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ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
REPORT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF
THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
15-23 NOVEMBER 1994, BANGKOK, THAILAND

I. ORGANIZING OF THE SESSION

1 Introduction

1.1 The Eighteenth Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity was held at the APT Headquarters, Bangkok, Thailand, from 15-23 November 1994.

1.2 Attendance

The Session was attended by 87 representatives, alternates and advisors of the following members, associate members, affiliate members:

21 Members: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, DPR of Korea, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, and Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

2 Associate Members: Hong Kong, Macau

18 Affiliate Members: ASIASAT (Hong Kong), CAT (Thailand), CELCOM (Malaysia), DACOM (Rep. of Korea), Hong Kong Telecom, JSAT (Japan), KDD (Japan), Korea Mobile Telecom, Korea Telecom, NTT (Japan), Philcom (Philippines), PLDT (Philippines), PT. Indosat (Indonesia), PT. Telkom (Indonesia), Singapore Telecom, Telekom Malaysia, Telstra (Australia), TOT (Thailand).

1.3 Representatives from United Nations Specialised Agencies attended as observers:
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

1.4 Representatives from other organizations also attended as observers.
International Maritime Satellite Organisation (INMARSAT)
Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO)

1.5 A list of the participants is shown in Annex 1 of the Report of the Management Committee.

1.6 Opening of the Session

The Executive Director, Mr. Hiroyasu Sonoki welcomed participants and noted that two new members had joined the Telecommunity: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Federated States of Micronesia.

1.7 Mr. Sonoki said that during 1994, which is also the fifteenth anniversary year of APT, the Telecommunity has made considerable progress. This included an increase in APT membership, highly successful implementation of APT work programme, APT's involvement in major ITU events, grant of observer status for APT in GATT's Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunication Services, publication of APT Yearbook etc.

1.8 The Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. Robert Scoble suggested that the APT needs to look more closely at its role. He considered that the Telecommunity has been too defensive in the past. It should look at ways of working alongside the ITU, not in competition with it. An appropriate role for the APT was to act as a 'caucus', enabling exchange of information, not to impose policies or solutions on members.

1.9 The APT should develop a loosely-coordinated but effective regional influence within the ITU to ensure that, when the APT speaks it is listened to. A mechanism to achieve this needs to be set up soon, to result in an effective regional influence at the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference.

1.10 The inaugural address was delivered by H.E. Mr. Mahidol Chantangkurn, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Transport and Communications, Royal Government of Thailand. Mr. Mahidol said that technology is playing an important role in raising the quality of life of our people. The invisible hands of telecommunications play a key role in improving the productivity of all sectors of development. A modern and reliable telecommunication network can be created and developed only with our sustained collective efforts. APT is the appropriate Forum to address these matters.

1.11 Mr. Mahidol further said that APT has emerged as a dynamic result oriented organisation which is sensitive to the various needs of the region. As the host country of APT, Thailand has pleasure in extending full support to this efficient organisation which has done so much good work in such a short time.

1.12 On behalf of APT, the Executive Director presented a plaque of appreciation to H.E. Mr. Mahidol Chantangkurn.

1.13 The Addresses of the Opening Session are attached as Annex 2.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Doc.No.MC-18/2)

2.1 The proposed Agenda (Doc.No.MC-18/2) was adopted. The Agenda is attached as Annex 3.

2.2 Mr. Mark Holman (New Zealand) was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Drafting Group.

III. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR 1994 (Doc.No.MC-18/3 Rev.1)

3.1 Mr. Hiroyasu Sonoki, Executive Director, presented his report on the APT's activities during 1994 (Doc.No.MC-18/3 Rev.1), noting in particular:

- seminars and study programmes held during the year;
- the establishment of monthly coordination meetings between APT and ITU;
- the APT has become a member of the ITU's Telecommunications Development Bureau;
- a suggestion that the Singapore Declaration be reviewed by senior officials, and reported to a Ministerial meeting.

The report was referred to both working groups, and their comments were noted by the Management Committee in adopting the report.

IV. STATEMENTS OF MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

4.1 The Delegate of India renewed his country's commitment to fulfilling the objectives of the APT. The delegate provided a brief review of India's telecommunications restructuring, including provision for a higher level of foreign partnership in telecommunications entities, and the importance of rural telecommunications.

4.2 The Delegate of Malaysia noted that the APT was unique in the diversity of the development of the telecommunication infrastructure amongst its membership. Malaysia is keen to call on the experience of other countries in interconnection in competitive environment, and would be willing to host a seminar on the topic. Malaysia also would like to offer its telecommunication training facilities to other members.

4.3 The Delegate of Vietnam lauded the achievements of the APT. He said that the 15th anniversary of APT was celebrated in Vietnam. He expressed his happiness at the fact that many important events have been organised by APT this year. The delegate also said that Vietnam will do its best to contribute its part in fulfilling the aims of the APT.

4.4 The Delegate of Bangladesh considered that the APT should undertake broad regional coordination initiatives, on matters such as candidatures for ITU posts. Bangladesh also would welcome visits by the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director to a wider range of member countries.

4.5 The Delegation of Japan reviewed a number of outcomes of the recent ITU Plenipotentiary Conference. He was disappointed to note that the Asia-Pacific region now had no elected officials: the APT needs to coordinate more effectively on such matters.

4.6 Japan considered that guidelines were needed for cross-border satellite transmission within the region. High level meetings were needed to enable the APT to assist the coordination of policy issues; real policy coordination needs prior consultation.

4.7 The Delegate of the Republic of Korea noted the role of telecommunications in improving quality of life. He also said that the importance of regional cooperation in the Asia Pacific region has been much emphasised due to the rapid changes in the telecommunications environment. He believed that the Management Committee meeting will provide a very valuable opportunity for sharing and exchanging opinions, discussing future policy direction for APT, prospects for the development of telecommunications and cooperation in the Asia Pacific region.

4.8 The Delegate of Australia was impressed with the scope and spirit of cooperation which prevails in the APT. Convergence, globalisation and other advanced technology issues are attracting considerable interest, but the 'old' issues (e.g. extension of basic telephone services) still exist.

4.9 The APT needs to develop the will and the means to encourage regional coordination. Australia was pleased to note the increased level of cooperation between the APT and the ITU.

4.10 The Delegate of the DPR of Korea noted that this was the first APT meeting his country had attended, and was looking forward to working with other members. The Chairman of the Management Committee welcomed the DPRK's participation in APT activities.

4.11 The Observer of ICAO described a satellite-based system which is to be implemented in full by 2010 but whose initial application in the Pacific region will start next year. The delegate noted that the system would rely on the capacity, quality and reliability of telecom service provision, and urged APT members to provide flexible use of bandwidth to enable the new development to proceed.

4.12 The Observer of Inmarsat noted:

- the benefits of Inmarsat membership in terms of access to information on new developments and participation in the development of new services;
- that Inmarsat can offer appropriate solutions for many remote areas' telecommunications problems, but it needed a favourable regulatory environment within which to operate;
- developments in personal satellite communications.

4.13 The Observer of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO), Mr. Graham H Cunnold acknowledged that collaboration between the APT and CTO had waned in recent years. CTO obtains its funding from carriers, which gives it a commercial focus. Much of its emphasis is on training for members, e.g. in tariffs and traffic accounting.

4.14 The Observer of the ITU, Mr. Graham Davey emphasised the importance of countries in the region coordinating their efforts as is done by those in Europe and the Americas. More needed to be done to persuade other countries of the importance and value of Asia-Pacific regional initiatives. He also foreshadowed the need to address closer cooperation between APT and ITU.

