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**The 7th Session of the  
General Assembly and  
the 20th Session of the  
Management Committee  
of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity**

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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*



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## **PROGRAMME**





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<p>08:30-09:15 Registration</p> <p>09:15-09:30 All delegates are requested to proceed to the Conference Hall</p> <p>09:30-10:15 Opening of the Session of GA and MC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Address by Mr. Hajj Hod bin Parman, Director General, JTM</li> <li>Welcome Address by Mr. Jong-Soon Lee, Executive Director, APT</li> <li>President's Address by Mr. Djakarta Purawidjaja, President of APT</li> <li>Chairman's Address by Mr. N. Sharma, Acting Chairman of the MC</li> <li>Inaugural Address by H.E. Dato Chan Kong Choy, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Telecoms &amp; Posts</li> </ul>	C O F F E E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heads of Delegations Meeting for Election of President and Two Vice Presidents</li> </ul>	L U N C H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of Agenda (2)</li> <li>Election of the President and Two Vice Presidents of the APT for the next term (3)</li> <li>Election of Chairman of the Drafting Committee</li> <li>Statements of Member Administrations, Representatives of International and Regional Organizations (5)</li> <li>Consideration of the General Policies and Principles for the Fulfilment of the Objectives of the Telecommunity during 1997-1999 (4)</li> </ul>	C O F F E E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of the Report of the Management Committee on the Activities of the APT during 1994-1996 (6)</li> <li>Proposal by Australia regarding Draft Resolution on the Finances of the APT (12.1)</li> <li>Consideration of the Basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of limits of Annual Expenditure for the years 1997-1999 (7)</li> <li>Plugging of Contributions by Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for the next three-year budget of the Telecommunity (8)</li> </ul>	<p>Welcome Dinner at Nikko Hotel</p>
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**Wednesday  
13/11/96**

**09:00-10:15**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**

- ◆ Status of Ratification by Members (9.1)
- ◆ Headquarters Agreement with the Host Country (10.1)
- ◆ Agreement with Members and Associate Members (10.2)
- ◆ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Organizations (10.3)
- ◆ Consideration of Abolishment of the Consultative Committee for Co-ordination (11.1)

**10:15-10:30**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30-12:00**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**

- ◆ Any Other Items Proposed by Members, Associate Members and the President, or the Executive Director of the Telecommunity (12)
- ◆ Date and Venue of the Next Ordinary Session of the General Assembly (13)
- ◆ Drafting of the Report of the General Assembly

**12:00-14:00**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00-15:15**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**

- ◆ Drafting of the Report of the General Assembly (cont'd)

**15:15-15:30**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30-17:00**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**

- ◆ Adoption of the Report of the General Assembly
- ◆ Closing of the General Assembly

**20:00**

**RECEPTION TO BE HOSTED BY JAPAN AT HILTON HOTEL**

- ◆ Adoption of the Agenda (2)
- ◆ Election of the Chairman of the Drafting Committee
- ◆ Report of the Executive Director for the Year 1996 (3)
- ◆ Relationship between APT and Other International Organizations (4.1)
- ◆ Report on the Outcome of ITU Council Meetings and on Other Important Upcoming ITU Activities (4.2)
- ◆ Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups (5)

10:15-10:30

**COFFEE BREAK**

10:30-12:00

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Expenditure and Auditors' Report of the Year 1995 (6.1)
- ◆ Revised Budget for the Year 1996 (6.2)
- ◆ Budget Estimates for the Year 1997 (6.3)
- ◆ Appointment of Auditors (6.4)

12:00-14:00

**LUNCH BREAK**

14:00-15:15

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Review of the Work Programme for the Year 1996 (7.1)
- ◆ Work Plan for 1997-1999 (7.2)
- ◆ Work Programme for the Year 1997 (7.3)
- ◆ Report of the Views of Members on the Election Procedures, etc. (8)

15:15-15:30

**COFFEE BREAK**



15:30-17:00

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- ◆ Any Other Items Proposed by Members, Associate Members and Executive Director of the Telecommunity (12)

20:00

**DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY TELSTRA, AUSTRALIA AT  
HILTON HOTEL, NIRWANA 2**

**Friday  
15/11/96**

09:00-10:15

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Separate Groups on Work Programme and Budget

10:15-10:30

**COFFEE BREAK**

10:30-12:00

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Separate Groups on Work Programme and Budget

12:00-14:00

**LUNCH BREAK**

14:00-15:15

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Separate Groups on Work Programme and Budget

15:15-15:30

**COFFEE BREAK**

15:30-17:00

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Separate Groups on Work Programme and Budget

20:00

**DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY KOREA TELECOM AT HILTON HOTEL**

**Sunday**  
**17/11/96**

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**Monday**  
**18/11/96**

**09:00-10:15**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Separate Groups on Work Programme and Budget

**10:15-10:30**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30-12:00**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Separate Groups on Work Programme and Budget

**12:00-14:00**  
**LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00-15:15**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Separate Groups on Work Programme and Budget
- ◆ Heads of Delegations Meeting for Election of Chairman of the Management Committee

**15:15-15:30**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30-17:00**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Election of Chairman of the Management Committee
- ◆ Date and Venue of the Twenty-first Session of the Management Committee
- ◆ Consideration of the Report of the Work Programme
- ◆ Consideration of the Report of the Budget

**20:00**  
**FAREWELL DINNER AT HILTON HOTEL, NIRWANA 1**

**Tuesday  
19/11/96**

**09:00-10:15**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Drafting of the Report of the Management Committee

**10:15-10:30**

***COFFEE BREAK***

**10:30-12:00**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Drafting of the Report of the Management Committee

**12:00-14:00**

***LUNCH BREAK***

**14:00-15:15**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Drafting of the Report of the Management Committee

**15:15-15:30**

***COFFEE BREAK***

**15:30-17:00**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION**

- ◆ Adoption of the Report
- ◆ Closing of the Meeting

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**RECORD OF  
STATEMENT  
BY  
BANGLADESH**

Mr. Musharraf Husain Mian the sole delegate from Bangladesh which given floor congratulated the newly elected President and two Vice Presidents of the General Assembly of APT. He also thanked the out going President and Vice President for their outstanding contributions for APT during their tenure. Telecommunication plays a vital role in economic development and as such gearing up of closer co-operation, sharing of experience, exchange of HRD programmes and expertise support services between Member countries are very essential. Bangladesh is thriving very hard for expansion and modernisation of her telecom infrastructure. Mr. Mian hoped that APT can take a leading role in this respect where from Bangladesh can derive immense benefits. Finally, he thanked the APT management and Malaysia Telecom Authority for warm hospitality and hosting the meeting excellently.

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**RECORD OF  
STATEMENT  
BY  
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

The delegation of Brunei Darussalam congratulated the new President and Vice Presidents and expressed its thanks to the outgoing President and Vice Presidents Mr. Djakaria Purawidjaja and Mr. Asoke De Z. Gunasekera.

It stressed the importance of telecommunication sector for Brunei Darussalam and the impact of new technology such as GMPCS. It also mentioned the privatisation of telecommunications services in Brunei Darussalam.

It further iterates its support for APT and its activities.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

***Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Executive Director,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

On the occasion of the 7th General Assembly and 20th session of the Management Committee of APT, I would like, on behalf of China, to express our appreciation to the Government of Malaysia for kindly hosting this Assembly and the Management Committee of APT. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to the Executive Director and all the APT staff for their excellent preparations.

We have noted with satisfaction that APT has done a lot of work in promoting the telecommunications of the region. Since 1979, as a member of APT, China has been actively participating in the activities of APT, supporting all the activities of APT for the development of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific region.

Since China's reform and opening to the outside world, China has accelerated the development of its domestic telecommunications. With the establishment of our socialist market economy and the further advancement of the informatized national economy, there has been an increasingly substantial demand for postal and telecommunications services in China, which has contributed to the rapid growth of the country's telecommunications for the national economy. Especially in recent years, development in telecommunication has been gaining momentum, with an average annual growth rate of 40 per cent. Now the country has a telephone exchange capacity of nearly 100 million lines. By the end of September 1996, the number of telephones nationwide has reached 65 million with a telephone penetration rate of 5.8. Mobile, packet-switched and digital data networks have rapidly expanded to a considerable scale. The framework of a modern telecommunication network has largely been established.

services, but also the demand of economic progress for new technology and services. So we will expedite the construction for the national information infrastructure to facilitate the process for a informatized national economy. To this end, we have established a strategic goal for the coming 15 years , that is, by the year 2000, China's telecommunications industry will be able to address fully the needs of economic development and social progress and by that time, it will adapt itself to the development of an informatized society as a whole, bringing its communications network to the world's advanced level in terms of size, capacity, technology and service scope.

As the telecommunications and information industry move ahead, competition has been introduced in the telecoms service sector in China . In July 1994 , with the approval of the Chinese Government, China UNICOM was set up, which means competition starts to play a role in the basis telecommunication service market of China.

***Mr. Chairman,***

As far as the Asia-Pacific region is concerned, it is far from enough if the developed and even the developing countries feel complacent only with what is available with the existing developments in their domestic telecommunications, there is also an urgent need for technical co-operations which will help improve the quality of service and facilities for the developing countries.

As we are aware that the General Assembly and management Committee are discussing the strategic policies and principles for 1997-1999 and the work program of 1997. This meeting is very important for APT.

Here I would also like to put forward the following three points for consideration at the meeting:

1. How shall APT, as the only inter-governmental telecoms organization in the region, safeguard the interests of its members under a rapidly changing international telecoms environment, in which, new technologies and services are constantly emerging, telecoms companies forging partnerships and telecoms industry becoming globalized, all of which will have direct impact on the interests of APT members?

2. There are wide gaps among APT members since we face different levels of telecoms development and different economic conditions. When formulating the general policies and work programs for the APT elements such as the uniqueness of APT of this region, as well as the gap among members shall all be taken into account. APT is a small organization with limited financial



resources, therefore, instead of extending its work program in an aggressive way and copying the work of other organizations, the work program of APT should be built on the real strength of APT and the urgent needs of its members which will help us to decide on the best priorities and practical ways to implement the work program.

3. The policy and priority of APT shall promote telecoms development in this region, technical cooperation, technology transfer and joint research and development among members. APT shall support developing countries through such practical efforts as sending experts, holding training courses and providing technical assistance.

***Mr. Chairman,***

China will as always support the APT activities and would like to contribute more to the development of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific region. Thank you for your kind attention.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**



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*In The Name of God  
The Compassionate, The Merciful*

**Mr. Chairman**  
**Respectable Representatives**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset I wish to extend on behalf of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the most gratefulness to the Administration of the Malaysia for generous hosting of the Seventh Session of the General Assembly and Twentieth meeting of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and provision of the necessary facilities for the prudent conduction of this august gathering and also to the Executive Director and the Secretariat of the APT for their sustained attempt and efforts in the current year and the last years which resulted in the augmentation and development of the aforesaid telecommunity.

Prompt transformation and developments in telecommunicational environment, and emphasis on the importance of telecommunication as the basic infrastructure of the economical and social development and the pivotal role of the APT from its inception, in ballancing of the economical development in the Asia Pacific region is clear to everyone.

There is no doubt that for keeping pace with the increasing changes in telecommunicational environment, APT

needs the intimate and close cooperation of the member-countries as has been enjoying ever since.

In our opinion the great telecommunication family, without close cooperation among the members is not able to solve many problems of the human community and cause promotion of scientific and expertise level of humanity. The attainments of the man of today are owed to this cooperation and at the same time constructive competition: within which the human kind may approach to the exalted human capacity and deed.

The changes of telecommunication industry in the twentieth century have completely changed the human's life and right now at the end of the century, the convergence of the other industries such as audio visual, electronics, broadcasting, informative and mass media with telecommunication, paved the high-way to lead the contemporary generation to the architecture and design of the information society. This society points to a world whose success depends on the amount of utility of the accessible facilities for all.

With regarding to the development and increasing of the information in today world in different fields of economy, society, politics and cultural as well as scientific aspects, the human access to communication system has a key-role in our society and is an inseparable part of the human life.

Speedy and extended development of telecommunications and computer technology, especially in the recent years has passed all obstacles including racial, ideological and geographical ones; and provided new opportunities for the

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countries.

Telecommunication provides more facilities and capabilities for human society with its fast changes. While we are at the end of 20th century, it is an international opinion that: access to the communication services is the essential requirement of the human kind.

Achieving the purpose of living in a world telecommunication village or family resulted by telecommunication development, today is an undeniable reality to everyone, and all believe that at the present situation of the world economic in which the seconds have determining roles in the business exchanges, access to an equipped and developed communication network is very necessary and is the only means responsive to the requirements. By using the telecommunication technology favourably, we may proceed in the way of human peace and by a close cooperation and constructive competition in the telecommunication field, a very nice world may be planned for the human.

Dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Within the economical development plans of the Islamic Republic of Iran, especial attention has been given to the development of telecommunication as the infrastructure of the infrastructures, to the extent that in the west of Asia, We have one of the most arranged and equipped Post and Communication networks, During the recent few years, our all communication capabilities have increased 5 times, and the modern technologies in different branches are being utilized. In line with the policy of deprivation removal and

attention to the rural and remote areas, the number of our rural points having access to the telecommunication services, has increased from 3200 to 13500 during the recent years.

Optical fiber manufacturing in our country is 60000 kilometers per year.

We are among those few Asian Countries benefitting from domestic data network, connecting to the International data bases.

In the Radio waves monitoring branch being equipped with the newest radio data receiving systems, we are able to recognize and find the direction of the unknown waves emission sites.

Taking this opportunity I would like to announce here our readiness for close cooperation with the APT member countries in the field of installation and making operational of the monitoring stations, exchange of experiences and technical know-how, provision of expertize comments, interferences investigation and ect, and welcome to any mutual or multilateral cooperation proposal and project in these respects.

