in kind or money), the APT Secretariat, keeping in mind Work Programme priorities, has discretionary powers.
- (ii) For projects between US\$100,000 and US\$200,000 (or the equivalent in extra-budgetary contributions in kind or money) the existing consultative mechanism agreed by the 1990 Management Committee should be used. (ie The Executive Director, in addition to consulting with the DED would also consult among the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen where substantial deviations from the Budget are required; or when decisions on extra work programme items had to be made between MC meetings).

For projects greater than US\$200,000, the offer of the assistance will be circulated amongst all members of the APT. If any member does not endorse the offer or wishes to refer the offer to the Management Committee, the proposed offer shall be submitted to the next Management Committee for guidance.

Projects referable under this guideline means individual activities such as:

- (a) a seminar
- (b) a training course
- (c) a workshop
- (d) an expert mission
- (e) a study visit

Or other similar activities normally conducted under the APT Work Programme.

RESOLUTION NO. 91/04

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APT REQUEST MEMBER COUNTRIES TO RAISE MORE FUNDS FOR EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Whereas :

- the rapid and sustained growth in the economies of the Asia-Pacific region during the past twenty years has doubled the GNP of the countries of the region and output growth in the developing Asian countries during 1981 - 1989 averaged 7 percent per annum as compared with a global growth rate of only 2.9 per cent and an average growth rate for all developing countries of 3.2 per cent per annum.

Whereas :

- it has been anticipated that the fundamental of this economic development is the rapid expansion of networks using current technologies and rapid introduction of new telecommunication technology such as Cellular Mobile Telephone, Digital Switching, ISDN, Optical Fibres, VANS, VSATs, etc.

Whereas :

- the APT in discharging its mandate of strengthening its role as a catalyst for the development of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific region, has been requested to provide more assistance to member administrations in the planning and implementation of projects in the high technology area to cope with such a rapid development in telecommunications technology.

Whereas :

- the APT fundamentally lacks the necessary funds despite the consistently increasing ordinary budgetary contribution of the members to execute such big projects, especially relating to transfer of technology and development of human resources of which shortage in the telecommunications area has become very serious in the Asia-Pacific area.

Whereas :

- it is extremely difficult to get funds from international funding organizations such as ADB, UNDP and World Bank, etc. due to their recent severe budgetary constraints.

Resolved :

- as it is hereby resolved that the members of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity be requested, as they are hereby requested, to consider increasing their extra-budgetary contribution to enable the APT to implement its vital projects, such as seminars, trainings and other human development programmes that cannot be adequately supported by the ordinary budgetary contribution.

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET

25 - 28 NOVEMBER 1991

1. The Chairman of the Budget Working Group, Mr. Hossein Mahyar of the Islamic Republic of Iran opened the First Meeting of the Working Group at 11.00 hours on Monday 25th November. He thanked members for participating in the work of the Working Group and proceeded to the first item on the Provisional Agenda. (See *Attachment I*)
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Delegates from the Philippines and Australia raised some points for clarification and the Chairman explained that the subject of APTTEL has been agreed as a topic for discussion on the Working Group as Work Programme. He agreed that since members had only just received documents relating to the work of the Special Working Party, item No. 5 on the Provisional Agenda could be taken later in order to give members more time for its study. With the clarification, the Agenda was adopted.
3. **Annual Report of the Executive Director for the Year 1991 (Doc.No.MC-15/4 Rev.2)**

The Executive Director, Mr. Chao Thongma introduced his report, noting particularly that of Extra-Budgetary contribution are included, the percentages of resources devoted to A Salary, B Administration and C Work Programme are approximately 19%, 3% and 78%. He thought this to be very satisfactory and added that the breakdown of the figures can be discussed in more detail when the Working Group studies Document No. MC-15/16.2.
4. Members were generally satisfied with the report although there was clarification sought by the Maldives and the Philippines delegations on the basis of the above percentages, and the reason for the differences between some of the figures given in Doc.No. MC-15/4 Rev.2 and the corresponding figures in Doc.No. MC-15/16.1 Rev.1. Deputy Executive Director explained that although some of the expenditure included under Work Programme does include administrative factions such as correspondence etc., this is only included if it is directly associated with the Work Programme. The Executive Director agreed that there is some disparity between the figures in Doc.No.MC-15/4 and Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 but explained that this arises because Doc.No.MC-15/4 was produced early in the preparation of MC documentation, while Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 was produced more recently, with latest available data. The Chairman also noted that the important criterion is that the expenditure on Work Programme should reach a level of at least 50% of Regular Budgetary Contributions, and this criterion had been met.
5. With this discussion and clarification, the Executive Director's Report Doc.No. MC-15/4 Rev.2 was adopted, subject to the figures as discussed being brought into line with those of Doc.No. MC-15/16.2 Rev.1.

6. The Report of the Consultative Committee for Co-ordination (Doc.No.MC-15/8)

The Chairman invited the Deputy Executive Director to introduce this report. The Deputy Executive Director explained that the committee had been very active and had held meetings in March, October and November of this year. He considered that the results of co-ordination had been very positive. Of particular note was the co-ordination with INMARSAT, INTELSAT and International Red Cross over communication in times of disaster, and transborder communication. He believed that it could be useful to organize a seminar on these topics. The Executive Director added that ADB had made US\$373,000 available for this co-ordination programme. After deducting funds for a Rapporteur and travel expenses of ADB officials to Conference, the APT Secretariat has received US\$221,675 from ADB for conferencing expenses and fellowshipss for participants. The Secretariat has utilized the total amount of US\$179,022 only. He also noted that successful discussions had been held with ESCAP concerning a seminar on Transfer of Telecommunications Technology, and that through three efforts it had been possible to avoid duplication of effort. A delegate of the Philippines congratulated the Executive Director on his term's work in this held, and expressed the hope that it could continue. He asked for clarification on whether this had involved any expenditure under the APT budget and the Executive Director replied that all expenditure had come from ADB funds and not APT funds.

7. Following a question by a delegate of Australia on progress made in reviewing procedures, the Executive Director mentioned that UNDP is tentatively considering provision of funds for APT amounting to US\$8 Millions. There was discussion on this matter and points were raised by delegates of Maldives, Japan and Philippines. Delegates were generally of the opinion that this could be a valuable development but some queried the topics on which those funds might be expended and in particular whether the APTEL project might be included. The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director both expressed the view that from their experience arising from earlier requests for funding the APTEL project they were rather doubtful if APTEL could be included. The items which have been proposed for inclusion are as set out on page 51 of Doc.No.MC-15/17.2 Rev.2. The Executive Director explained that members had not been notified earlier on this possibility because it only recently become known, and in any case, it is still only tentative.

8. Following these discussions, the Chairman thanked the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director on their efforts, which he thought most helpful. With these remarks Doc.No.MC-15/8 was noted, and the meeting adjourned.

9. The Working Group reassembled at 13.45 hours on Monday 25th November.

10. Report on the APT Membership (Doc.No.MC-15/11)

The Chairman opened the discussion, and the delegation of Maldives suggested that the document is straightforward and could perhaps simply be noted by the Working Group. There being no other interventions, the Chairman ruled that the document be noted and that the Working Group move on to the next item. Having earlier agreed that item 5 of the Provisional Agenda be depended, the next item should be item 6 on the Provisional Agenda.