4.15 Detailed texts of a number of addresses are contained in Annex 4.

V. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP OF THE APT (Doc.No.MC-18/5)

5.1 The background to the establishment of the Special Working Group was given by the Chairman of the Management Committee, who introduced its report for discussion.

1. *Constitutional Amendments*

- 1.1 It was agreed not to hold an Extraordinary General Assembly in 1995, as no constitutional amendments were proposed arising from the work of the Special Working Group.

2. *Sub-regional Seminar*

- 2.1 After discussion on the nature, topics and relevance of such seminars - and members and developing guidelines, this matter was referred to the Working Group on the Work Programme, noting such matters as the granting of fellowships; issuing invitations to all APT members, etc.

2.2 *National Planning Meetings*

It was noted that this type of representative role is referred to in Art.10(4) (h) of the APT Constitution. This item was withdrawn, following discussion which made it clear that the Executive Director has discretion to attend a limited number of such meetings, on invitation.

2.3 *Grant of Fellowships*

After discussion on the appropriate level of threshold and the eligibility of all members to be offered fellowships, it was agreed not to proceed with this item.

2.4 *Telecommunications Coordination Meetings*

Noting that the APT's Consultative Committee for Coordination (CCC) was no longer well-attended, and that other successful collaborative mechanisms now existed (e.g. through APT/ITU coordination meetings, and the invitations for observers to attend Management Committee meetings), the Management Committee accepted the recommendation of the Special Working Group (SWG) that the APT discontinue its regular CCC meetings, on the understanding that:

- the APT will be collaborating with the ITU to hold Coordination Committee Meetings at least annually; and
- the Executive Director may constitute a consultative committee on an ad hoc basis as appropriate, after consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Management Committee.

3.1 *Titles of Senior Secretariat Officials*

Following discussion which centred around whether change to job titles justified constitutional amendment, and the fact that the ability of the APT's professional staff was more important than their position titles, it was decided not to proceed with this item.

3.2 *Resolution on Elected Officials and Appointed Staff of the APT* (Doc.No.MC-18/5.1)

The Management Committee:

- (1) noting that the General Assembly at its Sixth Session established a Special Working Group (SWG) to consider the proposal of the delegation of the Republic of Indonesia regarding elected officials and appointed staff of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity;
- (2) having considered at its Eighteenth Session the Report of the SWG and adopted a Resolution on the necessity and relevance of the matters proposed to be observed by the Secretariat of the APT and all the members of the Telecommunity.

Resolved:

that in discharging its function pursuant to Article 10 of the Constitution, the APT Secretariat shall abide by the following provisions:

- a) the Executive Director shall act as the legal representative of the Telecommunity;
- b) in the appointment of staff, the paramount consideration shall be the safeguarding of security of the Telecommunity, the highest standard of efficiency, and the appointment of staff on as wide a regional basis as possible;
- c) in the performance of their duties, neither the Executive Director nor the Deputy Executive Director shall seek or accept instruction from any Government or from any other Authority outside the Telecommunity. They shall refrain from acting in any way which is incompatible with their status as international officials;
- d) each member shall respect the exclusively international character of the duties of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Telecommunity, and shall refrain from trying to influence them in the performance of their work;
- e) in order to ensure the efficient operation of the Telecommunity, any Member, a national of which has been elected as Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director shall refrain, as far as possible, from recalling their national between two meetings of the General Assembly;
- f) the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director shall be nationals of different members.

3.3 *Synchronisation of Elections*

The Delegate from New Zealand expressed concern at the level of administrative detail contained in the constitution, which made revision a complex matter. After discussion, it was decided to retain the current election cycles.

4.1 *Appointment of Auditors*

The Management Committee agreed that:

- the Secretariat seek quotations from recognised international auditors every 3 years, starting from 1994 and that the Management Committee, after taking into consideration all quotations, and the performance of the current auditor, determine if a change of auditor is appropriate; and
- the Management Committee can, if dissatisfied with the auditor's performance, recommend a change of auditor at any Management Committee Meeting falling within the 3-year period.

4.2 *Assets Management*

The Management Committee noted:

- that the leasing of some items is likely to be a costly option, since the APT currently benefits from import exemptions on items which it purchases;
- that the Secretariat will report to the 19th Management Committee on a comparative analysis to evaluate the cost benefits of leasing as against duty-free purchase as well as the programme of disposal of replaced assets.

4.3 *UN Common System*

The Management Committee agreed that the APT should move to the UN common system of post allowances, subject to budgetary constraints as presently being observed.

5.1 *Duration of Management Committee Meetings*

The Management Committee agreed that the Secretariat be requested to:

- organise future Management Committee meetings over 5 working days as a target, with 1 or 2 additional days if the business of the meeting requires it;
- advise members of the duration of each succeeding Management Committee meeting at least 3 months in advance, giving reasons where a meeting of more than 5 working days is proposed.

5.2 *Possible Third Working Group*

The Management Committee decided not to proceed with the creation of a third Working Group of the Management Committee.

5.3 *Separation of General Assembly and Management Committee Meetings*

The Management Committee agreed that, in General Assembly years, the General Assembly meeting be held contiguously with the Management Committee meeting, and that the General Assembly meeting be closed before the Management Committee meeting opens.

5.4 *Opening Sessions of General Assembly Meetings*

The Management Committee agreed that the Secretariat when drawing up the draft agenda of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly, place the election of the new APT President at a point in the draft agenda after the approval of the working arrangements and after all other procedural agenda items have been dealt with.

VI CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS (Doc.No.MC-18/6)

6.1 The report was introduced by the Executive Director, and referred to the Working Group on Work Programme.

6.2 It was noted that the General Assembly is the body competent to sign MOUs with other organisations, but that such agreement can be signed on a provisional basis by the Executive Director after prior reference to members.

6.3 The report was adopted by the Management Committee.

VII CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE STUDY GROUPS (Doc.No.MC-18/7)

7.1 The report (Doc.No.MC-18/7) was introduced by the Chairman of Study Groups, Mr. A. Shaikh who was pleased to note that about 150 participants had attended the meeting.

7.2 He noted that 5 study questions should be terminated in the next year and that 5 new questions have been proposed, in priority order. The report was referred to the Working Group on Work Programme (see item IX), and was subsequently adopted by the Management Committee.

VIII. FINANCES OF THE TELECOMMUNITY

(Doc.No.MC-18/8.1 - Doc.No.MC-18/8.3)

8.1 Doc.No.MC-18/8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 were introduced by the Executive Director and were referred to the Working Group on Budget.

8.2 Expenditure and Auditors Report (Doc.No.MC-18/8.1). The Management Committee approved the Auditor's Report for 1993.

8.3 Revised Budget for 1994 (Doc.No.MC-18/8.2). The Management Committee, in considering the report of the Working Group on Budget:

- agreed that, in future years, all extra-budgetary contributions in cash would be subject to external audit;
- agreed that the guidelines to be drawn up by the Secretariat should include reference to 'frequent flyer' points accumulated by APT personnel being used only for APT travel; and
- noted that the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director used Business Class or, on occasion, Economy Class for official travel.

The Management Committee then adopted the Report.

8.4 Budget Estimates for the year 1995 (Doc.No.MC-18/8.3). The Management Committee, in considering the report of the Working Group on Budget:

- noted that, in view of the adoption of the recommendations of the SWG relating to use of the UN Common System, the amount to be included in B2 Office Equipment/Fixed Assets for the purchase of an official car for the Executive Director be \$US 40,000, or such lesser amount as may be appropriate;
- agreed to increase the item C4 Training Fellowships from \$US 145,000 to \$US 165,000 for the 1995 Budget.

The Management Committee then adopted the Report.