Distinguished Delegates.

Let us share our experiences and technical capabilities in telecommunication industry with each other and do our best to achieve our desired purpose that is, to decrease the gap between developed and developing countries of the region.

To conclude my statement I would like to reiterate my appreciation to the Malaysian Administration and APT secretariat for convening this session very efficiently, and greatly hope that

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with the kind assistance and appropriate, deliberations of the distinguished delegates, we would have a very successful meetings.

Thank you for your attention.

**STATEMENT  
BY  
THE MINISTRY OF  
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, JAPAN**

*Mr. President ,Vice Presidents of the APT General Assembly  
Mr. Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director of the APT  
Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,*

**INTRODUCTION**

I am very honored to have the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the Japanese Delegation.

First of all, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Energy, Telecommunication and Posts of Malaysia and related organizations for the warm hospitality extended to us and the excellent preparations made for the 7th Session of the General Assembly and the 20th session of the Management Committee Meeting of the APT.

I also wish to express our appreciation to all the staff of the APT who have contributed so much to this meeting.

**INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

It is common knowledge that the development of information infrastructure provides an impetus to economic growth and increases employment. It is also clear that its further development is essential for realizing affluent and open societies.

In recent years, countries in the Asia-Pacific region have become increasingly aware that information infrastructure is indispensable to socio-economic development, and have become more and more active in promoting such infrastructure.



During the second All policy meeting of last September in Chiangmai, the scope and framework of All were defined and it was decided to hold a further meeting to work out more concrete details.

It will be necessary to put into practice the activities required for All development. All progressed from the stage of a concept to the stage of actual implementation. It is appropriate for these activities to include concrete items which allow as many member countries as possible to recognize the development and the benefits by introduction of some pilot projects.

### **COMMON ACTIVITIES IN ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

This October's ITU Policy Forum on Global Mobile Personal Communication System by Satellites (GMPCS), held in accordance with our country's proposal, was fruitfully concluded. Prior to the actual forum, APT member countries took part in a preparatory meeting and there were a lot of active exchanges among member countries. In the telecommunication field, issues that need to be solved on a global scale are forecast to steadily increase.

It is important for APT member countries to exchange opinions and information so that a common view can be established on APT's regional position and to ensure that world telecommunication can keep almost of global trend.

In addition to APT's role in promoting technical cooperation, it should also strengthen its policy role. The APT has grown in importance along with the progress being made in telecommunications. Japan expects that the APT will successfully coordinate policy issues in the region, and that this will result in an improvement in the status of the APT.

### **TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY SEMINAR**

Over the past few years, telecommunications have shown remarkable development in Asia-Pacific region. Some countries have separated the regulatory and operational bodies of their telecommunication sectors while others have introduced privatization. In this very fluid situation, it is obvious that telecommunications have a crucial role to play as the driving force for industrial and indeed economic growth. In the circumstances, it would be in the interests of all countries to hold meetings with a view to clarifying the best way of establishing competition and rules among telecommunication services providers that will help develop telecommunication industries and at the same time benefit the people at large.

telecommunication technology. Guaranteeing interconnectivity and interoperability are essential prerequisites for building All. To achieve this, standardisation of information technologies is crucial. Therefore, it is desirable for each country to promote domestic standardisation and to contribute to various international standardisation activities in the Asia-Pacific region.

## **CONCLUSION**

It should be highly appreciated that APT has been playing a core role in the advancement of telecommunications in the region and has been making efforts to enhance and expand its activities.

I would like to conclude by expressing my heartfelt hope that this meeting will help to further the aims of the APT and deepen our mutual understanding.

As the APT has increasingly needed to deal with important issues such as All development, in order to continue the extra-budgetary contribution in the coming year, our ministry has already made the necessary request to the Financial Authority concerned.

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
MALAYSIA**

***Mr. President,  
Mr. Vice President,  
Executive Director,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen's,***

On the occasion of the seventh session of the General Assembly of Asia Pacific Telecommunity, I on behalf of the Malaysian Delegation would like to convey greetings of the people of Malaysia to all delegation present here.

The Malaysian Administration wishes to renew its commitment to work wholeheartedly the fulfillment of the objectives of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity(APT).

The APT has been playing very important role in promoting, coordinating all activities of telecommunications in the Asia Pacific region. The activities undertaken by the APT have helped the members in developing Telecommunication infrastructure in member countries. On behalf of our administration, I would like to place on records our appreciation on the ceaseless efforts of the APT team.

In recent years, the important of the information infrastructure is growing rapidly. It is apparent that the need to have good information infrastructure is in tandem with the treatment of telecommunications need in this country. In order to promote the development, recently the government of Malaysia announced the establishment of the Multimedia Super Corridor within Klang Valley, thus focusing the development of Information Technology (IT), bringing in foreign partner to develop the technology here in Malaysia together with development in human resources. There are also incentives introduced to attract the investment and the knowledge to both local companies as well as foreign company.

are about to implement these policies. We are about to start ensure the successful implementation of these policies. We are about to start work on the drafting of the new Telecommunication Master Plan, in tandem with the National Telecommunication Policy launched in 1994 and Framework On Interconnection and Access launched this year, 1996. We have other agenda for smooth implementation of multioperator environment as well as other steps to prepare ourselves for dynamic and challenging year ahead.

We need to learn more from our members and at the same time we welcome any opportunity to enhance corporation with the member countries.

Thank You.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
MALDIVES**

***Mr. President, Vice Presidents,  
Executive Director,  
Ladies and gentlemen,  
Good afternoon,***

First of all may I also join the previous speakers in congratulating the new President Haji Hod Bin Parman and the two vice-presidents Mr. Hossein Mahyar and Dr. Sukhbaatar.

I would also like to place on record the contributions made by the outgoing President Mr. Djakaria Purawidjaja and the Vice President Mr. Asoka Gunasekara who have served the Telecommunity for two consecutive terms.

Maldives will continue to extent its full co-operation on the telecommunications matters of the region, and will support and help the work of APT to our best in the joint effort to improve and develop the telecommunication services in our countries.

***Mr. President,***

Our administration recognises the important catalytic role played by APT in co-ordinating and harmonising regional views on telecommunications development.

We praise the hard work and effort put into the success of APT by the Executive Director and his team.

With very limited resources, APT has tried to consider the requirements of the member countries in organising the activities. The work plan has given consideration to the requirement of the developing countries and focused on the regional co-operation and dissemination of information.

While the telecommunication environment is going through rapid changes, a more closer co-operation is required in the region. Policy and regulatory matters need special attention along with the technological advancements that could be utilized for fast and efficient development of telecommunication services.

***Ladies and gentlemen,***

We wish every success in the deliberations of the General Assembly and the Management Committee.

Last but not least, may I also convey our heartfelt gratitude to our gracious host Jabatan Telecom Malaysia for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**

***Mr. President,  
Mr. Vice President,  
The Executive Director, APT  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

First, I would like to join the others to congratulate the new president and the two vice presidents of the APT General Assembly.

I am particularly privileged to attend this session of the General Assembly and the Session of the Management Committee which I understand is the Seventh and the Twentieth Session, respectively, as this would be the first General Assembly meeting that the Federated States of Micronesia has participated in.

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) joined APT in January of 1994 and we appreciate the support and assistance given by this organization to the FSM Telecommunication Corporation.

The FSM recognizes that information plays an increasingly important role in its social and economic developments. The overview is not only to establish a regulatory framework desirable to achieve our national goals and carrier objective but also to promote policies viable for regional and international cooperation. We believe that APT provides the appropriate forum for the countries of the Asia-Pacific region to achieve a harmonious relationship for telecommunications development.

The FSM supports those programs aimed for the overall improvement of the quality of service and transfer of technology to boost socio-economic development for the region.

In conclusion, I would like to take this time to join those of other distinguished delegates to thank our host for the pleasant setting and the wonderful arrangements and to wish for the success of the meetings.

Thank you.

**STATEMENT  
BY  
NEW ZEALAND**

*Thank you Mr. President,*

On behalf of New Zealand, I would also like to congratulate yourself and the two vice-presidents for your election. I also wish to congratulate our Malaysian hosts for the superb organisation provided for this General Assembly and the forthcoming Management Committee Meeting.

New Zealand sees this General Assembly as an opportunity for APT Members to consider how the APT may best respond to the demands placed on it, in the changing international telecommunications environment, given its limited resources. New Zealand therefore looks forward to a positive result from this General Assembly.

Thank you Mr. President.

Scott Wilson  
New Zealand - Head of Delegation

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

***Mr. President,  
Distinguished Delegates,***

Papua New Guinea extends sincere appreciation to the Government and the Business sector of Malaysia for the hosting of the 7th session of the General Assembly and the 20th session of the Management Committee of APT.

PNG congratulates you on your election as President. PNG further extends congratulations to the new Vice President and expresses appreciation to the outgoing President and Vice President and the continuing Office Bearer.

As a member of APT, and a young member of the organization, PNG expects the APT to continue to provide close and efficient co-operation and facilitation amongst member countries that are at various and diverse stages of their own Telecommunication Development.

Our Nation has taken advantage of the activities and programs offered by APT.

We are in the midst of change in the Telecommunications sector as the country approached the next century with Technological, and regulatory issues taking centre stage in this young countries development. APT support is very much appreciated during this challenging period.

PNG wishes successful conclusion to the General Assembly and the Management Committee meetings.

Thank you very much.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
SRI LANKA**

***Mr. President,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

I would like to endorse the statements expressed by the previous speakers and congratulate you, Mr. President, and the two vice presidents on being elected for the next three year term. On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, I would like to thank the Government of Malaysia and Jabatan Telekom for its generous gesture in hosting this meeting and for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to all of us.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the APT for the very valuable contribution made towards the development of the telecommunication sector in Sri Lanka, especially in the fields of human resource development and technology transfer by way of training and fellowships.

The Government of Sri Lanka is fully committed to the improvement and expansion of telecommunications as an important input to the social and economic advancement of the country. The Government has embarked on a programme of intensive deregulation. It has moved away from the policy of restricting competition to the specialised and value added services, and introduced competition to the basic services as well.

Two licenses were issued in February this year for the provision of basic telephone service using wireless access or as it is better known, wireless local loop technology. It is heartening to note that these operators will commence providing service in December, having taken just nine months to install and commission their networks. Apart from achieving rapid deployment of service the wireless local loop technology is also the most appropriate to provide service in the rural areas at affordable prices.

The Government has also announced that the monopoly of the national carrier, Sri Lanka Telecom, to provide international telephone services will be terminated by the end of year 1999. Action will be taken to licence a second international operator, giving sufficient lead time for the new operator to commence international services at the beginning of year 2000. This would create a market environment of fair

The Government has commissioned the services of an internationally renowned Financial Advisory Group, to restructure the operations of the national carrier. As a consequence of this the national carrier, Sri Lanka Telecom which was converted from a Government Department to a state corporation in 1991, has now been transferred to a public limited liability company. The Government has already invited world-wide bids for the divestiture of 35% of the equity of Sri Lanka Telecom to a strategic investor, who would also enjoy the benefit of a management contract.

To improve the regulatory environment, the Regulatory body which functioned as a Government Department has been upgraded to a more autonomous and self financing five member Regulatory Commission. The new Regulatory Commission will be functional from the beginning of next year.

Mr. President, these are some of the sector reforms that have been set in motion during the course of this year. There is however much more to be done. The telephone penetration is 1.2 per cent with 240,000 connected direct exchange lines and 250,000 registered waiters. In addition there are also 60,000 cellular mobile subscribers, serviced by four operators. Three private payphone service providers are also contributing to the improvement of access to basic telephone service. The Sri Lankan Government envisages a much larger role of the private sector in the forthcoming years and hopes that their combined efforts would bridge the gaps between supply and demand at least in respect of the basic telephone services while at the same time catering for the needs of the more sophisticated users.

In concluding let me assure you, Mr. President, of the wholehearted support of the Sri Lankan delegation, and let me wish you and the distinguished delegates, all success in the deliberations of this General Assembly and the Management Committee.

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND**

*Mr. President,  
Distinguish delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

On behalf of the Thai delegation, may I join the other members in congratulating you and your two vice presidents for the election today. Please be assured that Thailand will render our full cooperation to you all during your tenure of work. I would like to express our deep appreciation to the Malaysian Government, both the Governmental Administration and the Telecom Operators in joining hands with the APT Secretariat in organizing these important APT meetings.

Mr. President, as we are telecom people, we have already realized of the changing environment of the telecommunication industry Private Sectors in telecom business are now the people who are strong and influence. I guess that APT has to prepare itself to cope with such changing environment to fulfill its objective.

Mr. President, as Thailand is the host country of the APT Headquarters, we will continue our duty as the good host as ever.

Thank you Mr. President.

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**STATEMENT  
BY  
VIETNAM**

***Mr. President, Vice Presidents,  
Mr. Executive Director  
Mr. Deputy Executive Director  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,***

On behalf of the delegation of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Malaysia, the host country of The 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and The 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity in Kuala Lumpur and greatly appreciate its excellent preparation for the event.

On this occasion, I would like to congratulate Mr. Haji Hod Bin Parman of Malaysia elected as President, Mr. Hossein Mahyar of Islamic Republic of Iran and Dr. Bilgee Sukhbaatar of Mongolia elected as Vice Presidents of the General Assembly.