11. Finances of the Telecommunity

The Chairman stated that the first paper to be considered could be:

12. Expenditure and Auditor's Report for the Year 1990 (Doc.No.MC-15/16. Rev.1)

The Chairman invited the Deputy Executive Director to present Doc.No.MC-15/16.1 Rev.1. This was done, during which the Deputy Executive Director brought out the point that although some items had exceeded budget, mainly by items outside the control of APT, the overall expenditure was within budget. The delegation of the Philippines thanked the Deputy Executive Director for a clear report, but requested clarification on a few items, particularly the items under paragraphs 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5. The Deputy Executive Director continued that there were no outstanding comments under these headings. With this clarification, the Chairman stated that Doc.No.MC-15/16.1 Rev.1 be recommended to the Management Committee for adoption.

13. Revised Budget for the Year 1991 (Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 Rev.1)

The Chairman invited the Deputy Executive Director to introduce Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 Rev.1. During his introduction, the Deputy Executive Director noted that Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 requests that the Management Committee approve on amount US\$14,995.67 to be transferred from another sub-head to cover appears in payment of post adjustment. Also requested in the paper is that an amount US\$11,720 be placed in a special account for the printing of Study Group Manuals and Guidelines.

14. There was extensive discussion on this document with the main points queried being raised by the delegation of the Philippines concerning the need for the amount US\$14,995.67 in excess of budget for staff salaries. The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director explained that there had been several unexpected and retroactive instructions from UN on salaries. This included a change in salary scales and several changes in post adjustment factor for staff located in Bangkok. Members accepted that this matter is outside the control of the Secretariat, but there was general support for the view expressed by the delegation of the Philippines that guidelines be set on how the secretariat should deal with matters of this sort in the future. It was suggested that if unavoidable items of non-budgeted expenditure should arise in future, the task of the Working Group would be eased if they were presented in an agreed format. The Chairman agreed with this view and asked that the secretariat take note of the discussion. The guidelines proposed is as follows:

* / "Until the convening of the next Ordinary Session of the General Assembly in 1993 when the limits of expenditures will be decided, the Executive Director shall ensure that expenses especially under Section A do not exceed the Budget allocated and approved by the Management Committee."

15. Another point was queried by the delegation of Indonesia, concerning item 4.10 of the document, dealing with the Work Programme. It was noted that paragraph 4.10 states that there remains a balance of US\$11,720 and yet it is not clear whether all work has been completed, or whether further sums will need to be drawn from this balance. The Associate Administrative Officer stated that any outstanding amounts have been included under the category obligations, and that the project for Sri Lanka has in any case been covered directly by Extra-budgetary contribution from Japan. Thus the text of paragraph 4.10 is correct as stated, and none of the projects are being deferred.

16. The Chairman summarized the result of the discussions by agreeing that the Working Group should submit Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 Rev.1 to the Management Committee with the recommendation that an amount US\$11,720, being the outstanding balance referred to in item 4.10, be placed in a special account specifically for printing Study Group Manuals and Guidelines. The matter of whether the increase of staff salaries should be increased in line with UN practice should be discussed in the Plenary Meeting, and if agreed, the source of the necessary funds should be decided. One possibility suggested by the delegation of the Philippines was that the other receivable as mentioned in the Auditor's Report be listed by the secretariat and it may be that these funds might be used for the purpose. With these remarks the Chairman adjourned the meeting for the day.
17. The Working Group reconvened on Tuesday 26th November and the Chairman opened the meeting at 09.15 hours. Before commencing discussion on Budget Estimates for 1992, the Chairman of the Working Group announced that he had discussed the topics raised by Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 Rev.1 with Mr. Setyanto, Chairman of the Management Committee. He said that they had agreed that it would be most appropriate for the discussion of outstanding matters from this paper, particularly the matters of the difficulties caused by implementation of post adjustment, to be resolved in the Working Group before referring back to the Plenary Meeting of the Management Committee. It was proposed, therefore, to return to this item after discussion was completed on the Budget Estimates for 1992. The Working Group therefore approved and recommended the Management Committee for adoption.
18. Budget Estimates for the Year 1992 (Doc.No.MC-15/16.3 Rev.1)
- At the request of the Chairman, Doc.No.MC-15/16.3 Rev.1 was introduced by the Deputy Executive Director. During his presentation, the Deputy Executive Director highlighted a significant problem in allocating the funds considered necessary to the various activities, whilst at the same time keeping within previously agreed constraints. The essence of the problem was that if the items identified by the secretariat as being necessary expenditure were all to be included in the budget, with at least 50% of Regular Contributions allocated to the Work Programme, then the expenditure could exceed income. This was identified as Option A. A second option, Option B, was also included in which the total expenditure could remain within the limit set by available funds, and Work Programme could be curtailed as necessary for this to be achieved. However, although Option B remained within required overall limit for expenditure, it led to the result that only 45% of Regular Budgetary Contributions could be allocated to the Work Programme. This must be considered against the previous decision of the Management Committee that at least 50% of Regular Budgetary Contributions should be spent on the Work Programme.
19. The Chairman thanked the Deputy Executive Director for his presentation and noted that at the previous meeting of the Management Committee, in Beijing, it had been agreed that the Unit of Contribution should be increased by 10% for 1991, and for 1992 it should not be increased by more than 10%. It followed that we cannot increase income for 1992 over that which could be produced with a limit of Contribution equal to US\$6,250. Given this situation, the Working Group must come to a view on how we should resolve this difficulty. That is, whether we should adopt Options A or B, or whether we should take some other course of action. The Chairman then invited members to express their views.

20. There followed extensive discussion on this topic, with intervention by the delegations of Korea, Indonesia, Philippines, Japan, Australia and India. Members were generally of the view that we should not attempt to exceed the cash ceiling, which in any case had been set by the General Assembly and which is not within the power of the Management Committee to alter.

Some delegations agreed with the view expressed by the delegation of Australia, that is more recent times it is the case that the Extra-Budgetary Contributions from a larger proportion of the Telecommunity's resources. Accordingly, a minimum of 50% of Regular Budgetary Contributions to be allocated to the Work Programme may no longer be appropriate. The Executive Director added that according to accepted practice in UN organizations, payment of staff salaries is not subject to strict budgetary limits. He suggested that the time had now come for the APT to depart from a minimum of 50% of Regular Budgetary Contributions to be allocated to the Work Programme. He thought that a more appropriate arrangement could be to set a minimum of 70% or 75% of total contributions to be allocated to the Work Programme.

21. The delegate of Maldives expressed sympathy for this proposal and while we should not contravene the overall limits set by the General Assembly, perhaps there may be scope to be flexible on the 50% rate previously set by the Management Committee. The delegation of the Philippines also expressed sympathy with the dilemma facing the Working Group and noted that it had previously been agreed that should follow the UN system for APT staff salaries. However, the delegations remained concerned over reducing the Work Programme below 50%. At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting for a coffee break.
22. The Chairman reopened the meeting after the break and invited further comments. The delegation of Indonesia suggested that, in the circumstances, we should aim to keep within the overall limits and also try to adjust expenditure such that 50% of Regular Budgetary Contributions is allocated to the Work Programme. Several delegations including Maldives and Philippines supported their proposal, adding that the Secretariat should also set out the proposed expenditure in more detail than in existing documents so that the Working Group can identify scope for savings. The Secretariat should also make proposals for a solution meeting the overall criteria as suggested by the delegation of Indonesia.
23. At this point the Chairman requested that the Secretariat produces additional information as in paragraph 20 above. In the meantime, he suggested that a Sub-Group be formed to deal with Agenda item (5), concerning the work of the Special Working Party. After some discussion Mr. Joshi, Delegate from India, agreed to accept the role of Chairman of the Sub-Group. The Chairman of the Working Group then adjourned the meeting at 11.30 a.m.
24. The Working Group on Budget reconvened at 15.45 hours on 26th November. The Secretariat distributed further papers, including a detailed breakdown of the category B items in the Budget Estimate for 1992 and, at the request of the Chairman, the paper was presented by the Deputy Executive Director. In his presentation the Deputy Executive Director explained the item B figures, noting that as set out they totalled US\$85,600. He pointed out that if the overall budget is to be subject to the stated ceiling of US\$1,030,110, 50% is to be spent on the Work Programme and given that item A cannot be reduced, this leaves only US\$35,635 or 3% for item B.