8.5 Appointment of Auditors. The Management Committee approved the appointment of Coopers & Lybrand as auditors for 1995.

8.6 The Management Committee expressed its sincere thanks to the Working Group Chairman, Dr. Kravud Kusuvarn (Thailand) and the rapporteur, Mr. Geoff Fietz (Australia) for their valuable contribution to the successful outcome of the Working Groups meetings, and to the Secretariat staff for their support of the Working Group's deliberations.

IX. WORK PROGRAMME OF THE TELECOMMUNITY (Doc.No.MC-18/9.1 - Doc.No.MC-18/9.3)

9.1 Document No. MC-18/9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 were introduced by the Executive Director and referred to the Working Group on Work Programme.

9.2 The Management Committee noted that resources may only allow 2 new Study Questions to be commenced in 1995. It was agreed, however, that the following new Study Questions (which are in priority order) be scheduled, and that work on them commence as and when Secretariat resources allow:

- Fraudulent Use of Carrier and Customer Telecommunication Facilities (SG1);
- Interconnection and Access Charge (SG5)
- Information Infrastructure (SG2) [approved in principle]
- Calibration of Test Equipment for Telecommunications Terminal Equipment in Asia Pacific Region (SG6)
- Implication and Implementation of ISDN Numbering Plan on Time 'T' (SG1).

9.3 The Management Committee adopted the following programme of seminars and meetings in 1995:

	TOPICS	VENUE	DATE
1.	Resource Mobilisation	Bangalore	February/March
2.	Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure (AII)	Tokyo	No later than mid-1995 *
3.	DAMA Satellite and SDH Technology	Sydney	July
4.	Market Entry into Telecommunication Equipment (with UNDP)	Bangkok	August **
5.	Information Meeting for ITU WRC'95	Bangkok	August
6.	Sub-regional meeting on Planning and Implementation of Networks for the Pacific Region (with South Pacific Forum)	Vanuatu	October
7.	Satellite TV Broadcasting - Policy Issues ***	Tokyo	1st half of 1995

* *Depends on dates of APEC and other meetings.*

** *Subject to availability of UNDP funds.*

*** *Will only be held if appropriate co-sponsorship can be obtained.*

9.4 The Management Committee agreed:

- that some involvement by the APT in the UNCTAD project on measures affecting trade in services could be useful in view of the APT's observership at the Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunications. However, it was noted that the Working Group on Budget had not agreed to allocate funds for this purpose. Any involvement of the APT should not include the establishment or maintenance of any database;

- that the Secretariat should arrange for assessment, through an independent short-term consultancy, of the cost-effectiveness of using the APT in-house Database hardware for activities which could be done more economically by other options, e.g. purchase/lease of PCs or micro-computers.

9.5 The Management Committee then adopted the report of the Working Group on the Work Programme, and expressed its appreciation to Mr. A.M. Joshi (India) for his very effective chairmanship and to Ms. Valerie D'Costa (Singapore-Rapporteur) and Mr. John Hughes (Australia) for preparing the Working Group's report. The Management Committee also expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for its assistance.

X. CONSIDERATION OF THE STATUS OF RATIFICATION AND AGREEMENTS WITH MEMBERS (Doc.No.MC-18/10.1 - Doc.No.MC-18/10.3)

10.1 Status of Ratification by Members. (Doc.No.MC-18/10.1)

Eleven more members need to ratify the constitutional amendments approved in 1991 before they have the required two-thirds majority: the Deputy Executive Director encouraged those who have not yet ratified to do so as soon as possible.

The Deputy Executive Director confirmed that those who had joined the APT since the 15th Management Committee need not separately ratify the constitutional amendments agreed at that conference.

10.2 Headquarters' Agreement with the Host Country. (Doc.No.MC-18/10.2)

The Delegate of Thailand reported that the draft agreement is going to be submitted to the Cabinet of the Royal Thai Government.

The Chairman of the Management Committee noted this development and expressed the thanks of the APT to the Royal Thai Government for its consideration.

10.3 The Management Committee agreed that the Executive Director could sign the draft agreement on a provisional basis, on the understanding that ratification would be considered at the 7th General Assembly.'

10.4 Agreements with Members and Associate Members (Doc.No.MC-18/10.3)

The report of the Executive Director was noted.

XI. REPORT OF THE RELEVANT OUTPUTS OF WTDC AND ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (Doc.No.MC-18/11 Rev.1)

11.1 The Executive Director introduced the report (Doc.No.MC-18/11 Rev.1).

11.2 The Observer of the ITU noted that the Australian document covered an issue which is more complex in the Asia Pacific region than in Europe and the Americas. A study by itself is not enough; some improvements need to result.

11.3 The Delegate of Australia sought to encourage regional input into the ITU Resolution on Frequency Coordination and Planning Framework for Satellite Services, to enable APT members to make a regional voice heard, on the basis of individual members adopting a coordinated approach.

11.4 The Observer of the ITU thought that the review should particularly address additional spectrum allocation. The Delegates of Japan and New Zealand noted the need for coordination in consideration of the ITU Resolution - New Zealand saw this as a very good 'test case' for the type of coordination which had been referred to frequently during the meeting.

11.5 The Delegate of Tonga noted that as members' interests would not necessarily coincide on all issues, any coordinated approach should take account of any differences.

11.6 Noting the importance of timing, so that Asia Pacific region could influence ITU consideration of this issue, Australia tabled a resolution for consideration by the Working Group on Work Programme.

On the recommendation of the Working Group on the Work Programme, the Management Committee agreed to:

- *encourage APT Members to attend the next Radio Advisory Group (RAG) meeting to be held in Geneva during January 1995 (at which the terms of reference for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) satellite review are likely to be formulated);*
- *nominate a Convenor to seek views of APT Members via facsimile in the lead-up to the RAG meeting, and to arrange for further caucusing of views of those Members attending RAG immediately prior to the meeting;*
- *encourage the Convenor to take the opportunity provided by the ITU-R Voluntary Group of Experts (VGE) Information Meeting and the ITU-R BR/BDT Regional Seminar for the Asia-Pacific (which are scheduled to be held in Bangkok during early February 1995 to caucus further on the region's views of the review process and desired outcomes; and*
- *require that the Convenor make a report to the APT's Information Meeting for ITU-R WRC95 (to be held in August 1995 on the effectiveness and outcome of the above process.*

Mr. Fidelo Dumlao (Philippines) was nominated as the Convenor, and accepted the nomination.

11.7 The delegate from the Philippines tabled, for information, a paper which his country's delegation had submitted to the 1994 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Doc.No.MC-18/11.2).

11.8 APT/ITU Coordination on Standardisation

The Deputy Executive Director referred to the need for the APT to focus on what its regional interests in standardisation are, and then to see how the understanding and involvement of APT members in the ITU standardisation process could be increased.

11.9 The Delegate of the ITU accepted that the ITU holds a great deal of information which may not always be circulated efficiently to those with most need for it. It was intended that a combined ITU-T/APT conference be held in the region every 1 or 2 years to:

- give a briefing on study groups and their work, how to obtain information ,and how to involve new private sector participants;
- encourage greater regional contributions to and use of ITU standards.

A similar meeting on radiocommunications matters is to be held in Bangkok in February 1995.

11.10 The Executive Director and a number of delegations spoke of the need to develop a mechanism for the APT to coordinate standards activities in a way which relates to the interests of all members and to coordinate programmes and projects with the ITU (provided also that this was done in a manner consistent with national sovereignty).

11.11 The Management Committee agreed that close cooperation between the APT and the ITU in a wide range of activities was of increasing importance.