As we are all aware, telecommunications has been one of the fundamental economic sectors, drawing a great deal of priorities in very country. The development of telecommunications has been recognized by the invention of various advanced technologies and the provision of many new services. The development of telecommunications has accelerated the co-operation among countries in the world in general and in the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity in particular. Thanks to the effective assistance of APT and the common effort and fruitful co-ordination of the members, the telecommunication network in the region has been developed very rapidly, being able to meet the increasing demand of the society. In addition, the information infrastructure of each country has been further expanded and upgraded. And we highly appreciate the great achievements in telecommunication of Malaysia over the last few years as mentioned by H.E. Mr. Chan Kong Choy, Deputy Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts of Malaysia in his opening speech.

and implemented the Acceleration Plan in telecommunications. As a result, 100% of the provincial centers, 100% districts and 60% villages have been provided with electronic digital exchanges, digital transmission equipment, telephone penetration has been increased (5 times higher in comparison with 1990). More incentives have been given to the development of international communications. The national backbone links have been upgraded with optical fiber cables. Now, we have submarine cable link to connect Vietnam-Thailand-Hong Kong (TVH) and two domestic backbone optic fibre cable links of 2.5 Gb/s. Various services have been provided. In the 5 year plan (1996-2000) our objectives are to increase telephone density to 6% by the year 2000, to continue modernizing the network, to provide various new services, to develop rural telecommunications, to introduce multimedia, and ISDN services. Particularly, we will foster the cooperation and promote the relationship with other countries in the region.

The 7th session of the General Assembly is the most important one because it will set up the policies and objectives of the Telecommunity for the next 3 and year preparation for the next century - the information era, there will be programmes to assist the development of national and regional telecommunications networks, to foster the coordination in the region in terms of regulatory issues, technical standard, research and development, to promote inter-regional and intra-regional cooperation. With these objectives, we are certain that the activities of the Telecommunity will be more and more effective and its role will be enhanced.

Finally, I would like to thank the executives, all the Secretariat and all the members of APT for their kind support and valuable cooperation to the development and modernization of telecommunications industry in Vietnam. I do hope that, through joint activities of APT, the coordination and cooperation between the members and the Telecommunity as well as among the members will be fostered and promoted.

Thanks for your attention.

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## VOLUME I

## PART II

# **REPORT OF THE 20TH SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REPORT OF</b>  <b>THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>  <b>OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY</b>  <b>12-19 NOVEMBER 1996, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA</b></p>
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## I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

### 1.1 Introduction

The Twentieth Session of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity was held at Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 12-19 November 1996. The Opening Ceremony of the Management Committee was held concurrently with that of the 7th session of the General Assembly on 12 November 1996.

### 1.2 Attendance

The session was attended by representatives, alternates and advisors of the following Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members:

**Members:** Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Peoples' Republic of China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga and Vietnam

**Associate Members:** Hong Kong, Macau

**Affiliate Members:**

Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co., Ltd, Hong Kong,  
 Binariang Sdn., Bhd., Malaysia

Capitol Wireless Inc., Republic of the Philippines

Cellular Communications Network Sdn., Bhd., Malaysia

Communications Authority of Thailand, Thailand

Dacom Corporation, Republic of Korea

Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd., Hong Kong

Hutchison Telecommunications Ltd., Hong Kong

Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co. Ltd., Japan

Korea Mobile Telecom, Republic of Korea

Korea Telecom, Republic of Korea

Motorola AirCommunications Ltd., Hong Kong

Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corporation, Japan

Philippine Communications Satellite Corporation, Republic of the Philippines

Philippine Global Communications, Inc., Republic of the Philippines



***Representatives from International Organizations:***

Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)

International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT)

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

***Eligible Non-Members:*** Cambodia

A list of the participants is shown in Annex 1 of the Report of the General Assembly.

**1.3 Opening Session**

The opening session was held concurrently with that of the 7th session of the General Assembly.

**1.4** The addresses are attached in Annex 2 of the Report of the General Assembly.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**2.1** The Acting Chairman, Mr. Narinder Sharma informed the Meeting that credentials from participating Member Administrations have been received and are in order. The quorum has been achieved.

The Chairman invited comments on the Provisional Agenda from Members. The Executive Director proposed that the agenda item 11 "Election of Chairman of the Management Committee of the APT for the next term" be advanced as agenda item 3. The proposal was approved. The representative of People's Republic of China said that the proposal from China for holding a seminar on Asia-Pacific Telecom Development Strategy (Doc.No. MC-20/12.2) be included for consideration of the Management Committee. The Chairman informed that a proposal from Japan regarding seminar on Telecommunication Administrative Policy and the Activities for the World Telecom Policy Forum (Doc.No. MC-20/12.1) has also been received. Both the items were included as Agenda items.

With these changes, the proposed agenda was approved.

**2.2** The approved Agenda is attached as Annex 1.

### **III. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT TERM (Doc.No. MC-20/11, 11.1 & 11.2)**

- 3.1 The Management Committee noted the resignation of Mr. Robert Scoble from the Chairmanship of the Management Committee and decided to elect a Chairman for the Management Committee for the next term of two years.
- 3.2 At the beginning of the meeting, there were two nominations for the election of Chairman of Management Committee. The nomination came from the administrations of India and Indonesia.
- 3.3 The delegate of Indonesia advised the meeting of Indonesia's decision to withdraw its candidature for Chairman of the Management Committee. This decision had been taken on the basis that since Indonesia's nomination, another candidate has been nominated. It reflected Indonesia's view that it was now, and had been in the past, well represented amongst the office holders of the APT. He noted that original decision of Indonesia to put forward a candidate, had been taken at a time when no other candidate had been nominated, and had been intended purely to assist the APT.

The candidate of Indonesia, Mr. Bambang Sulistyo, while taking the floor subsequently, expressed his willingness to withdraw his nomination for the Chairman of the Management Committee 1996-1998. He wished APT a successful election for a new Management Committee Chairman, to guide APT to be able to play a more important role in the years to come. On behalf of PT. Indosat as an Affiliate Member of APT, he offered his continued support to APT.

- 3.4 The Interim Chairman, Mr. A. Shaikh who chaired for conducting the election, then invited nominations for the Chairman of the Management Committee for the next two-year term. The administration of Sri Lanka proposed the name of Mr. Narinder Sharma of India as Chairman. The proposal was seconded by Japan and Nepal.

There were no other nominations, Mr. Narinder Sharma of India was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Management Committee for the next two-year term.

- 3.5 As the result of election of Mr. Sharma, one post of Vice Chairman fell vacant. The Chairman invited the nomination of one Vice Chairman. The representative of Islamic Republic of Iran proposed the name of Mr. Fidelo Dumlao as Vice- Chairman which was seconded by the representatives of Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore. There were no other nominations.

## **IV REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR 1996**

### **(Doc.No. MC-20/3 Rev. 1)**

- 4.1 The Executive Director presented his report for the year 1996 which highlighted the main achievements made during the year. These included harmonising the views of the region on important global issues, increase in APT Membership, a high level of performance in implementation of the Work Programme, reform in the APT Study Groups, strengthening of relationship with other international organisations and with the private sector etc.
- 4.2 The Executive Director informed the meeting about the resignation of Mr. Robert Scoble from Chairmanship of the Management Committee and changes in the APT Secretariat. He also informed about the appreciation received for the APT Yearbook and the progress of other important APT publications namely, the APT Journal and the APT News.
- 4.3 The representative of China appreciated the amount of work carried out in the year 1996. He particularly mentioned that the preparatory work for World Telecommunications Policy Forum, was very useful to members of APT. He urged the APT to do the same for the ITU Plenipotentiary 1998 and for other important ITU events.
- 4.4 The report was referred to the Working Group on Work Programme. The Working Group and the Management Committee appreciated the achievements and the excellent work done by the APT Secretariat during 1996. The report of the Executive Director was approved.

## **V. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **(Doc.No. MC-20/4.1 Revised 1 and 4.2 Revised 1)**

- 5.1 The Management Committee noted the following decision of the 7th Session of the APT General Assembly concerning the abolishment of the Consultative Committee for Coordination (CCC):

"The General Assembly agreed to recommendation of the Management Committee to abolish the Consultative Committee for Co-ordination (CCC) on the basis that APT will be collaborating with ITU to hold co-ordination meetings at least annually."
- 5.1.1 The representative of Australia supported good co-ordination by the secretariat but advised that in pursuing these activities, the demand on the time of the Senior Executives of the Secretariat should be carefully considered. The objective for, and benefits derived from such co-ordination activities should be reported to the Management Committee. The representative of India agreed with these views of Australia.

- 5.1.2 Representative of the Republic of Korea also expressed endorsement of above statements and further noted that the APT should strengthen its relationship with Telecom Working Group of APEC.
- 5.2 The Management Committee appreciated the Secretariat initiative to further strengthen APT's relationship with ITU, ESCAP, the World Bank, WTO, ADB, ABU, APCTT and other concerned organizations. The preparatory meeting for the First World Telecommunication Policy Forum and the Working Group on GMPCS made useful contribution in assisting APT Members on the important issues of their concern. The Working Group on WRC 97 is also addressing concerned global issues in regional context.
- 5.3 The Management Committee also commended Secretariat efforts in getting four APT project proposals included under ESCAP's New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development. It directed the Secretariat to make all possible efforts for mobilising extra-budgetary financial resources for implementing these projects in accordance with priorities established. APT Members were also requested to extend their support for successful implementation of the APT projects under the New Delhi Action Plan.
- 5.4 The Management Committee also noted that the Regulatory Forum for South Asia convened by ITU (Male', the Republic of Maldives, 6-8 October 1996) has endorsed the creation of the South Asian Regulatory Council under the auspices of APT. The Management Committee accepted the recommendation and asked the Secretariat to co-ordinate the matter further with the concerned member countries and ITU for ensuring smooth functioning of the Regulatory Council under the auspices of APT.
- 5.5 The delegation of Australia presented a report on the ITU Council 1996. Some Council decisions relevant to APT are given below:
- Strategic Plans and Policies - the document is to be further developed by the ITU Secretariat for consideration by the Council in 1997.
  - ITU and WTO Secretariat have developed a good working relationship. The Council authorized the Secretary General to pursue the negotiations of a possible draft co-operation agreement between ITU and WTO.
  - The Council decided that:
    - ◊ The Radio Assembly (RA97) will be held from October 20-24, 1997 in Geneva.
    - ◊ The WRC97 will be organised in Geneva from October 27 to November 21, 1997.

- The Council agreed to documents for treaty level conferences being made available in electronic form on TIES.
- The 1997 Council will meet from June 18-27.

The delegation of Australia further mentioned that Australia was happy to perform the function, especially, if APT could not be represented by staff members, thus saving money. It was also decided that member's administration should look after the interest of APT wherever possible to reduce requirement for secretariat attendance.

Delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran appreciated the work done by delegation from Australia, preparing the report of the outcome of the ITU Council Meeting. The report is very useful, especially for those members not represented in ITU Administrative Council. He hoped that Australia could continue with the work.

- 5.6 The Second World Telecommunication Standardisation Conference (WTSC96) was held from 9-18 October 1996, in Geneva. A new Study Group (SG16) has been created to deal with the multimedia services and systems. Study Group 16 will be the lead Study Group in this field.

WTSC also stressed upon co-operation and co-ordination among the various international and regional standards bodies.

- 5.7 The Management Committee also noted that the Asia Telecom 97 will be organised by ITU from 9-14 June, in Singapore.
- 5.8 The Management Committee noted the establishment of Asia Pacific Infrastructure Development Alliance (AIDA).
- 5.9 The Management Committee requested common members to promote strengthening of relationship between APEC and APT and between ASEAN and APT.

## **VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY GROUPS**

### **(Doc.No. MC-20/5 Rev. 1)**

- 6.1 The document was presented by Dr. Kang Minho, Chairman of the Study Groups. It was noted with satisfaction that all 22 Study Questions for the 1994-96 study period have been terminated. The Management Committee expressed his appreciations to the outgoing Chairman Mr. Arjumand A. Shaikh, all Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteurs and Experts of the 1994-96 for their excellent efforts which resulted into successful completion of studies.

- 6.2 A proposal for APT Study Groups Reform as recommended by the 16th Meeting of the APT Study Groups was presented for consideration of the Management Committee. The proposal retained the principles which have already been adopted by the APT and to varying degrees, proved to be effective. The proposals also outlined ten new core principles which form the basis for reform. Only four Study Groups will be established, of which, each group will deal with three study questions. The duration of meeting will also be reduced to five working days, three days allocated for separate study groups meeting, followed by weekend for the preparation of documents and two days more for study group plenary. Finally, in order to improve the effectiveness of the meeting and quality of study groups, the proposal also urged members to ensure continuity of participation among the delegates.
- 6.3 The Management Committee approved the creation of 4 Study Groups for 1997-99 period namely :
- ◇ Policy and Regulatory Issues
  - ◇ New Services
  - ◇ Wireless Infrastructure
  - ◇ Wireline Infrastructure
- 6.4 A total no. of 12 questions as recommended by the 16th Meeting of APT Study Groups were approved for 1997-99 period.
- 6.5 The Management Committee also decided to study the question on agreements on mutual recognition of type approval for telecommunication terminal equipment.
- 6.6 The house placed on record its deep sense of appreciation for the dedicated endeavour of Chairman APT Study groups, Mr. Arjumund A. Shaikh and team of six Vice-Chairmen for their excellent performance and for steering the study group activities efficiently during 1994-96 period.

## **VII. FINANCES OF THE TELECOMMUNITY**

### **Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the Year 1995 (Doc.No. MC-20/6.1 Revised)**

- 7.1 The Management Committee approved the Expenditure and Auditors Report for the year 1995.

### **Revised Budget for the year 1996 (Doc.No. MC-20/6.2 Revised)**

- 7.2 The Management Committee approved revised budget for 1996.