In the ensuing discussion the delegation of Maldives, Thailand, Australia and Japan accepted that the Secretariat could not operate if subject to a limit of US\$35,635 for category B items and that the solution appeared to be to agree a reduction in percentage allocated to the Work Programme. However, the delegation of the Philippines expressed dissatisfaction with this reduction in percentage of Regular Budgetary Contributions and preferred some other solution, perhaps by finding some way to reduce the estimates for categories A and B. The delegation of Indonesia expressed the view that the suggestion of the Philippines could be more easily accomplished if the Secretariat would also provide a detailed breakdown of items in categories A and C.

25. There followed a further discussion aspects of the estimated funds needed for possible revision to the UN scales during 1992. It was noted that there was no firm basis for the amount of 10% as included in the estimates, but the Deputy Executive Director stated that experience over recent years was that 10% was on the low side and to estimate a lower figure would almost certainly result in a budgetary problem next year.
26. The delegation of Australia remarked that one possibility might be for the Management Committee to make use of Article 3 of the Financial Regulations, which make provision for the budget to be exceeded when it is considered unavoidable, and when this view has the support of 2/3 of the Membership. The delegation of the Philippines added that, in any case, payment of the post adjustment amounting to US\$14,996 for the year 1991 raises similar issues.
27. In an effort to break the deadlock over this matter the Chairman proposed that discussion on this item should be deferred, pending the production by the Secretariat of a breakdown of budget items under heads A and C. This should be provided in time for the start of the meeting on Wednesday morning. In the remaining time, the Working Group would revert to discussion on Doc.No.MC-15/16.2 Rev.1.
28. The Chairman invited the Chairman of the Management Committee to give his advice to the Working Group. This was to the effect that it would be better to deal with the matter of post adjustment in the Working Group, rather than refer it to the Plenary. The Chairman then invited views from the floor. Several points were made. The delegation of the Philippines noted that some savings had presently been made in payment of salaries since the departure of Mr. Amorn in August, but it is not clear how this is reflected in the financial position of APT. Several other delegates reiterated the nature of the problem which we are facing, but accepted that withholding salaries of APT staff is not a solution. Some delegations again raised the possibility that we permit the expenditure ceiling to be raised through appeal to the General Assembly. The delegation of the Philippines accepted that in order to bring this to a conclusion it would be prepared to accept this solution. The Chairman noted this, and agreed that it be proposed to the Plenary Meeting of the Management Committee.
29. Bearing in mind the time constraints, and the work which remains outstanding, the Chairman decided that the Working Group should reconvene on Wednesday 27th November at 08.30 hours.
30. The Chairman called the Working Group to order at 08.45 hours on Wednesday 27th November. He announced that the Group would continue its work with the aim of completion by midday. Mr. Joshi's Sub-Group on the SWP Report could then continue in the early afternoon, to be followed by the Drafting Committee.

31. Investment of Funds (Doc.No.MC-15/16.4 Rev.1)

The Chairman invited the Deputy Executive Director to introduce this paper. The delegations of Australia and Malaysia had some queries relating to the item headed "Additions" in the fixed deposit account amounting to US\$200,000. The Deputy Executive Director explained that this sum was simply a portion of APT's normal operating cash which had been placed in a higher interest bearing account since it was not immediately needed. These being no further discussion the Chairman adopted the paper.

32. The Secretariat circulated a revised Budget for the Year 1992. In this document the essential changes were that there had been some reduction in category A, and a considerable reduction in category B. The result was that A now accounts for 45% of Regular Budget Contributions, B accounts for 5% and C accounts for 50%.
33. The reduction in category A amounted to a saving of US\$15,870 which category B changes lead to savings of US\$34,100. The Deputy Executive Director stressed the point that these reductions are substantial, and will create difficulty in implementation. The Chairman then invited views from members.
34. Several delegates spoke to this new proposal, and expressed their thanks for the hard work put in by the Secretariat. Speakers were from Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, India, PR of China, Japan, Malaysia, Brunei, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Hong Kong. In general, although some delegations had reservation on the proposal, in the interest of reaching a conclusion there was a several support for acceptance. However, as pointed out by the delegation of Indonesia, it would be necessary for guidelines to be set on how the Executive Director should manage the budget in order to avoid this type of difficulty in future. This guidance could centre on the fact that while the UN System for staff salaries should as far as possible be implemented, we should not exceed the budget ceiling, and neither should funds expended on the Work Programme fall below 50% of Regular Budgetary Contributions.
35. Although this was the consensus view, the Executive Director and several delegations, including Australia and Japan, expressed concern at this result. Nevertheless, in order to move forward the Chairman thanked members for enabling a decision to be reached and agreed to recommend this solution to the Management Committee.
36. Regarding the matter of the 1991 budget, and the difficulty caused by the post adjustment payments, delegates accepted that this was a matter outside the control of the Secretariat, and agreed that special measures are necessary to deal with the situation. The Executive Director suggested that a solution could be faced by utilizing funds which had not been spent on expert missions in Maldives and Nepal. This would provided US\$13,000 of the required US\$15,000, leaving about US\$2,000 to be found from the seminar fund. While the Executive Director does not have authority to move funds from category C to category A, he added that this is within the authority of the Management Committee. Several delegations spoke on this matter, including Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, Japan and Korea. The Philippines cited that the funds from category C can not be moved to either category A or B since it would violate Article 9 Paragraph 4 of the Financial Regulations. However, it is proposed that the amount of US\$15,000 be taken from category B for US\$5,000 and US\$10,000 from the beginning balance.

It is estimated that US\$10,000 can be saved from the Work Programme and be carried forward to the year 1992. The Working Group for Budget therefore agreed to recommend to the Management Committee to approve the excess limit of expenditure pursuant to Article 3 of the Financial Regulations.

37. Extra Budgetary Contributions in Kind to be pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Other Organizations (MC-15/18 Rev. 1)

The Chairman requested that delegations confirm the Extra Budgetary Contributions, as given in the recent Heads of Delegations Meeting. Statements were made by the delegations as Attachment 3. The Working Group took note of these statements and agreed to refer them to the Management Committee. The Chairman then moved on to the next item.

38. Effective Date of Cash Contribution from New Members MC-15/19.1

At the request of the Chairman, the Executive Director presented this document, which was intended to provide the Executive Director with clear powers to request payment of dues at a specified time when a new member join the Telecommunity. The delegation of Philippines requested clarification on the way in which the proposed is intended to apply to Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members and this was explained by the Executive Director. He made it clear that the effective date of commencement of membership would be the determining factor for the starting year for which payment would be due, and this effective date could be as set out in the Constitution for different clauses of membership.

39. There were several suggestions made to refine the text, such as the suggestion from the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran that took account of the need in some cases for two payments to be made in succession when a member's joining date was near the end of a year. This and other suggestion received support from the delegations of India, Australia, Thailand and Philippines.

However, the delegation of Malaysia took the view that the Constitution already covers the point sufficiently well, and that this resolution is unnecessary. After further discussion, the consensus view emerged that in spite of concern expressed by Executive Director, the Working Group Members felt that he already had sufficient authority under the Constitution to request payment by new members. Accordingly, the Chairman decided that we would simply take note of this document.