XII. EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS (Doc.No.MC-18/12.1 - Doc.No.MC-18/12.2 Rev.1)

12.1 The Executive Director introduced two papers (Doc.No.MC-18/12.1 and Doc.No.MC-18/12.2 Rev.1) which were then referred to the Working Group on the Budget. The Working Group's decisions were noted by the Management Committee.

XIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS (Doc.No.MC-18/13 - Doc.No.MC-18/13.3)

13.1 Proposal for Raising the Contribution (Doc.No.MC-18/13)

The Executive Director withdrew this paper.

13.2 Proposal for Upgradation of the Post of the Director Project Development (Doc.No.MC-18/13.1)

The Executive Director withdrew this paper.

13.3 Development of A Policy Role

The Delegates of Japan and Australia introduced their papers (Doc.No.MC-18/13.2 and Doc.No.MC-18/13.3 respectively).

13.4 The Management Committee agreed that the APT should perform an active role in promoting common understanding and discussion on important policy issues in the region among high level officials and senior representatives of APT members, without seeking binding outcomes from these discussions.

13.5 The Management Committee agreed to establish an Ad-hoc Working Group on APT Policy Role and Priorities. The Working Group, to be chaired by Japan, will consult all members by fax and report to the 19th Management Committee on the policy role and priorities recommended for the APT's future development and work programme, taking into account:

- the priorities expressed by members;
- the complementary roles of other regional and sub-regional bodies;
- the complementary work programmes of other international organisations.

The following APT member countries accepted nomination to serve on the Working Group: Japan (Chairman), Australia, China, India, Republic of Korea and Singapore.

13.6 It was noted that the Working Group Chairman could propose the holding of a short meeting of the group if considered necessary.

XIV. DATE AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS (Doc.No.MC-18/14)

14.1 It was agreed that the nineteenth session of the Management Committee would be held in Thailand, unless another member indicated its willingness to host the meeting.

14.2 The Delegation of Malaysia offered to host the seventh General Assembly and the 20th session of the Management Committee in Malaysia, subject to the formal approval of its Government. This offer was warmly welcomed by the Management Committee.

XV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Adoption of Report

15.1 The draft report of the Management Committee was presented by the Chairman of the Drafting Group (Mr. Mark Holman, New Zealand). The Management Committee adopted the report of the drafting group. The Chairman of the Management Committee expressed his appreciation to the Chairman of the Drafting Group for his work in preparing and presenting the report. In turn, Mr. Holman thanked all delegates for their advice and assistance, and acknowledged the work of Ms. Chomsurang Woravit in preparation of the report.

Closing Remarks

15.2 The Executive Director expressed his satisfaction of the outcome of the meeting and thanked delegates for their contributions. Mr. Sonoki also warmly thanked the Royal Thai Government of its continuing support of the APT. He also expressed appreciation to all the organisations which had sponsored functions and to the Chairmen of the Management Committee, the Working Groups and the Drafting Group and to the rapporteurs for their hard work. Mr. Sonoki concluded by noting the efforts of the Secretariat staff and by thanking the Government of Malaysia for offering to host the seventeenth General Assembly.

15.3 The Deputy Executive Director was pleased to acknowledge the generous gift from Alcatel Thailand of the new telephone system for the APT offices. The Executive Director presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Charles F. Chicarelli, Managing Director of Alcatel Telecom Systems Thailand Co. Ltd.

15.4 The Chairman of the Management Committee thanked the Chairmen of the Working Groups and the Drafting Group for their willing support. He acknowledged the positive contribution made by delegates and expressed warm thanks to the Secretariat executive and staff for their hard work during the year and during the meeting itself. He particularly noted the work of Ms. Lilian Zin and Ms. Darunee Yiengsubhanond.

15.5 Mr. Robert Scoble concluded by reiterating that the APT had a valuable role to play in assisting discussion, clarification and consciousness-raising on topics of common interest and concern. He was pleased that a key output of the Management Committee meeting had been the first steps towards the APT's self-evaluation of its role. He then declared the Eighteenth Session of the Management Committee closed.



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ANNEX 1

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Representatives of International Organizations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning and a very warm welcome to the 18th session of APT Management Committee. This meeting has a special significance -- it is being organized in the fifteenth anniversary year of the APT. Fifteen years is not a long period in the history of an organization -- but for APT, these fifteen years have been extremely important.

Excellencies,

Fifteen years ago, when you founded APT, you harboured some expectations from your own organization. During these fifteen years, APT has tried to come up to your expectations. Sincere attempts have been made during these fifteen years to take care of your cherished sentiments and it is your affectionate patronage which has shaped APT into the leading telecommunication entity of the region. Thanks to your support, APT has not only emerged as a dynamic and mature organization, it has also become, in a true sense, a Telecommunity to which all of us belong.

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity is not only a community of telecommunication administrations of the region, it is a community where all of us come to discuss our problems, exchange our views and above all, take care of each other's needs and priorities in a spirit of accommodation and cooperation.

Distinguished Delegates,

1994 has been a very successful year for the Telecommunity during which its reputation has further enhanced within and outside the Asia-Pacific region. I am happy to report that during this year, the Federated State of Micronesia and Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea have become our Members. In addition, PT Satelindo of Indonesia, Cellular Communication Network Sdn. Bhd. and Telekom Malaysia, DDI Corporation of Japan and Motorola AirCommunications Ltd of Hong Kong have joined as affiliate members. Niue is in the

process of joining as an associate member. Also, Totaltel Private Ltd. of Bangladesh, and Companhia de Telecomunicacoes de Macau and Companhia Portuguesa Radio Marconi (Asia) Lda from Macau have joined as our corporate members. We warmly welcome them to our fraternity. The growing membership of APT is yet another testimony of the popularity of our organization.

APT has been very active on several fronts. Not only we will be achieving almost hundred percent implementation of the work programme by the end of the year, we will be implementing many other activities by utilizing extra-budgetary resources.

The administration of Japan has again made a generous contribution of US\$800,000 for their fiscal year 1994-95. APT has also implemented a number of activities under UNDP funded Programme on Economic Reforms.

The list of activities implemented by APT in 1994 is quite large. However, I would like to mention a few of them here. In May this year, soon after the signing of Marrakesh agreement, APT organized a seminar with UNCTAD on Telecommunication Support to Trade in Services in Male' and in August, a seminar on Telecommunications Sector Reforms was organized jointly by APT and the World Bank. Both these seminars were highly successful. APT also organized two sub-regional meetings on Planning and Development of Networks in Hanoi and Colombo respectively. Seminars on Satellite Communications, Amateur Radio and Standardization were also organized. All these events were first of their type and were widely appreciated. You may be pleased to note that at least one major event was organized in a LDC from each sub-region which include seminar in the Republic of Maldives, sub-regional meeting in Vietnam and a training programme in Tonga.

APT's relationship with ITU, ESCAP, UNDP, The World Bank, UNCTAD, INTELSAT, INMARSAT, SAARC, FORUM, ADB and other organizations has been further strengthened.

As you are all aware, three major events which have taken place this year outside APT will have considerable influence on the future direction of the work of APT. These are :

- Conclusion of the Uruguay round of talks and signing of the Marrakesh agreement
- Organizing of the first World Telecommunication Development Conference and adoption of Buenos Aires Declaration and Buenos Aires Action Plan
- Organizing of the first ever ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Asia and the decisions taken therein.

In the light of the decisions taken at these important meetings, you may like to revisit the contents of the Asia-Pacific Declaration and recommend appropriate measures to take care of these recent developments.

APT's initiative in organizing the APT-World Bank Seminar on Telecommunication Sector Reforms has been greatly appreciated. There is a great need to strengthen regional cooperation and coordination in various aspects of restructuring and policy reforms in the telecommunication sector in the region. APT will do its best to coordinate the concerned issues so that there is a harmonization at the regional level and also the voice of the region is given due importance at any global fora.

The Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunication Services of GATT is discussing the details of the follow up of Marrakesh Agreement. I am pleased to inform you that APT has now been granted an observer status in this important body. APT is probably the only regional telecommunication organization which has been given this status.

I also mentioned earlier that the APT Seminar on Satellite Communications acknowledged the growing convergence of broadcast and telecommunication technologies. The seminar also made very useful recommendations concerning the programming aspects of satellite broadcasting. We understand that the APT member administrations expect APT secretariat to take initiatives in this matter. I ensure you that the secretariat will make all possible efforts to implement your decisions.

APT makes substantial efforts for disseminating authentic information to its membership. Our seminars and publications fulfill these requirements. You are aware that the APT Journal is becoming very popular and our Newsletters are serving the important purpose of keeping our members well informed about the APT activities.

We have also begun publication of APT Yearbook. The launch edition has been very well received and has generated keen interest in the APT within and outside the region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the coming eight days, you will be discussing the various issues involving APT's work programme and budget and will be taking important decisions which will govern the APT activities of 1995. In spite of our success, we clearly understand that a lot of work still remains to be done for improving the telecommunication infrastructure in the region. We have our limitations too -- obviously we can not fulfill all your needs. But we always want to remain down to earth practical in our approach.

Your affectionate patronage is our greatest asset and we are confident that with your support and cooperation we will be able to fulfill our task successfully.



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ADDRESS
BY
MR. ROBERT SCOBLE
CHAIRMAN OF
THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

Mr. Mahidol Chantrangkarn,
Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Transport & Communications,
Mr. Kittu Yupho, Director-General of Post and Telegraph Department
Mr. Asoka Gunasekera, Vice-President of the APT
Mr. A.M. Joshi, Vice-Chairman of the APT Management Committee,
Mr. Kravud Kusuvarn, Vice-Chairman of the APT Management Committee,
Mr. Hiroyasu Sonoki, Executive Director of the APT,
Distinguished Participants and Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

My first duty is to extend a heartfelt welcome to all the distinguished delegates to this 18th Management Committee meeting. Once again we are being hosted by the Royal Thai Government, which has a long record of support and generosity towards the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity : we are profoundly grateful to the Thai Government and people for their continuing help and I am glad that Khun Mahidol is here in person to accept our thanks.

Speeches on telecommunications development characteristically begin with the statement that we live and work in world of constant change. While undeniably true, the very recognition that we are facing a changing technological and commercial environment can paradoxically often lead to a kind of satisfied complacency. Unless, however, the APT demonstrates to its members that it can reflect and respond to the culture of change, it is in the obvious danger of becoming hidebound and obsolete.

My particular concern is that the APT, notwithstanding its recent growth in terms of both members and affiliates, has not been giving any fundamental consideration to the reasons for its existence and to new ways of carrying out its role. This is particularly evident in its relations with the ITU. The International Telecommunication Union has been around for rather a long time. Indeed, one may almost describe it as an ancient and venerable institution, but in the past few years it has reformed and regenerated its structure and has bravely asked of itself some searching and fundamental questions.

The APT's response has been somewhat too defensive. Instead of recognising the ITU as the world's acknowledged lead agency in the telecommunications field, and engaging in detailed and forthright discussions as to how the APT could work side by side with the ITU, we have been tempted to replicate the ITU's functions and even try to compete with it. The APT's natural role is as a kind of caucus of Asian and Pacific countries, not in pursuit of unified regional policies, but as a forum for discussion, clarification and consciousness-raising on issues too complex for single countries to consider and decide upon in isolation.

When I was elected Chairman last year, I said that a healthy and open relationship with the ITU was my top priority. It still is. We must begin now to build a loosely coordinated but influential role in the ITU. The Asia-Pacific region contains the world's fastest-growing economies and more than half of the world's population, yet it is the only region without any executive in the most senior ranks of the ITU. It is my profound hope that over the next year or two, the APT will take a close look at its structure, rebuild its influence and ensure that, when it speaks, it will be listened to. In particular we should make a constructive and early APT input into the consultation which the Secretary-General of the ITU is required to undertake with the APT and other regional bodies in pursuit of closer cooperation.

This year I have also been chairing the Special Working Group set up last year to identify some relatively simple reforms which might increase the APT's efficiency. The Report of that Special Working Group is now before you all and I look forward to a lively debate on its recommendations. In view of what I have said today about the ITU, however, the question arises whether the APT needs to set up some structure or process to ensure that our region exercises an appropriate degree of influence over ITU deliberations. The next ITU Plenipotentiary is to be held in the United States in 1998, and in my view the APT should begin its preparation for that event as early as 1995.

I know that we all look forward to a productive Management Committee meeting and I am gratified to see so many delegations and guests who are obviously eager to contribute in whatever way they can to the success of our deliberations and to the continued vitality of our regional Telecommunity.



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***INAUGURAL ADDRESS
BY
MR. MAHIDOL CHANTRANGKURN
PERMANENT SECRETARY OF
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS***

**Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Hiroyasu Sonoki, Executive Director, APT,
Distinguished Delegates,
Representatives of International Organisations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Royal Government of Thailand, I have great pleasure in extending a very warm welcome to all of you at the Eighteenth Session of the APT Management Committee which begins here today at the APT Headquarters in Bangkok. You have brought with you very pleasant weather and I hope you will enjoy it throughout your stay in this land of smiles.

As all of us are aware, technology is playing an important role in raising the quality of life of our people and is shaping our life style. It is well understood that technology holds the key to prosperity. For a vast region like ours which harbours more than 58 percent of the global population, technology is the only tool which can help us in bringing the desired improvement in the standard of living of our people. It is also the only resort to ensure global integration and harmonisation of the people of the world. The invisible hands of telecommunication technology play a key role in improving the productivity of all sectors of development.

Telecommunications is always a state of art technology. It is also a multi-ended technology. The establishment of a telecommunication link depends upon the cooperation of the parties involved. It is no wonder that telecommunications has been a priority area of global cooperation for more than a century. It is also significant indicator of the status of development of a country.

We have all realised that no socio-economic development can take place without the support of a reliable telecommunication system. It is in this context that organisations like APT have a key role to play.

Distinguished Delegates,

Although the Asia Pacific region is consistently registering a high economic growth and has been able to draw global attention and interest, yet most of its constituents are developing countries and they are desperately trying to accelerate the growth of their economies so that they can also bring the quality of life of their people at par with their fellow brethren in the developed world. This of course is not an easy task and calls for persistent efforts in many directions.

We are all aware that free and frequent exchange of information will continue to be the most essential feature of present day business. All modern business will have a global orientation and its success will depend upon the ability to collate and analyse authentic data effectively. It is impossible to achieve it in the absence of a sound telecommunication infrastructure.

Although many developing countries of the region have now realised that telecommunications is the infrastructure of infrastructures, yet they are not in a position to mobilise adequate resources for bringing the telecommunication infrastructure to the desired level of development. Whether it is a question of mobilising funds of acquiring proper technology or of developing the human resources, the developing countries of the region have always found it difficult to reach the required level on their own. A collective effort is the natural solution in these circumstances. Thus cooperation in the field of telecommunications is not only desirable, it is an absolute necessity for our survival and for ensuring the much sought after growth.

A modern and reliable telecommunication network can be created and developed only with our sustained collective efforts. APT has a major role to play in this matter. We all know that several complex issues are involved in the development of telecommunication networks and it is essential to address these issues collectively and effectively. APT is the appropriate forum to address these matters.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

All of us know APT's success story. It has emerged as dynamic, result oriented organisation which is sensitive to the various needs of the region. APT has the capability and the willingness to meet those needs in the most effective manner. As the host country of APT, Thailand has pleasure in extending full support to this efficient organisation which has done so much of good work in such a short time.