- 7.3.1 The Chairman of the Budget Committee stated there was a proposal to use 50% of the existing accumulated revenue earned from the APT Journal and Yearbook be utilised with the approval of the Management Committee. The main purpose of the meeting was to furnish as much funds as possible to finance the projects, and the proposal was in accordance with the mandate from the General Assembly.
- 7.3.2 The Executive Director stated that there was a need to develop other publications and also to improve the quality of the Journal and the Yearbook. He therefore suggested that the funds accumulated be utilised in a contingency plan towards further development, instead of utilising it for the Work Programme.
- 7.3.3 On a proposal from delegate of Australia, it was agreed that disposal of income of all APT activities will be considered by the Working Group on future finances of APT, and reported on to the 21st Management Committee. In the meantime, interest earned from the account holding accumulated surplus from the APT Journal and Yearbook should be incorporated in the accounts as ordinary income of the APT, with no special arrangements applying to its expenditure.
- 7.3.4 The Management Committee considered the recommendation of the Working Group on Budget at Para 5.8 of the Working Group's Report. It was agreed that the member countries should send their suggestions on the subject to the Chairman of the Working Group on Budget (Vice Chairman, Budget of the MC) who will consolidate the suggestions and co-ordinate with APT Secretariat for appropriate amendments in the formats.
- 7.3.5 It was decided to fix the value of the contribution to an increase of 6% over 1996, to reflect the level of expenditure approved for 1997, instead of 9% as recommended by the Budget Working Group.
- 7.3.6 With the above decision, the Management Committee decided the unit cost of the contribution for the year 1997-1999 to be as follows:
- 1997 - US\$ 7,640 (6% over 1996 unit cost of contribution)  
1998 - US\$ 8,330 (indicative 9% over 1997 unit cost of contribution)  
1999 - US\$ 9,080 (indicative 9% over 1998 unit cost of contribution)
- 7.3.7 The Management Committee noted the decision of the General Assembly regarding the maximum limits of expenditure for the year 1997-1999. It was agreed on a cap linked to the annual rate of inflation, plus a 3% growth factor, with an absolute cap of 9% increase in any one year. The maximum limits of expenditure are as follows:

1997 - US\$ 1,785,470  
 1998 - US\$ 1,946,160  
 1999 - US\$ 2,121,310

- 7.3.8 The meeting approved the expenditure estimate for the year 1997 as stated below:

Section A: Staff	773,690
Section B: Administration	100,000
Section C: Work Program	846,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,719,690</u></b>

The details are as shown in Attachment 4 of the Report of the Working Group on Budget.

#### **Appointment of Auditors (Doc.No. MC-20/6.4)**

- 7.4 The Executive Director was requested to arrange for the meeting of the new auditors with the former auditors M/s Coopers & Lybrand so that they may be advised of any pending issues.

The appointment of Ernst and Young as auditors for a 3 year period commencing from 1996 was approved.

- 7.5 The Management Committee approved the report of the Working Group on Budget. The meeting expressed its appreciation to the Chairman and members of the Working Group. The report is given as Annex 2.

### **VIII. WORK PROGRAMME OF THE TELECOMMUNITY**

#### **Review of the Work Programme for the Year 1996 (Doc.No. MC-20/7.1 Revised 1)**

- 8.1 The documents mentioned above were introduced by the Executive Director and referred to the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget.

#### **Work Plan for 1997-1999 (Doc.No. MC-20/7.2 Rev. 3)**

- 8.2 The excellent work done by the APT Secretariat in implementation of the Work Programme during 1996 as well as the planning and preparatory work for the 1997 Work Programme was highly appreciated.



- 8.3 The Recommendations of the APT Seminars and Meetings organised during 1996 were broadly endorsed.
- 8.4 The Management Committee also recognised the growing popularity of the APT Yearbook and the APT Journal. The Management Committee appreciated the dedicated work of the APT editorial team in improving the quality of these prestigious publications.
- 8.5 The Work Plan for the years 1997-1999 as contained in Doc.No. MC-20/7.2 Rev. 3 was approved.
- 8.6 The Work Programme for the year 1997 was introduced in the plenary by the Executive Director and was referred to both Working Groups for detailed discussion.
- 8.7 Based upon discussion in the Working Groups, the Work Programme of APT as contained in the document No. MC-20/7.3 Rev. 3 was approved by the Management Committee. The Management Committee conveyed its appreciation to the two Vice Chairmen who chaired the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget.
- 8.8 The Management Committee approved the report of the Working Group on Work Programme. The report is given as Annex 3.

**IX. REPORT ON THE VIEWS OF MEMBERS ON  
THE ELECTION PROCEDURES, ETC.  
(Doc.No. MC-20/8)**

- 9.1 The document containing summarised views of Members on Election Procedure was presented by the Executive Director. The Management Committee noted that no consensus could be reached on (a) the issue of closing date and withdrawal of nominations and (b) on the question of proxy vote.
- 9.2 The Management Committee decided to wait for the recommendation on the subject of the Working Group set up by General Assembly to look into amongst other issues the requirement of constitutional changes.

## **X. REPORT OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUPS**

### **Report of the Expert Group on World Radio Conference (WRC) (Doc.No. MC-20/9.1 Rev. 1)**

- 10.1 The documents mentioned above were presented in the Plenary and discussed in the Working Group on Work Programme. The Management Committee endorsed the establishment of the Working Group for WRC97 and approved the proposed Action Plan. The Management Committee approved organising the Meeting of the Expert Group on WRC 97 and Regional Meeting for WRC 97 as proposed in Doc.No. MC-20/7.3 Rev. 1. The dates and venues for these meetings will be co-ordinated by the Secretariat.

### **Report of the Working Group on Global Mobile Personal Communications System by Satellites (GMPCS) (Doc.No. MC-20/9.2 Rev. 1, 9.2 Annex 1 Rev. 1)**

- 10.2 The Management Committee urged the Members to participate actively in the work of Expert Group. It also requested the Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen to complete the work of the Expert Group on time.
- 10.3 The Management Committee noted with satisfaction the work done by the Expert Group on GMPCS in harmonising the views of the region on various issues discussed in the First World Telecommunication Policy Forum. It thanked the Chairperson, Ms. Valerie D'Costa and other members of the Working Group for their dedicated work.
- 10.4 While considering the Resolution of First WTPF, delegation of Indonesia and India put forward the importance of opinion no. 2 and 4 outlined in the Resolution. Delegation of Philippines also added that the sovereignty of countries must be respected in the implementation of GMPCS.
- 10.5 The meeting agreed to a revised Term of Reference for the Working Group on GMPCS which is to be renamed as Working Group on WTPF. The meeting took note that Singapore would like to pass on the Chairmanship to other member countries to be convener of the Working Group of WTPF.

## **XI. EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION**

### **Extra-Budgetary Contribution in Cash and in Kind to be Pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Other Organizations**

- 11.1 The Management Committee expressed its gratitude to the Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and other organizations for the extra-budgetary contributions made by them in 1996 and for their pledged contributions for 1997

- 11.2 It was stated that every effort should be made to bring in contributions from additional sources and referred to the decision of the General Assembly to form a Working Group to study the future funding and operation of APT with particular reference to the role of Affiliate Members within the APT.

## **XII. ANY OTHER ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TELECOMMUNITY**

### **Proposal from Japan Regarding Seminar on Telecommunications Administrative Policy and the Activities for the World Telecom Policy Forum (Doc.No. MC-20/12.1)**

- 12.1 The Management Committee thanked Japan for its proposal to hold a seminar on Telecommunications Administrative Policy. Several administrations expressed their thanks and support for the proposal. Considering the importance of this seminar, the Management Committee approved this activity for implementation in the first quarter of 1998. The Secretariat was asked to co-ordinate further activities concerning this seminar with Japan. The Working Group also endorsed the proposal for an APT Working Group on WTPF. The Terms of Reference of the existing Working Group on GMPCS were revised to cover this matter and the Working Group was re-designated as the Working Group on ITU World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF).

### **Proposal from Peoples' Republic of China on Jointly Holding a Seminar on Asia-Pacific Telecommunications Development Strategy (Doc.No. MC-20/12.2)**

- 12.2 The Management Committee thanked People's Republic of China for their offer to host a High Level Seminar on Asia Pacific Telecommunications Development Strategy. The Management Committee approved the seminar to be organised in May 1997, in lieu of the proposed Colloquium on Trade Related Issues. The People's Republic of China kindly agreed to provide extra-budgetary support for implementing this activity.

### **XIII. DATE AND VENUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Doc.No. MC-20/13)**

13. The Management Committee did not receive any proposal to host its 21st session. If no proposals are received by March 1997, the Secretariat will proceed ahead for organising the 21st session of the Management Committee in Bangkok, Thailand in November, 1997.

### **XIV. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REPORT**

14. The report of the Management Committee Meeting was presented by Mr. Mohd Aris Bernawi Chairman of the Drafting Committee. The Management Committee approved this report.

### **XV. CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

- 15.1 The Executive Director expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee for their excellent contribution towards the success of the Meeting. He said that for the first time the Management Committee had met under the new scheme and it is our first experience to have the Management Committee after the conclusion of the General Assembly. The Management Committee has taken decisions on many important issues which will be implemented during 1997. This was possible due to the excellent co-operation extended by the participants. He also thanked the Government of Malaysia and the Jabatan Telekom for the wonderful hospitality and host facilities.
- 15.2 The Vice Chairman, Mr. Arjumund A. Shaikh said that the General Assembly and the Management Committee have taken very important decisions such as formation of Working Group on Policy Forum, Further involvement of affiliate members in the affairs of the APT, Planning of important seminars and other APT activities, Reform of Study Groups etc.

He congratulated the APT Secretariat for the excellent work done during the year.

- 15.3 Mr. Dumlao, Vice Chairman said that the Management Committee has once again demonstrated the unity and co-operation among its members by deciding several complex issues. The Work Programme has been prepared very well and clear directions have been given for its implementation. He said that in the Budget Group the debates were very healthy which has resulted into the approval of a very good budget. The Secretariat has once again demonstrated exemplary performance in the conduct of the meeting.

looking forward in the fast changing world of telecommunications. He said that Malaysia is very pleased to host these important APT Meetings which were conducted in a very successful manner. He paid his compliments to the Chairman for his excellent conduct of the Meeting.

- 15.5 The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to the participants, Vice Chairman and the APT Secretariat for their contribution in making the Meeting a success. He thanked the Government of Malaysia and the Jabatan Telekom for their warm hospitality.

The Chairman then declared the 20th Session of the APT Management Committee closed.

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**ANNEX 1**

**AGENDA**

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

<b>AGENDA</b>
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1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Election of Chairman of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the next term.
4. Report of the Executive Director for the year 1996
5. Relationship between APT and other International Organisations
  - 5.1 Relationship between APT and other International Organizations
  - 5.2 Report on the outcome of ITU Council Meeting and on other important upcoming ITU Activities
6. Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups
7. Finances of the Telecommunity
  - 7.1 Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 1995
  - 7.2 Revised Budget for the year 1996
  - 7.3 Budget Estimates for the year 1997
  - 7.4 Appointment of Auditors
8. Work Programme of the Telecommunity
  - 8.1 Review of the Work Programme for the year 1996
  - 8.2 Work Plan for 1997-1999
  - 8.3 Work Programme for the year 1997
9. Report on the views of Members on the election procedures, etc
10. Report of the AD-HOC Working Groups
  - 10.1 Report of the Expert Groups on World Radio Conference (WRC)
  - 10.2 Report of the Working Group on Global Mobile Personal Communications System by Satellites (GMPCS)
11. Extra-Budgetary Contribution
  - 11.1 Extra-Budgetary Contribution in Cash and in Kind to be Pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Other Organizations

12.2 Proposal from People's Republic of China for holding a seminar on Asia-Pacific Telecommunication Development Strategy

13. Date and Venue of the Twenty-first Session of the Management Committee
14. Closing of the Session

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## **ANNEX 2**

# **REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and  
The 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee  
of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity  
12-19 November 1996, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**REPORT OF  
THE WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET**

The Working Group on Budget commenced its deliberations at 11.00 A.M. on Friday, 15 November, 1996, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Fidelo Q. Dumlao, Vice Chairman of the Management Committee. The list of participants is annexed.

**I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda as adopted is at *Attachment 1*.

**II. EXPENDITURE AND AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1995**  
***(Doc. No. MC-20/6.1 Revised)***

- 2.1 The Philippines drew attention to the substantial amount of US\$ 314,498.20 shown as Accounts Receivable. He requested the Secretariat to submit a statement of the amounts subsequently received.
  - 2.1.1 Malaysia stated that the Accounts Receivable should be closely monitored and suggested that measures be taken to avoid the recurrence of such a large sum every year under Accounts Receivable.
  - 2.1.2 The Secretariat submitted a statement indicating that a sum of US\$ 309,723.41 had been received. The balance outstanding is on account of refunds due from unutilised airtickets.
- 2.2 The Philippines inquired whether the balance of US\$ 111,224.15 shown under "Financial Status of Telecom Journal and Yearbook" (Item 1.3) could be utilised to defray Work Programme expenditure, and if so suggested that a certain percentage be allocated for this purpose instead of continuing to accumulate funds.

by Indonesia.

- 2.3 The Working Group approved the Auditors Report for the Year 1995 and agreed to recommend it for approval by the Management Committee.

### **III. REVISED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1996** ***(Doc. No. MC-20/6.2 Revised)***

- 3.1 The Philippines observed that the expenditure of US\$ 251,680 under Management Staff (Item A.1) in respect of "Allowances & Contributions" appeared to be excessive in comparison to salary.
- 3.1.1 The Secretariat explained that this was due to the repatriation and installation expenses incurred for the posts of Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director. These included leave commutation, repatriation grant, assignment allowance, shipping of personal effects, and travel expenses. The expenditure this year was exceptionally heavy, as there were two repatriations and two installations.
- 3.2 The Philippines queried the inclusion of Bank charges and electricity under Subhead C10, while also being included under Head B-Administration.
- 3.2.1 The Secretariat said that 40% was accounted under the Work Programme and 60% under Administration as directed by the previous Management Committee.
- 3.3 Singapore queried the nature of training imparted under Subhead C9-Training for APT Secretariat.
- 3.3.1 The Secretariat said that English Language classes and Computer courses were conducted for APT Secretariat personnel.
- 3.4 Australia requested an explanation of the 44% increase in expenditure over the allocated budget in respect of subhead A2 - General Service Staff.