40. Vacancies for Chairman and Vice Chairmen MC-15/19.2

At the request of the Chairman, the document was introduced by the Executive Director. He emphasized that the reason for putting forward this draft resolution is because the past procedures have not always been correct, and this would be a way of setting the matter right. He went on to explain that according to legal advice obtained by the Secretariat, it is a requirement that elections of these three positions (Chairman and two Vice Chairmen) be carried out every two years. Moreover, there is no reason to couple chairmanship of a committee with the position of Vice Chairman.

41. Several delegations expressed concern over the aspect of the proposal in the draft resolution, that the member country of an early retiring Chairman or Vice Chairman should be free to nominate a replacement for the given office. The delegations of Philippines, India, Iran and Malaysia supported this view. The Executive Director explained the practical reasons for this proposal, which is that it is purposeless for the APT members to elect a replacement, since appointment to such officers requires the agreement of the Administration of a country. This is necessary because it is the Administration which decides whether or not any given member of staff can be deployed on APT related duties for the year ahead.
42. Notwithstanding these explanations, there was a consensus view that the Working Group Members did not wish to agree this draft resolution, and preferred that the Secretariat bring a more comprehensive and clearly set out proposal to be considered at the next Management Committee Meeting. The Executive Director was unhappy with this in the light of the legal advice which was that elections for the three position should be held every two years. He asked that his view be recorded in the notes of meeting.
43. Given the consensus view, the Chairman decided that we could do no more than take note of this document, and bring the matter to the attention of the Management Committee. At that point, the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 09:00 on 28th November.
44. The Chairman opened the meeting at 09.45 hours. He explained that he delayed start was due to a Head of Delegation Meeting which had taken longer than expected. He went on to say that he had raised the matter at the Heads of Delegations Meeting, of the draft resolution MC-15/19.2. At the meeting this had been reconsidered, and delegations took the view that it would be better to adopt the resolution, but with some amendment. Elections would take place for the three officers during this Management Committee Meeting.
45. The Chairman asked for views of members and delegates of Malaysia and Philippines wished that any mid-term replacement for these positions be elected by the Management Committee and not the administration of the original office bearer. This view was widely supported. The delegation of the Philippines stressed that the intention agreed at the Head of Delegation Meeting was that this modified resolution should remain in force only to the next General Assembly, when a more considered and complete document could be put forward to amend the Constitution. The Executive Director suggested that this new proposal would either be worked out by the Secretariat, or the Management Committee or General assembly might appoint a Special Committee on Constitution to deal with this matter.
46. Changes agreed by the Group are recorded in Annex 2. On a further point of clarification the Executive Director agreed with the query by the Indonesian delegation that there remains some ambiguity over eligibility of mid-term elected officers for further terms. However, he pointed out that this is of no practical consequence since it will be resolved in the new proposal to be put to the General Assembly in 1993. With these clarifications, the Chairman indicated that the matter of which body should be responsible for producing proposals for amendment to the Constitution would be referred to the Management Committee.

47. Extra-Budgetary Contribution (Doc.No.MC-15/19.3)

The Chairman remarked that this matter had been discussed at the Head of Delegations' Meeting, and general consensus had been reached. The Deputy Executive Director indicated that a text had already been given to the Drafting Committee. The Philippines Delegation added clarification to this, explaining that it is agreed by all that we need a strong request to members to increase Extra-Budgetary Contributions as far as possible. This had unanimous support of members.

48. Some delegations expressed the view that they would like to have clarification on how the Extra-Budgetary Contributions are to be used. The Executive Director explained that the Secretariat had a proposal as follows:

1. Special Fund is used for additional activities covering training, dispatch of expert study visit and seminar in new telecommunication technology such as Mobile Telephone, ISDN, Digital Switching, Optical Fibres, etc.
2. Special Fund is used for satisfying the request from the member countries that has not yet been satisfied.
3. Special Fund is used for the urgent need of member countries.

The Working Group on Budget has approved the matters that APT Secretariat requested as above.

The Delegation of Australia supported this resolution but, recognizing the size of the Extra-Budgetary Contributions, would prefer some further discussion on the use of these contributions in the Working Groups. The Delegation of the Philippines supported this in principle but thought that the Working Group on Work Programme would be a more appropriate forum. However, the Australian Delegation felt that where large sums are involved it would be appropriate to discuss in the Budget Working Group. The Chairman agreed that the Working Group would take note of these points.

49. The Delegation of Australia made the proposal that guidelines be set for the method of dealing with Extra-Budgetary Contributions which arise after the Management Committee Meeting specifically, the proposal was:

Items less than US\$50,000 at discretion of Executive Director

Items in range of US\$50,000 to US\$100,000 at discretion of the Consultative Committee

Items exceeding US\$100,000 to be referred to members by circulation and to require 2/3 majority support before the Secretariat can proceed

Several delegations expressed support in principle with this, including Indonesia, Philippines and India, although the Delegations of Japan and Indonesia agreed with the Executive Director's view that consideration be given to raising the limits. The Chairman agreed that guidelines be added to the notes of meeting and it is attached as Annex VIII.

50. APT Telecom Journal MC-15/20.1 Rev. 1

The Chairman requested the Deputy Executive Director to present this document. This met the approval of members. The Delegation of Australia requested that the minutes contain a note to the effect that the Australian Delegation will actively solicit subscription and suggests that other members also take this action. There was support for this from the delegations of Philippines, India and Indonesia. This was agreed by the Chairman.

51. Proposal to allow Private Companies to Participate in APT Activities (Doc. No. MC-15/21)

The Chairman noted that this was the final document for consideration by the group. Since the document arose from the recommendations of the Special Working Party, the Chairman requested that Ms. Annabelle Stephenson, Member of the SWP, give the background to the proposal. Members agreed in principle with the proposal although several delegations had suggestions or requested clarification. The Delegation of Hong Kong suggested that it might be helpful to index the proposed fee to the Unit of Contribution, thereby taking account of inflation. The Delegation of India wished government owned companies as well as private companies to be eligible, and would prefer clarification on the meaning of "located in the region". The Delegation of the Philippines suggested that the status of this new category of member should be defined, and thought that some form of accreditation might be appropriate. On the matter of fees, the Executive Director added a plea that discretion be given to the Secretariat, on the basis that some members in this category may contribute in kind. The Chairman requested that these various comments be noted, and that the Drafting Committee add suitable words to reflect the views of the Working Group.

52. Under any other business the delegation of Australia on behalf of all members thanked the Chairman for his handling of the Working Group. The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.00 hours on 28th November 1991.

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WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET

AGENDA

<u>Working Group Agenda</u>	<u>Plenary Agenda</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Document No.</u>
<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Item No.</u>		
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2	4	Annual Report of the Executive Director for the Year 1991	Doc.No.MC-15/4 Rev. 2
3	8	The Report of the Consultative Committee for Coordination	Doc.No.MC-15/8
4	11	Report on the APT Membership	Doc.No.MC-15/11
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		B. Proposals by SWP for general restructuring, position descriptions and selection criteria for APT professional staff	
6	16	Finances of the Telecommunity	
7	16.1	Expenditure and Auditor's Report for the year 1990	Doc.No.MC-15/16.1 Rev.1
8	16.2	Revised Budget for the year 1991	Doc.No MC-15/16.2 Rev.1
9	16.3	Budget Estimates for the year 1992	Doc.No.MC-15/16.3 Rev.1
10	16.4	Investments of funds	Doc.No.MC-15/16.4 Rev.1