Most of you are aware that this is the fifteenth anniversary year of APT. It is therefore quite appropriate that this year the APT Management Committee is meeting in Bangkok, which is the seat of its Secretariat.

You will be discussing several issues of vital concern to all of us in the coming days and your decisions taken in this meeting will govern the extent of APT activities during the whole of 1995. I am certain that your deliberations will evolve around plans for promoting the growth of telecommunications in the region in the most productive manner. May I suggest that while deciding these issues, you also consider how the resources and the organisation of APT can be further reinforced to meet the various requirements effectively.

On behalf of the Royal Government of Thailand, I once again welcome you all, wish you a very successful meeting and memorable stay in Thailand.

I therefore declare open this 18th Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

Thank you.



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ANNEX 3

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2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report of the Executive Director for the year 1994
4. Statements of Member Administrations, Representatives of International and Regional Organisations
5. Report of the Special Working Group of the APT
6. The Report of the Consultative Committee for Coordination and the Relationship between APT and other International and Regional Organisations
7. The Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups
8. Finances of the Telecommunity:
 - 8.1 Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 1993
 - 8.2 Revised Budget for the year 1994
 - 8.3 Budget Estimates for the year 1995
 - 8.4 Appointment of Auditors
9. Work Programme of the Telecommunity:
 - 9.1 Review of the Work Programme for the year 1994
 - 9.2 Work Plan for 1994-1996
 - 9.3 Work Programme for the year 1995

10. Consideration of the Status of Ratification and Agreements with Members:
 - 10.1 Status of Ratification by Members
 - 10.2 Headquarters' Agreement with the Host Country
 - 10.3 Agreements with Members and Associate Members
 11. Report on the relevant outputs of WTDC Buenos Aires and ITU Plenipotentiary Conference
 12. Extra-Budgetary Contribution:
 - 12.1 In cash and in kind to be pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and other Organizations
 - 12.2 Report on Extra-Budgetary Contributions for the year 1994
 13. Any other items proposed by Members, Associate Members and the Executive Director of Telecommunity
 14. Date and Venue of the 1995 Management Committee Meeting, and of the 1996 Seventh Session of the General Assembly and the Twentieth Session of the Management Committee.
 15. Closing of the Session
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ANNEX 6

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME

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**REPORT OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME**

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 17th-21st November 1994.
2. The Agenda of the Working Group is shown in Attachment 1.
3. The Working Group was chaired by Mr. A.M. Joshi (India), Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee. Ms. Valerie D'Costa (Singapore) served as Rapporteur. A list of participants is given in Attachment 2.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1994
(DOC.NO.MC-18/3)**

4. The Working Group considered the Report of the Executive Director for the year 1994 and expressed its appreciation for the excellent work done during the year. The Working Group noted that the year 1994 saw several important developments, including the increase in and diversification of APT activities. APT is beginning to function as an executing agency for the UNDP projects and was granted Observer status at the post - GATT Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunication Services. Notwithstanding that efforts thus far have been unsuccessful, the Working Group suggests that all member countries concerned be urged to continue to promote the granting of 'guest' status to the APT at the APEC Working Group on Telecommunications, noting that this would require a unanimous decision by APEC.
5. It was concluded that the convening of a Ministerial meeting in conjunction with the General Assembly in 1996 to review progress since the 1992 Singapore Declaration would be premature in the absence of any convincing rationale for such a meeting and in the light of other Ministerial level meetings. However, the Working Group felt that perhaps member countries' delegations to the next APT General Assembly could be led by their respective Ministers, to help focus on APT's major role in telecommunication matters in the region.
6. Japan proposed that APT complements its strengths in the development aspects of telecommunications by taking on the consideration of the policy aspects of telecommunications. To this end, Japan favoured the holding of senior officials' meetings to discuss and exchange views on policy aspects of global and regional telecommunication issues.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF
THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP OF THE APT
(DOC.NO.MC-18/5)**

7. The Working Group was asked by Plenary to consider the specific question of whether APT should continue to hold sub-regional meetings and seminars for some of its members.
8. The Working Group endorsed the practice of holding such sub-regional activities and acknowledged their value and cost effectiveness. However, the Working Group agreed that the holding of these meetings should be approved by the Management Committee when it considers the overall APT Work Programme and that generally, member countries should initiate proposals for such activities. The Working Group also agreed that the reports of these activities should be made available to all members and that all members be able to attend, if they so wish.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
FOR COORDINATION AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APT AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS
(DOC.NO.MC-18/6)**

9. The Working Group noted the enhanced cooperation between the APT and other international and regional organisations during 1994. It was informed that frequent and regular meetings are now being held between the ITU Regional Representative and the APT Executive Director.
10. The Working Group then considered two Memoranda of Understanding with the Forum Secretariat and SAARC. It recommends approval of the former and confirmation of the latter, noting that such MOUs would become legally effective after being approved by the next General Assembly. Upon the suggestion of Australia, the Working Group agreed that when these MOUs are submitted to the next General Assembly, they should be accompanied by an explanatory document from the secretariat setting out what results or output the MOUs will achieve and what benefits will accrue to the APT under these MOUs in the context of its Work Programme and general functions.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE STUDY GROUPS
(DOC.NO.MC-18/7)**

11. Mr. Arjumand A. Shaikh (Pakistan), Chairman of the Study Groups, presented Doc.No.MC-18/7 together with salient features of the full report of the 14th meeting of the APT Study Groups.
12. The Chairman of the APT Study Groups added that factors like the lack of consistency in participation, want of contributions and the need to reflect state-of-the-art technology in the guidelines and manuals produced by the Study Groups make convening of workshops, mini-seminars, editorial meetings, short visits etc. an inescapable necessity of the Study

Groups activity. He further stressed, in this regard, that the timely conduct of activities would not only ensure on-time completion of the planned schedule but would guard against the possibility of spill-over of activity to the next study cycle (1996-98). To accomplish this, he urged that the following study group activities be approved:

- Three planned editorial meetings before the 15th Study Group Meeting so that the work on guidelines is completed and the Questions can be terminated.
- Holding of eight mini-seminars, workshops or study visits as considered appropriate during the study cycle (1995-96).

13. The Rapporteur for Study Question 6.4C (Introduction of Competition in Telecommunications Services - including Spectrum Pricing), Mr. Mark Holman (New Zealand), provided an oral progress report on Study Question 6.4C and offered to make copies of his preliminary report available on request. The ITU Observer informed the Working Group that the ITU has just completed an investigation of spectrum pricing and the report will be made available to the APT as an input to Study Question 6.4C.

14. The Working Group broadly noted the approach outlined by the Chairman of the APT Study Groups. The Working Group commended the substantial progress made by the Study Groups in their tasks and appreciated their efforts towards the early conclusion of some of them. The Working Group also expressed its thanks to Malaysia for its excellent hosting of the 14th meeting of the Study Groups in Kuala Lumpur in September 1994.