- 3.4.1 The Secretariat replied that increase in expenditure was due to the revision of UN salary scales with effect from 1 January 1995, obligating a retroactive payment to all General Service Staff in 1996, thus involving an additional expenditure of US\$ 91,900.
- 3.5 Australia noted the lack of sufficient data and clarity of presentation in documentation supplied to the Members in respect of budgetary expenditure and proposals. It was consequently not possible for Members to understand how the budget is put together or on what assumptions proposals had been based. This considerably hampered their preparation towards making a meaningful contribution to the deliberations of the Working Group on Budget, which Australia considered to be a vital input.
- 3.5.1 The Chairman said it was necessary to devise suitable ways and means of providing Members essential advance information relating to the budget.
- 3.5.2 Australia suggested work was needed to improve the format and content of information conveyed to members. In addition, if information is provided early enough, the members can communicate through correspondence, ask questions, get answers, and complete their own preparation in the weeks prior to the Management Committee Meeting. This would minimise the need for numerous clarifications during meetings. The burden on Secretariat staff could be minimized if a small group of members were nominated to perform the preliminary review first.
- 3.5.3 Indonesia proposed that instead of having a small group, members would rather clarify individually with the Secretariat, through correspondence.
- 3.5.4 China stated that the Secretariat should furnish more details relating to the budget, so that members will not consume unnecessary time in seeking explanations.
- 3.5.5 The Chairman noted the views expressed and suggested that this matter be brought up at the Plenary.
- 3.6 The Working Group agreed to recommend to the Management Committee the approval of the Revised Budget for 1996 as at Attachment 2.

- 4.1 The Philippines proposed that 50% of the existing accumulated revenue earned from the APT Journal and Yearbook be utilised with the approval of the Plenary of the Management Committee.
  - 4.1.1 This proposal was supported by Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, Brunei and China.
  - 4.1.2 The Executive Director stated that there was a need to develop other publications and also to improve the quality of the Journal and the Year book. He therefore suggested that the funds accumulated be utilised in a contingency plan towards further development, instead of utilising it for the Work Programme.
  - 4.1.3 Director Project Development stated that the accumulated fund could be utilised to publish the Newsletter instead of using the general funds for this purpose.
  - 4.1.4 The Philippines observed that there was no point in accumulating funds and keeping it idle while APT is trying to look for other sources of funds. Every effort should be made to utilise funds that are available.
  - 4.1.5 It was decided to recommend to the Management Committee that a decision be taken on how the income from the Yearbook and the Journal should be utilised laying down guidelines to be followed by the Secretariat.
- 4.2 Korea stated that their extra pledged contribution would be effective only from 1998, and requested that the appropriate correction should be made.
- 4.3 Singapore requested clarification of the current multiplier rate under Subhead A 1.3 - Post Adjustment.
  - 4.3.1 The Secretariat replied that the multiplier for Bangkok is at present 35.8 and is to be applied on the basis of 1% of nett salary. The 10% provision is made for any increase of post adjustment multiplier rate during the year.
- 4.4 Members questioned the necessity for the proposed recruitment of three additional General Services Staff.

- 4.4.1 Singapore inquired whether retraining of existing staff could be considered instead of recruiting new staff.
- 4.4.2 Australia opposed the recruitment of additional permanent staff. Australia is not opposed to employment of temporary staff with no long-term commitment where this is consistent with the priority rating and the funding arrangement for a particular project - for example EBC funded activities. This is a more efficient way to solve short term staffing needs.
- 4.4.3 Korea suggested the sourcing of expertise required from member countries.
- 4.4.4 There was a consensus that staff should be hired for a particular activity and the costs could be built in to the expenses provided for that activity.
- 4.4.5 Consequent upon a submission made by the Executive Director in support of the proposed recruitment of staff, the Working Group agreed to the recruitment of one Programme Assistant at GS5/1 level and one clerk at GS2/1 level. These persons will be recruited on a contractual basis for a period of one year. The Executive Director will submit a report to the next Management Committee, which will review the need and the basis of continuation of such employment.
- 4.4.6 During the discussion on the structure of APT staff, members were concerned over the fact that Director Project Development has also to control the Associate Administrative Officer and Finance Assistant which do not fall within the scope of the Work Programme. Members recommended Executive Director to reconsider and review this matter so as to release Director Project Development from unnecessary workload and place more focus on the Work Programme. Executive Director mentioned that he will review and discuss this matter with Deputy Executive Director, Director Project Development and Associate Administrative Officer.
- 4.4.7 The Philippines suggested that the Executive Director consider filling the post of accounts clerk which has been left vacant for sometime.
- 4.4.8 The allocation of US\$ 773,690 was approved under Head A-Staff.

to be precisely specified by the General Assembly instead of specifying it in terms of a percentage increase. Accordingly the maximum limits of expenditure for 1997, 1998 and 1999 were determined taking the budget for 1996 as the base figure, as follows:

1997	US\$ 1,785,470
1998	US\$ 1,946,160
1999	US\$ 2,121,310

- 4.7 Executive Director stated that as this constituted an interpretation of a decision of the General Assembly, it would have to be approved by the Management Committee.

#### **V. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1997** ***(Doc. No. MC-20/7.3 Revised)***

- 5.1 Expenditure on item 2.6.1 under P2.6 Technology Transfer was reduced to US\$ 10,000, and also item 2.6.2 under the same subject was deleted as there was no request for a study visit by any Member country. The meeting recommended that the Secretariat could consider setting a deadline for submission of technical assistance requests from now on.
- 5.2 The allocation under Telework-P was transferred to the allocation for the High Level Seminar on Asia-Pacific Telecommunication Development and Strategy.
- 5.3 Singapore suggested that item 2.1.6 of this document should be clarified to read "Organisation of Expert Mission to study convergence of telecommunications and broadcast technologies."
- 5.4 Australia stated that in co-ordinating activities with other organizations the purpose should be to avoid duplication and overlap. APT should guard against these organizations attempting to achieve their objectives through the use of APT 's resources. Singapore queried if there was a budgetary allocation for 1997 for APT to strengthen links with international organisations.

- 5.5 The Philippines observed that too much money was being spent on Office Automation without a proper plan.
- 5.6 Singapore stated there was a need for a strategic document to be prepared for Office Automation, in order for members to better assess and decide allocation of resources and suggested that such a document be presented to the next Management Committee Meeting.
- 5.7 New Zealand stated that the employment of a part time data clerk under Office Automation Project P-12 should be for a period of two months on a contractual basis. This was confirmed by the Executive Director.
- 5.8 Australia suggested that an informal group working through the secretariat to the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee should provide a better format for the Secretariat to provide budgetary information to members. This should be undertaken in time for the new format to be used in the preparation of documents for the 1997 Management Committee. This was agreed by the Working Group on Budget and recommended to the Plenary for approval.
- 5.9 The Working Group agreed to recommend to the Management Committee for its approval, the Work Programme for the year 1997 subject to the revisions specified in indent 5.4.
- 5.10 Singapore stated that as far as possible the Secretariat should endeavour to undertake effective cost-cutting measures in organising of Teleworks. The Secretariat should explore co-sponsorship and sponsorship of Teleworks, and schedule these before or after APT Meetings and Seminars.
- 5.11 The allocations for 1997 would be as follows:
- |                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Section A: Staff          | 773,690        |
| Section B: Administration | 100,000        |
| Section C: Work Program   | <u>846,000</u> |
| Total                     | 1,719,690      |
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The details are as shown in Attachment 5.

- 5.12 The 1997 budget was based on a unit contribution of US\$ 7,640 which is 6% increase on the 1996 budget.



- 6.1 The Secretariat stated that 19th Session of the Management Committee had approved a change of auditors for the audit year 1995. However APT was not able to appoint new auditors last year. APT invited quotations and the lowest received was from Ernst and Young.
- 6.2 Philippines requested the Executive Director to arrange for the meeting of the new auditors with the former auditors so that they may be advised of any pending issues.
- 6.3 The appointment of Ernst and Young as auditors for a 3 year period commencing from 1996 was approved.

**VII. EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION IN CASH AND IN KIND TO BE  
PLEDGED BY MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS,  
AFFILIATE MEMBERS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**  
*(Doc. No. MC-20/10.1 Revised)*

- 7.1 The report of the Executive Director was presented to the Working Group.
- 7.2 Australia stated that every effort should be made to bring in contributions from additional sources and referred to the decision of the General Assembly to form a working group to study the future funding and role of Affiliate Members within the APT.
- 7.3 The report was recommended for approval by the Management Committee.

**VIII. REPORT ON EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION  
FOR THE YEAR 1996**  
*(Doc. No. MC-20/10.2 Revised)*

- 8.1 The Working Group acknowledged the support and generous contribution extended to APT by members and recommended the report submitted by the Secretariat for approval by the Management Committee.

- 8.2 Japan stated that any extra budgetary contribution should be used effectively and sometime connected with the normal budget.

### **IX. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The Chairman thanked the members for their patience and understanding displayed throughout the meeting and for the concern shown towards the optimal disbursement of the APT funds. He also thanked the Secretariat for the active support and information provided in response to the numerous queries and clarifications sought by the members.

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### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

<b>COUNTRY/ ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
1. Philippines, Republic of the	Mr. Fidelo Q. Dumlao/ <b><i>Chairman</i></b>
2. Sri Lanka	Mr. Radley Dissanayake/ <b><i>Rapporteur</i></b>
3. Australia	Mr. Robert John Mackay-Sim
4. Brunei Darussalam	Mr. Buntar Bin Osman
5. Brunei Darussalam	Mr. Haji Ibrahim Haji Mat Yassin
6. People's Republic of China	Mr. Sun Benji
7. Indonesia (PT. Indosat)	Mr. Sutrisman
8. Indonesia(PT. Telkom)	Mr. Wiskarni
9. Islamic Republic of Iran	Mr. Gholamreza Baghdadi
10. Japan	Mr. Tomohiro Fujisaku
11. Japan	Mr. Toshihiro Irie
12. Japan	Mr. Tetsu Maeshiba
13. Japan (KDD)	Mr. Tsunemori Yamaguchi
14. Korea, Republic of (KMT)	Mr. Seung-An Byeon
15. Korea, Republic of (DACOM)	Mr. Young-Hee Jo
16. Malaysia (Celcom)	Mr. Mohamed Ali Yusoff
17. Malaysia (JTM)	Mr. Zahari Ismail
18. New Zealand	Mr. Wilson Scott
19. Philippines (PHILCOM)	Mr. Antonio A. Ong
20. Singapore	Ms. Gracia Lim
21. Thailand	Ms. Orana Chantrakulchote
22. Thailand (CAT)	Mr. Traichuk Prommakoon
23. Thailand (CAT)	Ms. Ratana Supapong
24. Vietnam	Mr. Trieu Minh Long
25. Vietnam	Mr. Doan Khoa
26. Macau	Mr. J.A.A. De Jesus Rodrigues
27. APT	Mr. Mulyono Djoyowisuko
28. APT	Mr. Mitsuhiro Shiozaki
29. APT	Ms. Lilian Zin
30. APT	Ms. Sunantha Phanchana

<b>LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET</b>
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<b><u>Agenda No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Doc.No.</u></b>
6.1	Expenditure and Auditor's Report for the year 1995	MC-20/6.1
6.2	Revised Budget for the year 1996	MC-20/6.2
6.3	Approval of Budget Estimates for the year 1997	MC-20/6.3
6.4	Appointment of Auditors	MC-20/6.4
10.1	Extra-Budgetary Contribution in Cash and in kind to be Pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Other Organizations	MC-20/10.1
10.2	Report on Extra-Budgetary Contribution for the year 1996	MC-20/10.2

# EXPENDITURE FOR 9 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

IN US\$	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	OBLIGATION	BALANCE
<b>STAFF</b>				
<b>MANAGEMENT STAFF</b>				
Salary	244,780.00	190,330.00	56,370.00	(1,920.00)
Allowances & Contributions	282,280.00	227,540.00	24,140.00	30,600.00
Post Adjustment	68,530.00	67,580.00	20,180.00	(19,230.00)
Total A.1	<u>595,590.00</u>	<u>485,450.00</u>	<u>100,690.00</u>	<u>9,450.00</u>
<b>GENERAL SERVICE STAFF</b>				
Salary	161,240.00	179,380.00	49,080.00	(67,220.00)
Allowances & Contributions and Overtime	46,220.00	55,750.00	15,150.00	(24,680.00)
Total A.2	<u>207,460.00</u>	<u>235,130.00</u>	<u>64,230.00</u>	<u>(91,900.00)</u>
<b>TOTAL A.</b>	<u>803,050.00</u>	<u>720,580.00</u>	<u>164,920.00</u>	<u>(82,450.00)</u>

expenditure & obligation for item A =

**885,500.00**

## ADMINISTRATION

General Office Expenses	65,000.00	53,450.00	13,550.00	(2,000.00)
Office Equipment	8,000.00	440.00	7,560.00	-
IA & MC Meetings	12,000.00	4,780.00	7,220.00	-
Auditor & Legal Advisor	5,500.00	850.00	4,650.00	-
Linking Fund for Assets	-	-	-	-
Other Expenditure (Misc. & Contingencies)	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL B.</b>	<u>92,500.00</u>	<u>59,520.00</u>	<u>32,980.00</u>	<u>-</u>

expenditure & obligation for item B =

**92,500.00**

## WORK PROGRAMME

Official Travel	40,000.00	18,170.00	10,830.00	11,000.00
Consultants	10,000.00	8,180.00	-	1,820.00