<u>Working Group Agenda</u>	<u>Plenary Agenda</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Document No.</u>
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11	18	Extra-Budgetary Contribution in kind to be pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and other Organizations	Doc.No.MC-15/18 Rev.1
12	19	Any other items proposed by Members, Associate Members, and the Executive Director of the Telecommunity	
13	19.1	Effective Date of cash contributions from new members	Doc.No.MC15/19.1
14	19.2	Vacancies for the Chairman and Vice Chairman	Doc.No. MC-15/192
15	19.3	Extra-Budgetary Contribution	Doc.No.MC-15/193
16	20.1	APT Telecom Journal	Doc.No.MC-15/20.1 Rev.1
17	21.1	Proposal to allow private companies to participate in APT activities	Doc.No.MC-15/21
18	-	Other matters	-

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WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET
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34.	Mrs. Thienthip Suddhinond	Thailand
35.	Mr. Chao Thongma	APT
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WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET

**EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED BY MEMBERS,
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

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| Australia | - | APT Study Groups Meeting in Sydney. Upto US\$40,000 will be provided as a contribution to airfares for fellowships |
| | | Seminar on Digital Mobile Communications in Sydney (week preceding SG Meeting) |
| | | 2 short term expert missions |
| | | 2 training courses in Bangkok conducted by experts from Australia |
| Brunei Darussalam | - | To host one seminar |
| PR China | - | Training in Shanghai and Nanjing. Perdiem and training cost will be provided to APT sponsored trainees. Arrangements for some study tours. |
| Hong Kong | - | Training facilities in 1992 |
| India | - | 4 units of Extra-Budgetary Contribution |
| | | 50% concession for training of APT fellows |
| | | Meeting of part expenditure in kind for hosting of seminars, establishment of projects and exchange visits of senior officers for promotion of training for APT fellows (details to be worked out in coordination with APT) |
| Indonesia | - | Digital Satellite Communications Training |
| | | Facilities for Training including local transportation and accommodation for 30 participants. |
| Japan | - | extra budgetary in kind |
| Malaysia | - | 1-2 seminars |

- Maldives - 1 activity in Male'
- Myanmar - 1 Unit Extra-Budgetary Contribution subject to Government's Approval
- Pakistan - To host a Seminar on "Marketing and Liberalisation (in case it is not likely to be held in New Zealand) or a Regional Meeting at Islamabad or Lahore in September 1992 or April 1993 on "Planning, Development and Implementation of Network."

Training to 15 APT nominated participants at Staff College Haripur in EWSD Switching Systems in 1992 on per diem basis
- Philippines - 1 seminar
- Korea Telecom - Training facilities (120 m/m)
- Thailand - no plan to host any seminar but would extend cooperation and provide facilities to APT
- KDD and NTT - continue to offer training facilities

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Attachment 4

BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR 1991 AND 1992

Budget Items	1990 expenditure	1991 revised budget	1992 budget estimate	Variation 1992-1991
	US\$	US\$	US\$	%
A. STAFF				
A.1 MANAGEMENT STAFF				
Salary	123790	195990	188930	189841 -3.60
Allowances and Contribution	100240	105890	94390	-10.86
Post Adjustment	25080	54150	52900	50022 -2.31
TOTAL OF A.1	249110	356030	336220	-5.56
A.2 GENERAL SERVICE STAFF				
Salary	71970	72330	97140	34.30
Allowances, Contribution and Overtime	24870	21740	30190	38.87
TOTAL OF A.2	96840	94070	127330	35.36
TOTAL OF A	345950	450100	463550	2.99
B. ADMINISTRATION				
B.1 General Office Expenses	48670	48770	42400	-13.06
B.2 Office Equipment	2290	1370	1000	-27.01
B.3 GA & MC Meetings	6500	8910	5000	-43.88
B.4 Auditor & Legal Advisor	1680	1900	2100	10.53
B.5 Sinking Fund for Assets	NA	NA	NA	
B.6 Other Expenditure (Misc. Contingencies)	6990	1350	1000	-25.93
TOTAL OF B	66130	62300	51500	-17.34
C. WORK PROGRAMME				
C.1 Official Travel	10240	21560	10000	-53.62
C.2 Consultant	NA	NA	NA	
C.3 Experts	74720	76510 *	40970	-46.45
C.4 Training Fellowships	99020	129770	110000	-15.23
C.5 Study Visits	25290	28100	30000	6.76
C.6 Meetings and Seminars	84580	74650	142000	90.22
C.7 Study Group Meeting	51800	41950	33000	-21.33
C.8 APT Journal	14270	5000	5000	.00
C.9 APT Newsletter	0	0	2000	
C.10 Training/Study Visit for APT Secretariat Personnel	0	0	6000	
C.11 Printing & Mailing of Study Groups Documents	0	15000	6000	-60.00
C.12 Documentation, Mailing & Communications	34650	51670	54090	4.68
C.13 APTEL Database **	35540	68360	76000	11.18
TOTAL OF C	430110	512570	515060	.49
TOTAL OF A+B+C	842190	1024970	1030110	.50
Percentage for A	41	44	45	
B	8	6	5	
C	51	50	50	

* There will be estimated savings on item C.3 - Experts which amounts to US\$10,000 to be carried forward to 1992.

Attachment 5

PLEDGED CONTRIBUTION FOR 1992

10% increase in unit cost

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NAME OF ADMINISTRATION	PLEDGED		EXTRA BUDGETARY		TOTAL CONTRI- BUTION
	UNITS @ 6250	VALUE	UNITS @ 6250	VALUE	
MEMBERS					
Afghanistan	1	6250		0	6250
Australia	20	125000	6	37500	162500
Bangladesh	2	12500		0	12500
Brunei Darussalam	2	12500		0	12500
P R China	10	62500	5	31250	93750
India	4	25000	4	25000	50000
Indonesia	2	12500		0	12500
I R Iran	2	12500		0	12500
Japan	40	250000		0	250000
Korea, Republic of	10	62500		0	62500
Laos, People's Rep of	.5	3125		0	3125
Malaysia	4	25000		0	25000
Maldives	.5	3125		0	3125
Mongalia (has not pledged)					
* Myanmar	1	6250	1	6250	12500
Nauru	1	6250		0	6250
Nepal	.5	3125		0	3125
Pakistan	2	12500		0	12500
Philippines	2	12500		0	12500
Singapore	2	12500		0	12500
Sri Lanka	1	6250		0	6250
Thailand	4	25000		0	25000
Vietnam	1	6250		0	6250
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS					
Hong Kong	4	25000		0	25000
Cook Islands	.5	3125		0	3125
AFFILIATE MEMBERS					
HK Telecom Int'l	2	12500		0	12500
HK Tel Co.	1	6250		0	6250
KDD Japan	10	62500		0	62500
NTT Japan	10	62500		0	62500
Eastern Telecom	.5	3125		0	3125
Globe Mackay	.5	3125		0	3125
Philcomsat	.5	3125		0	3125
Phil Global Comms	.5	3125		0	3125
PLDT	.5	3125		0	3125
KTA Korea	2	12500		0	12500
Data Comms, Korea	.5	3125		0	3125
CAT Thailand	.5	3125		0	3125
TOT Thailand	.5	3125		0	3125
Asiasat, Hong Kong	.5	3125		0	3125
Hutchison Telecom, HK	1	6250		0	6250
Korea Mobile Telecom	.5	3125		0	3125
Capwire, PHL	.5	3125		0	3125
PT Telecom, Indonesia	.5	3125		0	3125
P T Indosat	.5	3125		0	3125
Dhiraagu, MLD	1	6250		0	6250
Sri Lanka Telecom	.5	3125		0	3125
Singapore Telecom Int'l	.5	3125		0	3125
	151.5	946875	16	100000	1046875