15. In respect of the five new Study Questions proposed in para 4.1 of Doc.No.MC-18/7, the Working Group concluded as follows on the assumption (as intimated by the APT secretariat) that only two new Study Questions can be resourced in 1995:-

a) Fraudulent Use of Carrier and Customer Telecommunication Facilities (SG1)

Recommended to the Management Committee for adoption (page 233 of the report). A restricted meeting of relevant and connected Study Group participants and carriers at a convenient place before next Study Group meeting is also recommended.

b) Interconnection and Access Charge (SG5)

Recommended to the Management Committee for adoption, with the qualification that care should be exercised not to duplicate ITU-T SG3 work in this area and noting that there may be a reluctance in some purely commercial environments, such as in New Zealand to provide some of the required information (page 235 of the report).

c) Information Infrastructure (SG2)

Recommended to the Management Committee for endorsement in principle. But first, the scope and envisaged product of the study (page 234 of the report) must be more precisely defined. The APT Study Groups Chairman should coordinate and pursue the issue with its proponents (Japan and Thailand), in consultation with the APT secretariat, and report to next year's Management Committee meeting for decision. The envisaged multilateral APT event on AII in 1995 should be used by the Study Group to assist in this activity to the maximum extent possible.

16. The Working Group recommends adoption of the following questions, since they both address matters of substance. These studies should be commenced when resources permit:
- Calibration of Test Equipment for Telecommunications Terminal Equipment in Asia Pacific Region (SG6)
 - Implication and implementation of ISDN Numbering Plan on Time 'T'(SG1)
17. The Working Group recommends adoption of the first of the two Recommendations in Annex 2 to Doc.No.MC-8/7. In so far as the second is concerned, however, whilst the Working Group supports liaison with the AIC, Thailand reminded the Working Group that distribution by APT of AIC documents to APT members may not be permissible. Therefore the APT secretariat could instead inform APT members of the publications of the AIC, and members could approach AIC directly for the same.
18. The Working Group noted the Study Group Chairman's plea for increased fellowships to achieve more effective participation in Editorial meetings, workshops, mini-seminars, study visits etc. He stressed the need for facilitating attendance by the Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteurs and subject experts of the respective Study Groups in seminar/meetings concerning their Study Group activities. He also felt that the increasingly commercial focus of APT's work may ultimately necessitate constitutional amendments. The Working Group agreed to convey to the Management Committee the Study Groups' genuine concerns to have more consistent and expert participation in their activities.
19. The Working Group expressed its warm appreciation to Mr. Kazuo Sasaki for his contribution to the Study Group activities and welcomed his successor, Mr. Koichi Onohara

REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1994 (DOC.NO.MC-18/9.1 REV.1 & DOC.NO. MC-18/9.1-1)

20. The Working Group noted the exceptional contributions of the APT secretariat in implementing the very successful Work Programme for 1994. The Working Group examined in detail the Annexes to document no. MC-18/9.1 with the specific observations indicated below.
21. The Working Group considered that the preparation of the Atlas of Telecommunication Networks (Item 1.1 of Annex 1) should be reconsidered by the secretariat. Consideration should be given to a different end product than originally envisaged, given that commercial realities preclude submission of data by some members. The Working Group also noted that any information submitted would go out of date very quickly and that the study should therefore be sufficiently flexible to cater to these changes. The Working Group recommended that the secretariat re-submit this proposal in a new form to the next Management Committee meeting for decision. In the meantime, no further requests are to be made to members to provide information.
22. As regards the preparation of a list of experts for disseminating information on standardisation activities (Item 8.3 of Annex 1), the Secretariat clarified that a preliminary list had been circulated at this Management Committee meeting and this list would be revised and updated soon.

23. In response to a query from Australia, the Secretariat informed the meeting that the funds spent on preparatory works for areas to be covered in 1995-96 work programmes (Item 11 of Annex 1) went mostly on travel expenses for attending the various preparatory meetings, seminars etc.
24. Whilst accepting the limitations which APT secretariat staff's heavy work load placed on organising training and study visits for these staff (Item 21 of Annex 1), the Working Group endorsed the suggestion of the Philippines that it would be cost-effective for APT staff attending meetings or seminars in other countries to stay on for a few days in the host country for a study visit. The Working Group recommended that the Executive Director should explore this and any other training alternatives, in consultation with APT staff.
25. The Working Group reviewed the recommendations from APT Seminars and Meetings (Annex 3) and with one exception, broadly endorsed the same with the following general remarks:
- 25.1 The wording 'participating administrations should' in some of the recommendations implies binding directives to the administrations, which is inappropriate in some cases.
- 25.1 Some of the recommendations addressed to the APT would require action in coordination with ITU.
26. The recommendations (Item 1) of the Seminar on Satellite Communications held in Japan in April, 1994, led to extensive discussion. The recommendations on satellite communications projects were agreed, on the basis that individual APT members could seek assistance with coordination of satellite development plans. A number of participants were not in favour of the APT getting involved in handling matters connected with programme content and related aspects of international satellite television broadcasting, as these were sensitive matters on which APT Members had very different policies and these aspects are dealt with by UNESCO and other concerned agencies, not by the ITU. It was noted that following the initiatives of APT, the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union had recently prepared a report on this topic. Japan, on the other hand, felt that the APT should get involved in consideration of all policy issues involved in satellite broadcasting. The majority of participants took the view that the APT's competence extends to issues relating to satellite broadcasting technologies and infrastructure but not to broadcasting programme content. Therefore, the Working Group did not endorse the independent involvement of the APT in transborder broadcasting programme content matters (Also see para 37).

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF APT AD-HOC MEETING (DOC.NO.MC-18/9.1-1)

27. The Working Group noted the Minutes of the Meeting, held on 8 August 1994.

WORK PLAN FOR 1994-1996 (DOC.NO.MC-18/9.2)

28. The Working Group took due note of the Work Plan in its deliberations.

WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1995
(DOC.NO.MC-18/9.3)

29. Noting that key telecommunication executives participate in existing sub-regional fora like SAARC where telecom networks are discussed, activities 1.1 and 1.2 of the proposed Work Programme were not endorsed by the Working Group for implementation during 1995. The secretariat was advised to submit a detailed proposal giving the terms of reference of the proposed Working Group to the next session of the Management Committee for decision.
30. It was decided by the Working Group that activity 1.6 of the Work Programme be deleted upon the understanding that the APT or ITU could instead organise an expert mission on submarine optical fibre systems for any Pacific region country, on specific request.
31. ITU requested that it be included in the preliminary discussions together with APT and UNCTAD on the project on Information Networks and Measures Affecting Trade in Services (Item 3.2).
32. Several participants highlighted the importance of HRD activities. As regards the budget allocated for such activities (Item 5), the Working Group agreed to recommend a minimum of US\$ 175,000. For Item 5.1, the Secretariat was asked to provide to the Plenary salient details of the requests for training assistance from members, in the same format as in previous years, to facilitate understanding of this major budget component. Philippines suggested that savings under any other Work Programme activity be used for HRD programmes.
33. The delegate from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea expressed his appreciation for the APT initiative in assisting his administration to set up a training centre in DPR Korea. He said that his administration is looking forward to receiving the joint APT-ITU mission in this regard.
34. The Working Group was informed by the ITU Observer of the activities of the ITU and its Radiocommunication Bureau in particular, in the context of the programmes under item 6 viz 'Efficient use of Radio Spectrum'. Item 6.3 on 'Information meeting for WRC-95' was regarded as particularly important and the need to project unified views on WRC-95 agenda items by the Asia-Pacific region was highlighted. The Working Group, therefore, recommended enhanced provision of US\$ 35,000 for this activity to facilitate maximum possible participation.
35. Activity 7.2 viz. Undertaking a study on the implications of suitable Numbering Plan for the Asia-Pacific region, was explained by the ITU Observer as relating to ISDN and mobile (FPLMTS) implications for the region. It was suggested to include Time 'T' also.
36. As suggested by Australia, activity 10.1 viz. Seminar on Satellite Communications, was modified to the more specific topics of DAMA Satellite and SDH Technology, in line with the needs of Study Groups.
37. The Working Group recommends undertaking activity 11.1 on Satellite Television Broadcasting only if it is undertaken as a joint activity by the APT with an appropriate organisation like the ABU, UNESCO etc. as a co-sponsor. (Ref. para 26).