# EXPENDITURE FOR 9 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

IN US\$	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	OBLIGATION	BALANCE
C.3 Experts	45,000.00	-	36,000.00	9,000.00
C.4 Training Fellowships	175,000.00	76,760.00	98,240.00	-
C.5 Study Visits	45,000.00	7,810.00	37,190.00	-
C.6 Meetings and Seminars	130,000.00	68,090.00	5,410.00	56,500.00
C.7 Study Groups Meeting	91,000.00	59,420.00	31,580.00	-
C.8 APT Newsletter	7,500.00	2,520.00	3,480.00	1,500.00
C.9. Training/Study Visits for APT Secretariat Personnel	10,000.00	3,610.00	3,390.00	3,000.00
C.10 Documentation, Mailing, Telex and Other Expenditure	70,000.00	49,780.00	20,220.00	-
C.11 APT Office Automation	40,000.00	38,800.00	1,200.00	-
C.12 Planning Development and Implementation of Networks	60,000.00	31,480.00	23,220.00	5,300.00
C.13 Project on Regional Cooperation in Technology Transfer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
C.14 APT's Support for UNDP Projects	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
C.15 Purchase of Publications for APT Library	4,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
C.16 Efficient Use of Radio Spectrum	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
C.17 Preparatory Works for APT Activities.	5,000.00	-	2,000.00	3,000.00
Total C.	<u>742,500.00</u>	<u>364,620.00</u>	<u>274,760.00</u>	<u>103,120.00</u>
Total expenditure & Obligation for item C =			<b>639,380.00</b>	
TOTAL A+B+C	<u>1,638,050.00</u>	<u>1,144,720.00</u>	<u>472,660.00</u>	<u>20,670.00</u>
Total expenditure & Obligation for items A,B,C =			<b>1,617,380.00</b>	

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**MEMBERS (29)**

1. Afghanistan	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
2. Australia*	15	11	198,640	216,580	236,160
3. Bangladesh*	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
4. Brunei*	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
5. China*	10	5	114,600	124,950	136,100
6. India*	4	4	61,120	66,640	72,240
7. Indonesia*	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
8. Iran*	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
9. Japan*	40	0	305,600	333,200	363,200
10. Korea ,Rep of *	10	0	76,400	166,600 (20)	181,600
11. Korea ,DPR*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,510
12. Lao , PDR*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,510
13. Malaysia*	4	0	30,560	33,320	36,320
14. Maldives*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,510
15. Micronesia*	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
16. Mongolia*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,510
17. Myanmar	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
18. Nauru	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
19. Nepal*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,510
20. New Zealand*	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
21. Pakistan	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
22. Papua New Guinea*	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080

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Palau	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
Philippines*	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
Singapore*	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
Sri Lanka*	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
Thailand*	4	0	30,560	33,320	36,320
Tonga*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,540
Vietnam*	1.5	0	11,460	12,495	13,620
	114.5	20	1,027,580	1,203,685	1,312,060

**SOCIATE MEMBERS (4)**

Cook Islands	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,540
Hong Kong	4	0	30,560	33,320	36,320
Macau	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,540
Niue Island	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,540
	5.5	0	42,020	45,815	49,940

**FILIAL MEMBERS (33)**

Telstra (AUS)	5	0	38,200	41,650	45,400
Asiasat (HKG)	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,540
Hong Kong Telecom	3	0	22,920	24,990	27,240
Hutchison (HKG)	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
Motorola (HKG)	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,540
Wharf Comm (HKG)	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,540
VSNL (India)	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080



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8 PT Indosat , INS	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
9. PT Satelindo , INS	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
10. PT Telekom , INS	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
11. DDI , Japan	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
12. JSAT , Japan	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
13. KDD, Japan	10	0	76,400	83,300	90,800
14. NTT, Japan	10	0	76,400	83,300	90,800
15. SCC, Japan	2	0	15,280	16,660	18,160
16. Dacom, Korea*	0.5	0	3,820	8,330 (1)	9,080
17. Korea Mobile*	0.5	0	3,820	8,330 (1)	9,080
18. Korea Telecom*	2	0	15,280	24,990 (3)	27,160
19. Binariang (MLA)	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
20. Celcom (MLA)	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
21. Telekom Malaysia	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
22. Time Telecom(MLA)	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
23. Dhiraagu (MLD)*	1	0.5 (97)	11,460	8,330	9,080
24. Capwire (PHL)*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
25. ETPI (PHL)*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
26. Globe Telecom , PHL	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
27. Philcomsat , PHL*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
28. Philcom (PHL)*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
29. PLDT (PHL)*	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475
30. Singapore Telecom	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
31. Sri Lanka Telecom	0.5	0	3,820	4,165	4,475

**A PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**  
**EDGED CONTRIBUTION FOR 1997 ,1998, 1999**

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CAT , Thailand	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
TOT , Thailand	1	0	7,640	8,330	9,080
TOTAL	52	0.5	401,100	449,820	490,320
GRAND TOTAL	172	20.5	1,470,700	1,699,320	1,852,320
Total in Unit			192.5	204	204

\* Pledged formally during the General Assembly Meeting

	1996	1997	1998	1999
	Revised Budget @7,210	Budget Estimate @7,640	Indicative Budget @8,330	Indicative Budget @9,080
Contribution cost per unit				
Percentage increase in unit cost:	5%	6%	9%	9%
Balance at beginning of year	833,230	618,200	404,970	344,350
Income				
Pledged Contribution	1,384,320	1,470,700	1,699,320	1,852,320
Participation fees	19,830	21,010	22,910	24,970
Miscellaneous Income	3,080	-		
APT Publication	3,120	-		
Interest Earned	55,000	44,750	51,670	56,320
Total Income	1,465,350	1,536,460	1,773,899	1,933,610
Grand Total	2,298,580	2,154,660	2,178,870	2,277,959
Expenditure				
Section A: Staff	885,500	773,690	776,520	911,160
Section B: Administration	92,500	100,000	110,000	121,000
Section C: Work Programme	639,380	846,000	938,000	995,000
Total Expenditure	1,617,380	1,719,690	1,824,520	2,027,160
Toward Sinking Fund for Assets	33,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Towards APT Building Support Fund	30,000	20,000	-	-
Balance at the end of year (1)	618,200	404,970	344,350	240,799

**Cash Flow for 1996 , 1997 and 1998 , 1999**

	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>The Reserve Funds</b>				
<b>Sinking Fund for Assets</b>				
Balance at beginning of year	24,711	36,096	19,896	15,796
Additions	33,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Interest earned during the year	2,385	1,800	1,900	900
Withdrawals	(24,000)	(28,000)	(16,000)	(20,000)
	<u>36,096</u>	<u>19,896</u>	<u>15,796</u>	<u>6,696</u>
<b>APT Headquarters' Building Support Fund</b>				
Opening Fund	30,000	30,900	26,900	22,800
Additional	-	20,000	-	-
Interest earned during the year	900	1,000	900	900
Withdrawals	-	(25,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
	<u>30,900</u>	<u>26,900</u>	<u>22,800</u>	<u>18,700</u>
Total Balance of reserve funds at the end of the year (2)	<u>66,996</u>	<u>46,796</u>	<u>38,596</u>	<u>25,396</u>
Balance at the end of the year as shown in auditor's Report (1)+(2)	<u>685,196</u>	<u>451,766</u>	<u>382,945</u>	<u>266,195</u>

IN US\$	BUDGET 1997	BUDGET 1998	BUDGET 1999
<b>A. STAFF</b>			
<b>A.1 MANAGEMENT STAFF</b>			
Salary	253,030	256,490	261,490
Allowances & Contributions	108,350	125,050	241,700
Post Adjustment	90,590	91,820	93,610
Total A.1	451,970	473,360	596,800
<b>A.2 GENERAL SERVICE STAFF</b>			
(a.)Existing Staff			
Salary	225,240	234,520	243,800
Allowance & Contributions and Overtime	65,620	68,640	70,560
Total A2 (a.)	290,860	303,160	314,360
(b.) Proposed recruitment			
Salary	25,310		
Allowances & Contributions	5,550		
Total A2 (b.)	30,860		
Total A.2	321,720	303,160	314,360
TOTAL A.	773,690	776,520	911,160
<b>B. ADMINISTRATION</b>			
B.1 General Office Expenses	70,000	75,000	82,000
B.2 Office Equipment	8,000	9,000	10,000
B.3 GA & MC Meetings	14,000	16,000	17,000
B.4 Auditor	4,500	6,000	7,000
B.5 Legal Advisor	1,500	1,500	2,000
B.6 Other Expenditure (Misc.& Contingencies)	2,000	2,500	3,000
TOTAL B.	100,000	110,000	121,000
<b>C. WORK PROGRAMME</b>			
C.1 Official Travel	40,000	50,000	55,000
C.2 Consultants	0	-	-
C.3 Experts	45,000	50,000	60,000
C.4 Training Fellowships	200,000	210,000	220,000
C.5 Study Visits	45,000	50,000	60,000
C.6 Meetings and Seminar	100,000	120,000	120,000

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1997 & INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR 1998 AND 1999**

<b>IN US\$</b>	<b>BUDGET 1997</b>	<b>BUDGET 1998</b>	<b>BUDGET 1999</b>
C.7 Study Group Meeting	80,000	90,000	100,000
C.8 APT Newsletter	8,000	10,000	10,000
C.9 Training/Study Visits for APT Secretariat Personnel	8,000	10,000	10,000
C.10 Documentation, Mailing, Telex and Other Expenditure	80,000	85,000	90,000
C.11 APT Office Automation	30,000	30,000	30,000
C.12 Development of Telecommunications	80,000	80,000	85,000
C.13 Policy Issues & Technology Enhancement	75,000	90,000	90,000
C.14 Intra & Inter Regional Cooperation	30,000	35,000	35,000
C.15. Purchase of Publication for APT library	5,000	8,000	10,000
C.16 APT Support for UNDP Project	10,000	10,000	10,000
C.17 Preparatory Work for APT Activities	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>TOTAL OF C</b>	<b>846,000</b>	<b>938,000</b>	<b>995,000</b>
<b>TOTAL OF A+B+C</b>	<b>1,719,690</b>	<b>1,824,520</b>	<b>2,027,160</b>

China	Training courses in Beijing, Nanjing, Shanghai, Wuhan (20.5 m/m, part of per diem, training fee and airfare)							
India	Training courses in Jabalpur and Ghaziabad (concession in training fee, subsidised boarding and lodging charges)							
Indonesia	First Meeting of Telecommunication Working Group on South-East Asia (Host facilities, social functions, field trip and travelling expenses for one member of APT Secretariat)							
Japan	KDD Training Course (4 m/m, per diem and training fee) NTT Training Course (7.5 m/m, per diem and training fee) New ITU-AJ Training Course (5 m/m, per diem and training fee) JICA Long-term expert (24 m/m) JICA Short-term expert on Frequency Management, Vietnam (0.5 m/m) Extra Budgetary Contribution in kind (Total US\$ 900,000) Training : <table border="1"><tr><td>Digital Telecommunications Network Planning, NTT, Japan</td></tr><tr><td>Digital Microwave, ALTTC, India</td></tr><tr><td>Promoting the Introduction of GMDSS in the Asia-Pacific Region, MPT, Japan</td></tr><tr><td>Management of Training Centre, AIT, Thailand</td></tr><tr><td>Workshop on Standardization, APT, Thailand</td></tr></table> Meeting : <table border="1"><tr><td>Task Force on Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure</td></tr><tr><td>Second Policy Meeting on Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure</td></tr></table>	Digital Telecommunications Network Planning, NTT, Japan	Digital Microwave, ALTTC, India	Promoting the Introduction of GMDSS in the Asia-Pacific Region, MPT, Japan	Management of Training Centre, AIT, Thailand	Workshop on Standardization, APT, Thailand	Task Force on Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure	Second Policy Meeting on Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure
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Second Policy Meeting on Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure								
Malaysia, Rep.	Long-term expert (12 m/m) 16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Study Groups (Host facilities, social function, travelling expenses for 6 members of APT Secretariat, subsidised cost of hotel accommodation for fellowship participants)							
Malaysia	7 <sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and the 20 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee (Host facilities, Secretariat travelling expenses and accommodation)							
Pakistan	Seminar on Convergence of Telecommunication and Broadcasting Technologies (Host facilities, social function, field trip, travelling expenses and accommodation of 4 members of APT Secretariat)							
Singapore	Preparatory Meeting on ITU Policy Forum (Host facilities, social functions, travelling expenses for 3 members of APT Secretariat, travelling expenses and per diem to least developed member countries of the APT)							
Thailand	Host facilities to APT Headquarters Support towards the activities of the APT Contribute towards the renovation of the APT Headquarters							

**Activities proposed to be implemented by the Extra Budgetary Contribution in kind from Japan  
(Total US\$ 900,000) during January - March 1997**

Activity	Title
Training	Workshop on Internet, MPT, Japan
	Standards and Certification System for Telecommunications Equipment, MPT, Japan
	New Telecom Technology toward Multi-media era, KDD, Japan
Study Visit	Personal Mobile Communication, DDI, Japan
Meeting	Second Meeting on Regional Cooperation in Telecommunication Standardization
	MPT, Japan



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## **ANNEX 3**

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

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

The following is the Report of the Working Group on Work Programme, which met on 15 and 18 November 1996.