* subject to government approval

Attachment 6

CASH FLOW FOR 1990, 1991 AND 1992

	IN US\$	1990	1991	1992
		actual	revised budget	budget estimate
Contribution cost per unit		85180	85690	86250
Balance at beginning of financial year		34870	105850	84035
INCOME				
Contribution (10% increase in unit cost)		844340	941695	1046875
Interest Earned		28830	31400	34200
Withdrawal from Tax Equalization Fund		40000	30060	0
Withdrawal from Sinking Fund for Assets		0	0	0
Total Income		913170	1003155	1081075
Grand Total		948040	1109005	1165110
EXPENDITURE				
Section A: Staff		345950	450100	463550
Section B: Administration		66130	62300	51500
Section C: Work Programme		430110	512570	515060
Total Expenditure		842190	1024970	1030110
Balance at the end of financial year (1)		105850	84035	135000
The Reserve Funds				
APT Building Fund				
Balance at the beginning of financial year		2870	3210	3450
Interest earned during the year		260	300	100
Gain (Loss) on exchange rate		80	-60	0
Expenditure for APT building		0	0	0
		3210	3450	3550
Tax Equalization Fund				
Balance at the beginning of financial year		63510	28760	0
Interest earned during the year		5250	1300	0
Withdrawals to Work Programme		-40000	-30060	0
		28760	0	0
Sinking Fund for Assets				
Balance at the beginning of financial year		33400	35990	38210
Interest earned during the year		2590	2220	2300
Expenditure for new copying machine		0	0	-8000
		35990	38210	32510
Total balance of three reserve funds at the end of the year (2)		67960	41660	36060
Balance at the end of the year as shown in Auditor's Report (1) + (2)		173810	125695	171060

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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME

25 - 28 NOVEMBER 1991

1. The following is the Report to the Plenary Session of the APT Management Committee of its Working Group on the APT Work Programme, which met from 25 to 28 November 1991. The Agenda of the Working Group is given in *Attachment 1*.
2. The Working Group was chaired by Robert Scoble (Australia), Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee. A list of the participants is given in *Attachment 2*.

Annual Report of the Executive Director

3. The Working Group acknowledged the Executive Director's Annual Report for the year 1991 (Document No. MC-15/4 Revision 2) and expressed its appreciation and thanks for his services during the year. The Working Group recommended to the Management Committee that it adopt the Executive Director's Report.

Consultative Committee for Coordination

4. The Working Group acknowledged the Executive Director's Report on the Consultative Committee for Coordination (Document No. MC-15/8 Revision 1), and the fact that three meetings of the Committee were held in 1991. It was felt that it might be useful for a summary of the outcome of the Committee's mid-year meeting, in 1992 and subsequent years, to be sent to Member Administrations.

Study Groups

5. The Working Group acknowledged the Executive Director's Report and the Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups (Document No. MC-15/10) and the detailed Study Groups Report prepared by the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Study Groups. The Working Group expressed its thanks to all the Members which sent experts to the Study Groups to support the work in preparing the resultant manuals and documents, to Mr Bambang Sulistyono for his Chairmanship, to the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteurs, to the Secretariat for its extensive preparatory work, and to the Thai Administration for its excellent arrangements for the 11th Study Groups Meeting in Chiang Mai.
6. The Australian Delegation noted the improvement in the performance of the Study Groups since the reforms which were instituted last year. It was essential for the continued improved performance of the Study Groups that the new fellowship criteria approved at the 1989 Management Committee (concerning the selection of attendees for fellowships on the basis of the value of the contribution they can make to the work of the Study Groups) remain a priority for the Secretariat.

7. It was agreed that the proposed seminar on Optical Fibre (Recommendation of Study Group 2) was now not necessary, in view of the detailed studies on this subject which have been undertaken by the CCITT. The future work of this Study Group will be undertaken by correspondence, subject to consultation with its Vice-Chairman.
8. It was agreed that the new proposed question for Study Group 5 on increasing the transmission capacity on existing open-wire cables and lines would be accepted after consultation with Member Administrations.
9. Delegates were asked to use their best offices to prevail upon their Administrations to complete and return Study Group questionnaires at the earliest.
10. The offer of the Australian Administration to host the 12th Study Groups Meeting in Sydney in September 1992 was accepted with gratitude.

The Work Programme

11. The Working Group acknowledged the Executive Director's Review of the Work Programme for the year 1991 (Document No. MC-15/17.1 Revision 1), his recommended Work Plan for the next two years, 1992 and 1993 (Document No. MC-15/17.2 Revision 2), and his recommended Work Programme for the year 1992 (Document No. MC-15/17.3)
12. The Indonesian Delegation said that there were some shortcomings in coordinating seminars and study group activities in 1991. It was agreed that, in future, the Vice-Chairman and Rapporteurs of the relevant Study Group should at least be invited when a Seminar is to be held on a subject of interest relevant to that particular Study Group or its study questions.
13. The Working Group approved the Recommendations of those Seminars already held in 1991, provided that these only be implemented if they are in accordance with the approved Work Programme.
14. It was pointed out that there were still two Seminars to come in 1991 : a Meeting on Technological Cooperation for the Development of the Telecommunications Industry in the Asia Pacific Region, to be held in cooperation with UNIDO from 9 to 13 December 1991 in Bangalore, India and a Seminar on the Iridium project from 17 to 18 December 1991 in Bangkok, Thailand in cooperation with the American Embassy.
15. It was recalled that the Management Committee last year expressed a preference for the 1992 budget to be presented in a programme budgeting format : this was so that the real cost and relative effectiveness of programmes could be assessed.

For instance, the cost of seminars could be broken down into the following budget items : salaries, documentation, correspondence, telephone, fellowships, equipment, computing, preparation of documents and host contribution.

16. The Working Group recommended that the following four Seminars be organized for 1992:

	Topic	Venue	Month
1.	Intelsat Business Services	Bangkok	Feb '92
2.	VSAT Applications	Brunei	May '92
3.	Consumers' Forum to celebrate Thai Telecom Day	Bangkok	Aug '92
4.	Digital Mobile Communications	Sydney	Sept '92

17. In addition to the four Seminars above, the Secretariat was asked to provide fellowships to APT Members to allow them to attend the CommunicAsia Seminar on Information Technology and Telecommunications in Singapore in June 1992.
18. It was agreed that, if there was money left over for further Seminar activity, this should go to the provision of fellowships for the Marketing and Liberalisation Seminar to be organized by the South-Pacific Forum in New Zealand in September 1992.
19. The Working Group thanked the Australian Administration for its offer to host the seminar on Digital Mobile Communications in the week preceding the Study Groups Meeting. It was agreed that the Secretariat will provide fellowships to Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteurs of the Study Groups dealing with the relevant topics, provided that their attendance is approved by their respective Administrations.
20. The Pakistani Delegation offered to host a Seminar on the important subject of liberalisation and deregulation or a regional meeting for planning, development and implementation of network. It was agreed that the Pakistani delegation would negotiate further with the Secretariat to finalise the modalities and the date of the Seminar or regional meeting.
21. The Indonesian Delegation drew attention to the requirement (in Item E1(b) of Annex 1 of Document MC-15/17.1 Revision 1) for the APT to organise activities designed to "obtain and disseminate information on major changes in management structures (creation of more entities, centralisation and decentralisation, change of service responsibilities from one entity to another, privatisation, competition) and experience after these changes in member countries." In this regard, Indonesia suggested that methodologies similar to those which the APEC Working Group or Telecommunications had adopted, be implemented also in APT. Such methodologies were in the form of preparing detailed questionnaires, coupled with the outcome of the APT/ADB Seminar on the Information Age held in March 1991.
22. The Working Group reaffirmed its previous policy of according the highest priority to the Study Groups and Seminars, and the lowest priority to expert missions. The Secretariat should take these priorities into account if funds run short in 1992. The Pakistani Delegation expressed its particular support for an increase in funding for study visits.