APT/ITU COORDINATION

47. Throughout the entire deliberations of the Working Group, the ever-increasing need for close coordination in APT/ITU activities was observed to be of paramount importance. The Working Group appreciated the efforts of the Executive Director and the ITU Regional Representative in this regard. The need for the Asia-Pacific region to strive for a more coordinated approach in the global fora of the ITU was also strongly felt, in view of better efforts by other regions and the benefits that accrue therefrom. The ITU Observer suggested a pre-ITU Council meeting of the Councillors from Asia-Pacific region, as a possible step in this regard.
48. In concluding, the Chairman thanked all participating members and the Secretariat for the support and cooperation given to him. He also thanked Ms. Valerie D' Costa (Singapore) - Rapporteur and Mr. John Hughes (Australia) who took great pains in finalising the report.
49. New Zealand on behalf of the Members commended the Chairman, Mr. Joshi on his excellent management of the meeting, particularly for his helpful and concise summaries of the Working Group's discussions.

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 2. Appointment of the Rapporteur
 3. Report of the Executive Director for the year 1994 (Relevant Items) (MC-18/3)
 4. Report of the Special Working Group of the APT (Relevant Items) (MC-18/5)
 5. The Report of the Consultative Committee for Coordination and the Relationship between APT and other International and Regional Organisations (MC-18/6)
 6. The Report and Recommendations of the Study groups (MC-18/7)
 7. Work Programme of the Telecommunity:
 - 7.1 Review of the Work Programme for the year 1994 (MC-18/9.1)
 - 7.2 Work Plan for 1994-1996 (MC-18/9.2)
 - 7.3 Work Programme for the year 1995 (MC-18/9.3)
 - 7.4 Proposal for the Development of Asian Information Infrastructure (MC-18/9.3-1)
 8. Report on the relevant outputs of WTDC Buenos Aires and ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (MC-18/11 Rev.1) - Consideration of Australian and Philippine papers on Satellite Reform / Frequency Coordination and Planning Framework (MC18/11.1 & MC18-11.2)
 9. Any other matter.
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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME

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ANNEX 7

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

**18th Session of the Management Committee
of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS**

The Heads of Delegations met on the morning of Friday, the 18th of November, 1994.

The approved agenda of this meeting is attached.

The Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee, Dr. Kravud Kusuvarn, convened the meeting and moved to adopt the Agenda in the absence of any comments.

The Executive Director then explained the paper - MC-18/12.1 and requested Members to disclose their intentions on any increase on the number of pledged contributions to the regular budget of APT. The Members present confirmed to retain the number of units of regular contribution and extra-budgetary contribution as pledged at the 6th Session of the General Assembly.

The following extra-budgetary contributions in kind were offered by the respective members :

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| Australia | : | Support to host a Satellite Communications Seminar in Australia, and professional support for the Course on CCITT No. 7 Signalling to be held in Bangkok |
| China | : | Support the hosting of up to 8 training courses in different telecom training centres in China |
| India | : | Support to host a Seminar on Resource Mobilization |
| Thailand | : | Repair and Maintenance of APT Headquarters building to the tune of about US \$ 40,000 |

Under any other matters, the Australian delegation asked for adoption of guidelines for a clear distinction between those extra-budgetary contributions received in kind and those made in cash. The key issue being that any sums received by the APT in cash are the responsibility of the Management Committee and must be subject to Management Committee consideration and audit, whereas contributions in kind, such as seminar host expenses, which do not appear on any APT accounts, remain the responsibility of the donor country alone.

The Executive Director then made a proposal to the Heads of Delegations requesting the upgrading of the position of the Director of Project Development from P4 to P5. After some discussion, the meeting requested the Executive Director to present this proposal to the plenary for further consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 hours.

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THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
15-23 NOVEMBER, 1994, BANGKOK, THAILAND

MEETING OF THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS
ON 18 NOVEMBER 1994

AGENDA

1. Introduction
 2. Contributions to be pledged
 3. Important issues relating to the report of SWG
 4. Any other matter
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ANNEX 8

RESPONSE FROM THE POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT OF THAILAND ON THE DRAFT APT HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT



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**STATUS REPORT OF THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT
WITH THE HOST COUNTRY**

**RESPONSE FROM THE
POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT
OF THAILAND**

**ON THE
DRAFT APT HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT**

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YOUR REF : APT/MEM/THA/94

21 November B.E.2537(1994)

Dear Sir,

Subject : APT Headquarters Agreement

With reference to your letter dated 31 March 1994 concerning the above-mentioned subject, I have the pleasure to convey to you the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' proposal and comments on the draft Agreement as follows:-

1. To conform to the Article II Section 7 (a) of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, 1946, a copy of which is attached, insert the phrase at the end of the sentence of Article IV (c) i) of the Agreement to be read as follows:-

"i) any form of direct taxation; APT, however, will not claim exemption from taxes which are, in fact, no more than charges for public utility services"

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is of the view that APT Officials including Thai nationals and permanent residents of Thailand may enjoy exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to officials of APT by APT.

/Should...

The Executive Director

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity

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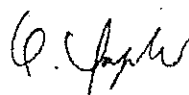
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Should you agree with the above proposal and comments, please let us know at your earliest convenience so that we will prepare the draft Agreement and will subsequently submit for Cabinet approval.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,



(KITTI YUPHO)
Director General

**CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS,
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE UNITED NATIONS
on 13 February 1946¹**

Whereas Article 104 of the Charter of the United Nations provides that the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Members such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes and

Whereas Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations provides that the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Members such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes and that representatives of the Members of the United Nations and officials of the Organization shall similarly enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization.

Consequently the General Assembly, by a resolution adopted on the 13 February 1946, approved the following Convention and proposed it for accession by each Member of the United Nations.

ARTICLE I

Juridical Personality

Section 1. The United Nations shall possess juridical personality.

It shall have the capacity:

- (a) To contract;
- (b) To acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) To institute legal proceedings.

ARTICLE II

Property, Funds and Assets

Section 2. The United Nations, its property and assets wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity. It is, however, understood that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 1, p. 15.

² For the States which have acceded to this Convention, see below, Appendix (a).

Section 3. The premises of the United Nations shall be inviolable. The property and assets of the United Nations, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action.

Section 4. The archives of the United Nations, and in general all documents belonging to it or held by it, shall be inviolable wherever located.

Section 5. Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind,

(a) The United Nations may hold funds, gold or currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;

(b) The United Nations shall be free to transfer its funds, gold or currency from one country to another or within any country and to convert any currency held by it into any other currency.

Section 6. In exercising its rights under Section 5 above, the United Nations shall pay due regard to any representations made by the Government of any Member in so far as it is considered that effect can be given to such representations without detriment to the interests of the United Nations.

Section 7. The United Nations, its assets, income and other property shall be:

(a) Exempt from all direct taxes; it is understood, however, that the United Nations will not claim exemption from taxes which are, in fact, no more than charges for public utility services;

(b) Exempt from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the United Nations for its official use. It is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in the country into which they were imported except under conditions agreed with the Government of that country;

(c) Exempt from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of its publications.

Section 8. While the United Nations will not, as a general rule, claim exemption from excise duties and from taxes on the sale of movable and immovable property which form part of the price to be paid, nevertheless when the United Nations is making important purchases for official use of property on which such duties and taxes have been charged or are chargeable, Members will, whenever possible, make appropriate administrative arrangements for the remission or return of the amount of duty or tax.

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