The Working Group was chaired by Mr. Arjumand A. Sheikh (Pakistan), Vice Chairman of the Management Committee. Mr. Mohamed Amir (Maldives) served as the Rapporteur assisted by Mr. Mahyudin Bin Mohamed Amin (Malaysia). The list of documents considered in Working Group on Work Programme is given as Annex 1.

A list of participants which took part in deliberations is given as Annex 2.

### **Opening Session of Working Group on Work Programme**

The Chairman, proposed that while considering the proposed Work Programme the Working Group should keep in mind the priorities and limits recommended by the 7th General Assembly and the financial implications involved.

The priorities recommended by the 7th General Assembly are :

- (1) Development of Telecommunications
- (2) Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement
- (3) Inter-regional and Intra-regional Co-operation and Closer Interaction between members

A summary of deliberations made in the Working Group are presented here.

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR 1996 (Doc.No. MC-20/3 Revised 1)**

1. After introducing the document, the Chairman asked the Director Project Development to present the paper. The report highlighted the following achievements :

- APT made special efforts to harmonise the views of members on important issues to be discussed in global fora/agencies such as ITU.
- Increase in APT Membership. APT has 29 Members, 4 Associate Members and 33 Affiliate Members as of now.

meetings, six expert missions and more than 240 man-months of training and other activities in a very productive and cost effective manner.

- Completion of a very successful study cycle during which 22 study questions were studied and 30 guidelines prepared, which is a landmark in APT Study Group.
- A proposal for study group reform was also considered and approved.

- 1.2 The Working Group appreciated the achievements and the excellent work done by APT Secretariat during 1996. This was placed on record.

## **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (Doc.No. MC-20/4.1 Revised 1 and 4.2)**

### **2. Relationship between APT and other International Organisations**

After introduction by the Chairman, the paper was presented by the Director Project Development who also offered clarifications sought by the participants.

- 2.1 The representative of Australia recognised the good co-ordination work done by secretariat. He, however, advised that in pursuing these co-ordination activities, the demand on the time of senior executives of APT secretariat should be carefully considered and the objective for, and the benefits derived from such co-ordination activities should be reported to the Management Committee.

It was also decided unanimously that member administrations should look after the interests of APT wherever possible to reduce requirement for secretariat attendance.

- 2.2 The Working Group noted the secretariat initiative on further strengthening of APT's relationship with ITU, ESCAP, the World Bank, WTO, ADB, ABU, APCTT and other concerned organisations.

It was desired by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Japan, Singapore, etc. that work priorities be fixed by APT subject to the most essential needs, which should be ESCAP, ITU, ASEAN etc. Besides financial constraints, precious time of the staff is to be utilised in an optimum manner as per directions of General Assembly. This also is a special concern for the Management Committee.

The preparatory meeting for the First World Telecommunication Policy Forum and the Working Group on GMPCS made useful contributions in assisting APT Members on the important issues. A revised Terms of Reference was also proposed for the Working Group (Annex 4). It will also study issues as well as interconnection, inter operability between systems, tariff, type approvals etc.

The Working Group on WRC 97 would take into consideration global issues in the regional context.

- 2.3 The Working Group noted the secretariat efforts in getting four APT project proposals approved by the meeting of Ministers (New Delhi, October 1996), included under ESCAP's New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development. It directed the Secretariat to make possible efforts for mobilising extra budgetary financial resources in accordance with the priorities established. APT Members were also requested to extend their support for successful implementation of these projects
- 2.4 The Working Group noted that the Regulatory Forum for South Asia convened by ITU at Male', Maldives, 8-9 October 1996, had endorsed the creation of the South Asian Regulatory Council under the auspices of APT. The Management Committee accepted the recommendation and asked the secretariat to co-ordinate the matter further with the concerned Member Countries and ITU for ensuring smooth functioning of the Regulatory Council under the auspices of APT.
- 2.5 The representative of Singapore emphasised that APT should prioritise strengthening of its relationship with other organisations such as ITU & APEC which have more relevance to the work of APT. The Director Project Development, informed that in addition to ESCAP & ITU co-operation with organisations like ADB, UNDP and the World Bank is also relevant to the work of APT.

### **3. Report on the Outcome of ITU Council Meeting and on Other Important Upcoming ITU Activities**

The report was introduced by Mr. Narayan, Director Project Development who informed that the main features of the report were presented by the Australian delegation in the Plenary.

3.1 The Working Group expressed its thank to Australia for reporting the outcome of the ITU Council meeting held from June 19-28 in Geneva. Following were the highlights :

- ITU has been closely monitoring the development of World Trade Organisations negotiations in basic telecommunication services.

Members which are not on the Council, and to regional telecommunication organisations.

- The next ITU plenipotentiary conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota of United States from 12 October to 6 November, 1998 (4 weeks).
- World Radio Conference 1997 (WRC 97) will be held from 27 October to 21 November, 1997 (4 weeks) and Radio Assembly 1997 (RA -97) will be held from 20 to 24 October, 1997 (1 week).

- 3.2 The Islamic Republic of Iran asked the Secretariat to keep the timing of these meetings in mind for scheduling the APT Work Programme and Management Committee Meeting such that Members could participate in concerned events.
- 3.3 Referring to Annex 2, page 2 of Doc. No. MC-20/4.2, the delegates from Indonesia and the Philippines highlighted the problem of 'call back' which not only is effecting the Telecom Carriers but was threat to the sovereignty of the countries. It was noted that 610 million carrier-billed minutes are made world-wide from call back services and this is still growing. Indonesia requested whether APT could give attention to this problem and include an appropriate program in the Study Groups activities.
- 3.4 Director Project Development, and the representative from New Zealand clarified that, ITU created a study group which submitted its report during the ITU Council in June 1996. Further more, ITU secretariat conducted a survey of member countries on the conditions of provisioning of call back services. The result was circulated through ITU Circular Bulletin. A report to the next session of Council in 1997 is due. It is expected to include appropriate recommendations to countries on call back service.
- 3.5 Depending on the outcome from ITU-T, it may be necessary for APT to consider the issue in APT Study Groups on a priority basis.

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY GROUPS**

### **(Doc.No. MC-20/5 Rev. 1)**

4. The document was presented by Dr. Kang Minho, Chairman of the Study Groups. It was noted with satisfaction that all 22 Study Questions for the 1994-96 study period have been terminated. The Management Committee expressed a deep sense of appreciations to the outgoing Chairman Mr. Arjumand A. Shaikh, all Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteurs and Experts of the 1994-96 for their excellent performance and dedicated endeavours which resulted

into successful completion of studies and noted that it was first instance in APT history where hundred percent achievement was made during the study cycle 1994-96.

- 4.1 A proposal for APT Study Groups Reform as recommended by the 16th Meeting of the APT Study Groups was presented for consideration of the Management Committee. The proposal retained the principles which have already been adopted by the APT and to varying degrees have proved to be effective. The proposals also outlined ten new core principles which form the basis for reform. Only four Study Groups will be established, each group will deal with three study questions. The duration of meeting will also be reduced to five working days, three days allocated for separate study groups meeting, followed by weekend for the preparation of documents and two days more for study group plenary. Finally, in order to improve the effectiveness of the meeting and quality of study groups, the proposal also urged members to ensure continuity of participation among the delegates.
- 4.2 The Management Committee approved the creation of 4 Study Groups for 1997-99 period namely :
  - Policy and Regulatory Issues;
  - New Services;
  - Wireless Infrastructure;
  - Wireline Infrastructure.
- 4.3 A maximum no. of 12 questions as recommended by the 16th Meeting of APT Study Groups were approved for 1997-99 period. The Management Committee also decided to study the subject of agreements on mutual recognition of type approval for telecommunication terminal equipment.

## **WORK PROGRAMME OF THE TELECOMMUNITY**

### **5. Review of the Work Programme for the Year 1996 (Doc.No. MC-20/7.1 Revised 1)**

The Chairman introduced the Work Programme for 1996 which was later explained by the Director Project Development (DPD).

- 5.1 The Indonesian delegate noted that no specific activities were proposed for the affiliate members, and suggested that their participation be kept in mind while preparing future work programmes in line with directions of the General Assembly. The delegate from Australia expressed satisfaction on the activities under taken through the Work Programme and observed that the work programme was healthy and consistent with the last Management Committee decisions.

desired that APT should now initiate steps to generate its own funds as decided by General Assembly.

- 5.3 It was further clarified by DPD on a query that the meeting of Telecom Working Group for the Pacific Island countries could not be organised due to the current reorganisation of the Forum Secretariat with whom the activity was planned for implementation. (Please also refer para 7.2.1, item 1.4.1)
- 5.4 The document was thus approved with the observation so made.

## **6. Work Plan for 1997-1999 (Doc. No. MC-20/7.2 Rev. 1)**

- 6.1 The Chairman stressed the pivotal importance of this document and requested the participants to give careful and serious attention to the Policy document as approved by the 7th session of General Assembly, specially when it constitutes the basis for the Work Plan for the period 1997-1999 and the annual Work Programme.
- 6.2 The document was modified according to the General Assembly guidelines. (Doc.No. MC-20/7.2 Revision 2) and suggestions made by delegates of Australia, India, Japan, PR of China, Republic of Korea and Thailand. The Work Plan for 1997-1999 as contained in the Doc. No. MC-20/17.2 Revision 3, was then, endorsed for approval to the Management Committee accordingly.

## **7. Work Programme for the Year 1997 (Doc.No. MC-20/7.3 Revised 1)**

- 7.1 The Chairman, introduced the paper and explained that the secretariat has prepared the Work Programme taking in view :
- General policies and principles for fulfilment of the objectives of the APT.
  - Request and suggestions received from the members of APT.
  - Co-ordination with international/ regional organisations
  - Recommendations of APT seminars and meetings.
  - Experience gained during the implementation of the 1996 Work Programme.

The delegate from India expressed his satisfaction at the amount of details included and the meticulous way in which the activities are described in the document. The participants decided that in future, salient features of important items would be appended to make the document self explanatory.

7.2 The Working Group considered the proposed Work Programme item by item. Following are the significant points raised during the discussion by the participants :

7.2.1 **PART A** (Item nos. referred to Doc.No. MC-20/7.3 Revised 1)

***Item 1.1.1***

In response to a query by Australia, Republic of Korea and Indonesia, Director Project Development explained the activity 1.1.1 will be carried out through expert mission and 3 expert months are foreseen for this activity. The report of the mission will be sent to the Members.

***Item 1.1.3***

India pointed out that no allocation was made for introduction of GMPCS. The secretariat informed that a request for an allocation of US\$ 10,000 for this activities has been received from Singapore.

***Item 1.1.6***

Delegate of Australia raised doubts whether under the present situation, it will be possible for APT to organise this event jointly with the Forum Secretariat because the Telecommunication Directorate of the Forum Secretariat is being restructured.

The delegate from Indonesia advised the group about possible assistance available from USTTI (United States Telecommunication Training Institute) as informed in WTPF96. He felt that the opportunity could be availed by Pacific Members rather than making an independent allocation in the Work Programme.

In view of these deliberations, the Working Group decided not to implement the activity.

***Item 1.1.7***

The delegate from Singapore observed that the activity needs to be based on technological aspects of Convergence of Technologies. The Chairman explained that the activity had been recommended by the APT seminar on Convergence of Telecommunications and Broadcasting Technologies held in Islamabad during 1996.

Australia emphasised that the Telecommunity is not in a position to formulate policy for its members but can only give advice on the matter. After discussion, the Working Group agreed to retain this activity for 1997.

***Item 1.4.1***

The representative of Tonga requested that the proposed meeting of Telework-P be held in 1998. The delegations of Australia and Papua New Guinea supported the proposal. The Working Group decided that the meeting of



deputed for the activity. In view of the fact that the Working Group set up by the General Assembly is addressing the issue of participation of Affiliate Members, the Working Group decided to delete this item.

### 7.2.3 The Working Group also decided that :

- the matters concerning Mutual Recognition of Type Approval be taken up as a Study Group activity under Study Question 1.2. on a priority basis.
- allocation for activity 2.3.2 be reduced to US\$ 10,000.
- Meetings and seminars approved for the year 1997 are :

TOPIC	VENUE	DATES	Allocation (000 \$)	Budget item	Remarks
Meeting on Regional Co-operation in Standardisation	Tokyo, Japan	18-20 February	-		EBC J
High Level Seminar on Asia Pacific Telecom Development Strategy	Shanghai	May	40	C 6	
a) Telework - S	Pakistan	May	-	C14 *	Support
b) Telework -SE *	Laos ?	-	-	C14 *	Support
High Level Development Meeting on Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure (All)	?	June	?	?	Recommended by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Policy Meeting on All
Meeting of Expert Group on WRC97	Thailand	April	20	C 6	
Regional Meeting on WRC97	?	July/August	40		
17th Meeting of APT Study Group	?	August/		C7	
1st Session of APT Management Committee	?	November	-		

? To be confirmed later

\* Low priority

## 7.3 PART B

7.3.1 The Working Group also recognised secretariat efforts in getting four APT project proposals included under ESCAP's New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development. It directed the secretariat to make all possible efforts for generating additional funds as was decided by General Assembly for implementing such projects.

The Working Group conveyed its gratitude to the Government of Japan for their generous extra-budgetary contribution.

- 7.4 With these modifications, the Working Group approved the proposed Work Programme for 1997 and conveyed its appreciation to the Secretariat for preparing realistic and implementable Work Programme. The activities mentioned in the Work Programme will be implemented in accordance with the priorities recommended by the General Assembly in the following order:
- Development of Telecommunications
  - Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement
  - Inter-regional & Intra-regional co-operation and Closer Interaction between Members and the APT Secretariat.
- 7.5 The final version of the approved Work Programme (Doc.No. MC-20/7.3 Rev. 3) is given as Annex 3.