23. The Working Group paid some attention to the extra-budgetary contributions pledged by Member Administrations. It was important to re-affirm the sovereignty of the Management Committee in setting the parameters of the work programme. Extra-budgetary contributions were received with gratitude, but it was agreed that these ought not to distort the general shape of the work programme.
24. The Chinese Delegation outlined its extra-budgetary contribution, and the Working Group agreed with the delegation's suggestion that it be used for training and study visits which would take place in China.
25. The Chinese Delegation also foreshadowed its intention to help the Secretariat with the preparation of the APT newsletters.
26. The Indian Delegation outlined its proposal for inclusion in the Work Programme for 1992-93. This included the proposal to include two seminars on :
 - (a) Mobile Radio Communications
 - (b) Improvement of Rural Communications

The Working Group noted that the seminar programme for 1992 having already been firmed up, the seminars can be considered for 1993. India also reiterated its support to hold a Seminar on Value Added Network Services in April 1993 in India, which forms a part of the Work Programme as per MC-15/17.2 Revision 2.

The Indian Delegation also offered the setting up of an "Institute for Telecom Production and Technology" to be implemented jointly by the Indian Administration and the APT for the mutual benefit for APT member countries. It was agreed that the details for this project would be submitted by the Indian Administration to the APT Secretariat and would be considered by the APT in accordance with the appropriate consultative mechanism.

The Indian Administration also suggested for three other projects for consideration in the Work Programme :

- (a) Protection of Telecom Networks
- (b) Development of Rural Telecommunications
- (c) Acceptance testing of Telecom Systems

For this purpose, the Indian Administration offered :

- (i) Office Accommodation;
- (ii) Secretarial services;
- (iii) Transport;
- (iv) Telephone.

India also proposed that under the Executive Exchange Programme, in which the Airfare is borne by the visiting administration and other expenses (hotel, transport and per diem) are met by the hosts, that a two member delegation may visit Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, and a two member delegation from these countries may visit India.

These requests from the Indian Administration were noted by the Working Group.

27. The Working Group agreed that there ought to be a consultative mechanism for large extra budgetary contributions : the nature of this mechanism should be decided by the full Management Committee.
28. The Indonesian Delegation outlined its extra-budgetary contribution, and the Working Group agreed with the delegation's suggestion that it be used for training in satellite communications. Projects funded by International Organisations
29. There was a comprehensive discussion on Part II of the Executive Director's proposed Work Plan for 1992 and 1993. Part II comprised those projects which can be implemented as APT projects if extra-budgetary contributions are forthcoming from international organisations or donors.
30. The Working Group expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for its work in compiling Document 15/17.2 Revision 2, which ran to 83 detailed pages. After considering the various projects which were described in that Document, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Management Committee that two projects be approved for further planning and development and given a considerable degree of priority. These projects were the APTEAM project (incorporating APTECH, APTDEV, APTCOM, APTOUR and APTRAN) and the APTHAN project. It was decided not to recommend proceeding with the APTICA project.
31. The Secretariat requested approval to proceed with planning for the TELETRANS project. Although the first exhibition under this project was to be held in January 1993, the Secretariat pointed out that approval by the Management Committee in November 1992 would leave an insufficient lead-time. The Working Group decided not to recommend further development of the TELETRANS project.
32. The Working Group took note of the Executive Director's request for authorization to proceed with the planning and implementation of the projects proposed under Part II of the Work Plan. The Working Group agreed to recommend approval of the APTEAM and APTHAN projects, provided that, if the extra-budgetary contributions from international organisations or donors for either of these projects was to be a large one, the consultative mechanism to be decided by the Management Committee was to be activated. The Working Group asked the Executive Director to ensure that the international organisations or donors provided the location and manpower for these projects rather than placing further space or work pressure on the Secretariat.

APT Telecom Journal

33. The Working Group expressed its continued support for the APT Journal, as a useful means of communication and information dissemination between members. It was agreed that the Executive Director could proceed to sign a Publishing Agreement with a private company for an initial period of two years.

Procedure for Evaluating Work Programme Effectiveness

34. The Working Group thanked the Secretariat for instituting procedures for testing the effectiveness of the several aspects of the work programme. The questionnaires seemed particularly useful but their formats should be kept under continuing review by the Project Engineer and any refinements proposed to subsequent Management Committee meetings.

The Working Group urged delegates to prevail upon their Administrations to see that the various questionnaires were returned promptly to the Secretariat.

Participation of Private Companies

35. The Working Group acknowledged the Executive Director's Report on the Proposal to Allow Private Companies to Participate in APT Activities (Document No. MC-15/21). The Working Group decided to recommend to the Management Committee that it approve the Special Working Party (SWP) Recommendation on this matter.
36. The SWP Recommendation is preceded on pages 2 and 3 of the Document by a detailed description of the SWP proposal, entitled "Participation of Private Companies (other than carriers) in APT Activities". The Working Group amended the first paragraph of this proposal by the addition of the words "associations of manufacturers" after the words "equipment manufacturers", the third paragraph of the proposal by the amendment of point (c) to read: "recommended to participate in APT activities by at least one member or associate member", and the fifth paragraph of the proposal by the amendment of point (b) to read, "The amount of the contribution is to be a minimum of US\$1,000 per year."

The APTEL Information System

37. The Working Group acknowledged the Report of the ITU Project Coordinator on the APTEL Information System (Document No. MC-15/4), the Executive Director's Report on the APTEL Database Project (Document No. MC-15/14.1) and the two Reports of the APT Consultant, Dr. Booth, and noted that the most important issue to be addressed was the issue of funding the APTEL facility in 1992, after the ITU hands it over.
38. There was a consensus that the APTEL Information System was a useful facility and was deserving of support. There was no consensus, however, on how to fund it in 1992. Nine delegations expressed their willingness to contribute financially to ensure the facility's viability, while another seven delegations, each for its own reason, could not express such willingness at the meeting.
39. A compromise was debated by the Working Group, under the terms of which an allocation of US\$76,303 would be found by reducing other items in the 1992 work programme regular budget, the Secretariat to decide which items, taking into account the priorities expressed by the Working Group in paragraph 21 above. The nine delegations willing to contribute financially would endeavour to supplement the amount of US\$ 76,303 with their own contributions and with subsidies from other sources.
40. This compromise was not accepted by all delegations: eleven delegations agreed with it and three delegations opposed. The Working Group agreed to refer this matter to the Heads of Delegation with the request that a compromise be sought. The Working Group was later informed that the Heads of Delegation agreed to continue the APTEL Information System on a trial basis in 1992, as an element of the main Work Programme.

41. Drafting Committee

This Report was drafted by a Drafting Committee consisting of Robert Scoble (Australia), Malik Aktar Hussain (Pakistan), Bambang Sulistyono (Indonesia) and Masahisa Matsubara (Japan).

Attachment 1

WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME

AGENDA

<u>Working Group Agenda</u>	<u>Plenary Agenda</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Document No.</u>
<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Item No.</u>		
1	4	Annual Report of the Executive Director for the year 1991	MC-15/4 Rev. 2
2	8	Report of the Consultative Committee for Coordination	MC-15/8 Rev. 1
3	9	Reports and Recommendations of the Seminars held in 1991	MC-15/9 Rev. 1
4	10	Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups	MC-15/10
5	14	Report of the ITU/UNDP Project, Regional Telecommunication Planning	MC-15/14
6	14.1	Secretariat Report on Database Project	MC-15/14.1 Rev.1
7	17	Work Programme of the Telecommunity	No document
8	17.1	Review of the Work Programme for the year 1991	MC-15/17.1 Rev. 1
9	17.2	Proposed two year work plan (1992-1993)	MC-15/17.2 Rev.2
10	17.3	Work Programme for the year 1992	MC-15/17.3
11	20	Progress Report on the decision made by the Management Committee	No document
12	20.1	APT Telecom Journal	MC-15/20.1 Rev.1
13	20.2	Procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the various activities in the Work Programme	MC-15/20.2 Rev. 1
14	21.1	Proposal to allow private companies to participate in APT Activities	MC-15/21

WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME

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15. Mr Rudy Hendarto	PT. Telkom, Indonesia
16. Mr A. A. Mohsenzadeh	Iran
17. Mr Kazuyoshi Yamamoto	Japan
18. Mr Masahisa Matsubara	Japan
19. Mr Kiyohiko Ono	Japan
20. Mr Yoshihiro Yamada	KDD, Japan
21. Mr Rhyu Sang-Soo	KMTC, Korea
22. Mr Jeong Woon-Hyong	KMTC, Korea
23. Mr Cho Yu-Hyon	Korea Telecom
24. Mr Lee Chul Sung	MOC, Korea
25. Mr So Hoo-Cheol	Korea Telecom
26. Mr Tou Veng Keong	Macau
27. Tengku Ismail Mahmud	Malaysia
28. Mr Hussain Shareef	Maldives
29. Mr Malik Akhtar Hussain	Pakistan Telecom. Corp.
30. Mr Nestor Virata	PLDT, Philippines
31. Mr Jose P. Roxas	Eastern Telecoms., Philippines
32. Mr Ho Lam Phoh	Singapore
33. Mr Khoo Chek Ngée	Singapore
34. Mr M. L. C. Alwis	Sri Lanka
35. Mr D. R. Weerasooriya	Sri Lanka
36. Mr P. N. E. Abeysekara	Sri Lanka

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37.	Mr Kravud Kusuvarn	CAT, Thailand
38.	Ms Aurapin Aiyara	CAT, Thailand
39.	Mr Aran Permpiboon	TOT, Thailand
40.	Mr Pichai Vongsri	TOT, Thailand
41.	Mr Apichat Indragshana	TOT, Thailand
42.	Mr S. K. Bhattacharyya	Bell Canada
43.	Mr John Budden	Forum Secretariat
44.	Mr J. Y. Bacle	France Telecom
45.	Mr M. Anwar	ITU
46.	Mr Martin Hadlow	Unesco
47.	Mr A. Narayan	APT Secretariat
48.	Mr N. Numata	APT Secretariat
49.	Mr Yong Sup Shin	APT Secretariat
50.	Mr Yuji Hatakeyama	APT Secretariat
51.	Mr Peter Booth	APT Consultant

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1. The Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr Setyanto said that the last two years were of prime significance to him among the many years he had been engaged in the activities of the APT.

His main excitement at the moment was no doubt the deep impression he received from the friendly atmosphere among the members and delegates during the Conference.

He expressed his highest appreciation to the host country, the Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for an extremely excellent organization of the Conference. He was grateful to the organizers for the various functions hosted by them, and for giving the opportunity to get to know each other better, which made this Conference a very memorable one to all the participants.

He had observed significant phenomena growing-up in the organization. The organization is getting more attention from various parties which on one hand encourages APT to move ahead with confidence, but on the other hand it brings APT to be more prepared to accommodate any possible development. Certain significant issues have come-up in the General Assembly and Management Committee sessions, such as changes in the Constitution with regard to quorum and enlarging the membership, APTEL Database Project, budgetary issues, and other important matters.

The growing concern of the delegates over those issues has led the meeting to achieve the best possible outcome for the benefits of all the members. He was pleased with the deliberations on the Work Programme and Budget and was delighted to see the active participation of the members. However, he also noted that to some extent, decisions could not be reached immediately for matters which required member governments' approval.

He was impressed with the overall view of the APT development and that this organization would be stronger and could be able to play more important role in the Asia-Pacific region or the worldwide scope even more. Only the commitment and strong determination of all the members could bring this into reality, and he was confident that it would come true.

He thanked all the members for allowing him to chair the Management Committee for two years. He said that the spirit of cooperation prevailing among the delegates should be maintained at all time. The different level of development among the member countries should not create any unexpected barriers which might hamper the progress of the APT. He appealed to all members, the developed countries in particular, to view APT as an integral body to bring the telecommunication in the Asia-Pacific region to an even better condition.

He also observed the increasing tough competition in this region such as satellite communications, which in his opinion could be discussed through this APT Forum, before going any further.

He thanked the two Vice-Chairmen, Mr Hossein Mahyar and Mr Robert Scoble, the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director and all members of the APT Secretariat and also to the Chairman and members of the Special Working Party for their great assistance which enabled him to complete his assignment successfully. He thanked all the distinguished delegates for their kind support and cooperation extended to him.

Lastly, he apologized to all the members for not being able to serve them as much as they wished. He was confident that the new Chairman would be able to carry out the remaining work and that it would be achieved gradually.

2. Mr P. K. Wickramarachi, new Chairman of the Management Committee thanked all the delegates for their confidence shown to him by electing him as Chairman of the Management Committee for the next term. It was a great honour to Sri Lanka and also to the new organization Sri Lanka Telecom which was established recently. Although Sri Lanka was the founder member of APT, it was the only APT Meeting hosted by Sri Lanka. It was therefore very significant and important occasion to Sri Lanka especially to those who are in the telecommunications field, also it co-coincided with the structural changes which took place only a few months ago. Therefore, it was considered that the holding of the APT's Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly and the 15th Session of the Management Committee, also his election as Chairman of the Management Committee, was a good omen for the development of telecommunications in Sri Lanka. He would try to contribute as much as possible to the good work done by the APT during the last decade and by all the past Chairmen of the Management Committee, especially by Mr Setyanto during his term as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

He expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the delegates, also to Mr Chao Thongma, Executive Director and Mr Hiroyasu Sonoki, Deputy Executive Director and to all the members of the APT Secretariat for their hard work.

He thanked his Sri Lanka Secretariat, under the supervision of Mr Sunil Wimalagoonaratna for their excellent arrangements. He apologized on their behalf if there had been any inconveniences caused due to unavoidable reasons.

He wished all a very happy journey back home.

3. Mr Chao Thongma, Executive Director of the APT thanked everyone for their hard work during the meetings. He was grateful for the right decisions made by the meetings in order to facilitate the work of the Telecommunity.

He thanked Japan and other countries for considering to contribute large amount of money to APT. He urged new members to support APT and to take active part in the activities of the APT.

He expressed his thanks to the members of the Special Working Party for their excellent job in restructuring the APT.

He congratulated the new Chairman and the two competent Vice Chairmen of the Management Committee. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to Mr Asoke Gunasekera, Mr P. K. Wickramarachi, Mr Sunil Wimalagoonaratna and other staff for their superb arrangements made and for their warm hospitality extended to all the delegates and APT Secretariat. He was very grateful to the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister for Posts and Telecommunications for their enthusiastic support towards the activities of the APT.

4. The President of the APT, Dr Wang Zhanning thanked all the delegates, Sri Lankan Secretariat and APT Secretariat for their hard work during the past week.

He was very satisfied with the outcome of the Meeting, and was very pleased with the decisions which had been reached in the spirit of equal consultation and mutual understanding and cooperation.

He urged APT to make use of the limited funds for the benefits of the member countries.

He thanked all the officials of the Government of Sri Lanka for their excellent arrangements and warm hospitality extended to everyone.

He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and safe journey back home.

The President then declared the Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly and the Fifteenth Session of the Management Committee formally closed.

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