## **REPORT OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUPS**

### **Report of the Expert Groups on World Radio Conference (WRC) Report of the Working Group on Global Mobile Personal Communications System by Satellites (GMPCS) (Doc.No. MC-20/9.1 Rev. 1, 9.2 Rev. 2)**

- 8.1 The Working Group on Work Programme approved the proposals contained in these documents and expressed its gratitude to the respective Chairmen and other Members of the Groups.
- 8.2 The Working Group also decided a revised Terms of Reference for the Working Group on GMPCS which is to be renamed as Working Group on WTPF. The revised Term of Reference is attached as Annex 4.
- 8.3 On a suggestion from Islamic Republic of Iran, it was recommended that the APT secretariat should also invite ITU to be represented at the Working Group.
- 8.4 Singapore will continue to chair the Working Group on GMPCS. With the broadening of the Terms of Reference of the Working Group which will cover future WTPF; Singapore would like to pass on the Chairmanship to other member countries to be convener of the WTPF.

- 9.1 The Working Group thanked Japan for its proposal to hold a seminar on Telecommunication Administrative Policy. Several administrations expressed their thanks and support for the proposal. Considering the importance of this seminar, the Working Group approved this activity for implementation in the first quarter of 1998. The secretariat was asked to co-ordinate further activities concerning this seminar with Japan. The Working Group also endorsed the proposal for an APT Working Group on WTPF. The Terms of Reference of the existing Working Group on GMPCS were revised to cover this matter and the Working Group was redesignated as the Working Group on ITU World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF).

**PROPOSAL FROM CHINA PR  
FOR JOINTLY HOLDING A SEMINAR ON  
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
(Doc.No. MC-20/12.2)**

- 10.1 The Working Group thanked Peoples Republic of China for their offer to host a High Level seminar on Asia Pacific Telecom Development Strategy. In view of the importance of the theme of the seminar, several members expressed support for the proposal.
- 10.2 The Working Group approved that the seminar be organised in May 1997 in lieu of the proposed Colloquium on Trade related issues. The PR of China kindly agreed to provide Extra-Budgetary support for implementing this activity. The Working Group suggested that the seminar should also discuss trade related topics of current interest to Members.

**ADOPTION**

11. The report was submitted to the Management Committee for approval. The Management Committee approved the report of the Working Group on Work Programme.
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<p align="center"><b>LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME</b></p>
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<b><u>Agenda No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Doc.No.</u></b>
3	Report of the Executive Director for the year 1996	MC-20/3
4.1	Relationship between APT and other International Organizations	MC-20/4.1
4.2	Report on the outcome of ITU Council Meetings and on other important upcoming ITU Activities	MC-20/4.2
5	Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups	MC-20/5
7.1	Review of the Work Programme for the year 1996	MC-20/7.1
7.2	Work Plan for the years 1997-1999	MC-20/7.2
7.3	Work Programme for the year 1997	MC-20/7.3
9.1	Chairman's Report on the Expert Groups on World Radio Communication Conference (WRC'97)	MC-20/9.1
9.2	Report of the Working Group on Global Mobile Personal Communications System by Satellites (GMPCS)	MC-20/9.2
12.1	The Proposals by Japan regarding Seminar on Telecommunications Administrative Policy and the Activities for the World Telecom Policy Forum	MC-20/12.1
12.2	Proposal from China for jointly holding a Seminar on Asia-Pacific Telecom Development Strategy	MC-20/12.2

# WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME

November 15, 1996, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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**Doc.No. MC-20/7.3 Rev. 3**

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1997  
(Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda of the Management Committee)**

**ANNEX 3**

## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1997**

### **1. Introduction**

The Work Programme for 1997 has been prepared on the basis of :

- The General Policies and Principles for fulfilment of the Objectives of the Telecommunity adopted by the seventh session of the General Assembly.
- Requests and suggestions received from APT Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members.
- Co-ordination with ITU, ESCAP, UNDP, ADB, ABU, APCTT and other international/regional organisations
- Recommendations of APT Seminars and Meetings
- Experience gained during the implementation of the Work Programme for 1996

### **2. Proposals**

The proposed Work Programme consists of two parts:

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|--------|---|
| Part A | Activities to be mainly implemented by the main budget              |
| Part B | Activities to be mainly supported from extra budgetary contribution |



Programme Item		Activity	C Item	ation in '000 US\$	Remarks
<b>P1 Development of Telecommunications</b>					
P1.1 Infrastructure Development	1.1.1	Conduct feasibility study for organising APT trade shows / exhibitions in APT Member countries	C12	10	
	1.1.2	To study and prepare report on Planning, implementation and operation of CDMA technology and WLL system implementation aspects	NSA		Study Group activity SQ 3.1
	1.1.3	To assist members with participation in Mekong River Project on Telecommunications	C 12	20	Jointly with ADB
P1.2 Rural and Remote Communications	1.2.1	To participate in conducting pilot trials for promoting telecom applications in rural and remote areas	C 12	25	
	1.2.2	To conduct workshop on rural communication	C 12	20	
	1.2.3	To assist Members' participation in project for utilising HF band for Rural Communications	C 12	5	
	1.2.4	To study strategies of evaluating low cost equipment for rural applications	NSA		Study group activity SQ 3.3
P1.3 Human Resource Development	1.3.1	To update and enhance the APT report on training facilities available in the APT countries	C 4	10	
	1.3.2	To assist members in formulation and application of HRD policy	NSA		
	1.3.3	To promote development of human resources in advanced technology, regulatory issues and management practices through workshops training programmes including a workshop on Network Management jointly with ITU	C4	175	
	1.3.4	To organise short study visits on various aspects of telecommunications in response to Members' requests	C5	45	
	1.3.5	To assist members in development of training centres	C 4	15	
<b>P1 Development of Telecommunications</b>		<b>SUB TOTAL OF P1</b> <b>US\$ 325,000</b>	<b>C 4</b> <b>C 5</b> <b>C12</b>	<b>200</b> <b>45</b> <b>80</b>	

<b>P2 (a) Policy Issues</b>					
P2.1 Liberalisation	2.1.1	To conduct studies for accelerating the process of liberalisation in selected countries of the region with specific reference to creation of regulatory bodies in the multimedia environment	C 13	30	
	2.1.2	To prepare guideline on formulating and implementing interconnect agreements	NSA <sup>1</sup>		Study Group activity SQ 1.3
	2.1.3	To follow up policy issues concerning introduction of GMPCS	C 13	10	
	2.1.4	Study of Mobile Satellite Services and Business Applications	NSA		Study Group activity SQ 3.2
	2.1.5	To prepare a policy document on convergence of telecommunication and broadcasting technologies	C13	10	Recommendation of APT seminar on Convergence
P2.2 Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure	2.2.1	To promote the development of information infrastructure in APT countries through various programmes and activities of APT	NSA		Activities spread over the entire Work Programme. Also supported by EBC J <sup>2</sup> . Also see Annex B and SQ1.1
	2.2.2	To promote application of technology in various sectors of economy such as health, education, agriculture, tourism, transport, environment protection etc. by participation in field trials for enhancing telecom applications in selected locations	C 13	10	
	2.2.3	To prepare Information handbook on Multimedia Applications	NSA		Study Group activity. SQ 2.1
P2.3 Frequency Co-ordination	2.3.1	To encourage frequency co-ordination through the APT Working Group on Radio matters	NSA		
	2.3.2	To encourage use of efficient frequency management techniques through training programmes	NSA		Allocation under item C 4
	2.3.3	Preparatory works for WRC'97	C6		See Doc.No.MC-20/9.1
<b>P2 (a) Policy Issues</b>		<b>SUB TOTAL OF P2 (a)</b>	<b>C 13</b>	<b>60</b>	

Networks		International development of Intelligent Transport System and Vehicle Information & Communication System			activity SQ 2.2
	2.4.2	To conduct study on Backbone Broadband networks to support the Information Infrastructure	NSA		Study Group activity SQ 4.2
	2.4.3	To study and prepare a handbook on Internet and Intranet	NSA		Study Group activity SQ 4.3
	2.4.4	To study access network enabling evolution to information infrastructure	NSA		Study Group activity SQ 4.1
	2.4.5	To conduct a workshop on Internet	EBC J		
	2.4.6	To disseminate information on new technologies through seminars and meetings	NSA		Allocation under item C6
P 2.5 Standards	2.5.1	To conduct a Regional Meeting on Standardisation	EBC J		See P5
	2.5.2	To promote regional co-operation in standardisation on an ongoing basis through study group activities, training programmes etc.	NSA		Study Group, Training and Co-ordination
	2.5.3	To study issues involving mutual recognition of type approval for telecommunication terminal equipment			Study Group activity
P2.6 Technology Transfer	2.6.1	Feasibility study on requirements on technology transfer for software development	C 13	10	Feasibility study
P2.7 Research and Development	2.7.1	To compile a Directory of R&D institutions in Telecommunication sector in the Asia Pacific region	C 13	5	
<b>P2 (b) Technology Enhancement</b>		<b>SUB TOTAL OF P2 (b)</b>	<b>C 13</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>P2 Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement</b>		<b>SUB TOTAL OF P2 P2 (a) + P2 (b)</b>	<b>C13</b>	<b>75</b>	

<b>P3 Inter Regional &amp; Intra-Regional Co-operation</b>					
	3.1.1	To assist the members in organising meetings of Telework such as Telework-S, SE, E	C14	30	Offer received from Pakistan for hosting Telework S
<b>P3 Inter-Regional &amp; Intra-Regional Co-operation</b>		<b>SUB TOTAL OF P3</b>	C14	30	
<b>P4 Expert missions</b>					
	4.1	To plan and implement expert missions in response to members' request	C 3	45	
		<b>SUB TOTAL P4</b>	C 3	45	
<b>P5 Meetings and Seminars</b>					
	5.1	See Table 1	C 6	100	
<b>P6 Study Group activities</b>					
	6.1	Study Groups Meeting	C 7	70	
	6.2	Printing of Study Group reports	C 7	10	
		<b>Study Group activities</b>	C 7	80	
<b>P7 APT Yearbook</b>					
	7.1	Publication of APT Yearbook			No allocation
	7.2	Publication of APT Members' Data and Directory as companion of the Yearbook			
<b>P8 APT Journal</b>					
	8.1	Publication of APT Journal			No allocation. Agreement to be renewed.
<b>P9 APT Newsletter</b>					
	9.1	Publication of APT Newsletter	C 8	8	
<b>P10 Training of secretariat personnel</b>					
	10.1	Training for APT secretariat personnel	C 9	8	
<b>P11 Printing, documentation, mailing and communication</b>					
	11.1	Printing, mailing, communication etc.	C 10	80	
<b>P12 Office Automation Project</b>					
	12.1	Development of Office Automation, LAN and internet applications in APT secretariat	C 11	30	See Annex 2
<b>P13 Library</b>					
	13.1	Purchase of publications for library	C 15	5	
<b>P14 APT Support for UNDP Project</b>					
	14.1	APT component UNDP Project (if required)	C 16	10	
<b>P15 Office travel</b>					
	15.1	Office travel	C 1	40	
<b>P16 Preparatory works for future APT activities</b>					
	16.1	Miscellaneous and unforeseen	C 17	10	
		<b>TOTAL FOR C ITEM</b>	C1 TO C17	846	

Budget Item	Related Program Item	Work Program	Budget 1997	Indicative Budget	
				1998	1999
C		WORK PROGRAMME			
C1	P15	Official Travel	40 000	50 000	55 000
C2	--	Consultants	-	-	-
C3	P4	Expert Mission	45 000	50 000	60 000
C4	P1	Training Fellowships etc.	200 000	210 000	220 000
C5	P1	Study Visits	45 000	50 000	60 000
C6	P5	Meetings and Seminars	100 000	120 000	120 000
C7	P6	Study Group Meeting	80 000	90 000	100 000
C8	P9	APT Newsletter	8 000	10 000	10 000
C9	P10	Training/Study Visits for APT Secretariat Personnel	8 000	10 000	10 000
C10	P11	Printing of Documentation, Mailing, Telex and Other Expenditure	80 000	85 000	90 000
C11	P12	APT Office Automation Project	30 000	30 000	30 000
C12	P1	Development of Telecommunications	80 000	80 000	85 000
C13	P2	Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement	75 000	90 000	90 000
C14	P3	Inter-regional and intra-regional co-operation	30 000	35 000	35 000
C15	P13	Purchase of Publications for APT Library	5 000	8 000	10 000
C16	P14	APT Support for UNDP Project	10 000	10 000	10 000
C17	P16	Preparatory work for future APT activities	10 000	10 000	10 000
		TOTAL OF C	846 000	938 000	995 000

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1997**  
**(IN US\$)**

**SUMMARY**

Program Item	Work Program	Budget Item	Budget (in US\$)
	<b>WORK PROGRAMME</b>	<b>C</b>	
P01	Development of Telecommunications	C12	80 000
	Training Fellowships	C4	200 000
	Study Visits	C5	45 000
	Consultants	C2	---
P02	Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement	C13	75 000
P03	Inter-regional and Intra-regional Co-operation etc.	C14	30 000
P04	Expert Mission	C3	45 000
P05	Meetings and Seminars	C6	100 000
P06	Study Group Meeting	C7	80 000
P07	APT Yearbook	-	-
P08	APT Journal	-	-
P09	APT Newsletter	C8	8 000
P10	Training/Study Visits for APT Secretariat Personnel	C9	8 000
P11	Printing of Documentation, Mailing, Telex and Other Expenditure	C10	80 000
P12	APT Office Automation Project	C11	30 000
P13	Purchase of Publications for APT Library	C15	5 000
P14	APT Support for UNDP Project	C16	10 000
P15	Official Travel	C1	40 000
P16	Preparatory work for future APT activities	C17	10 000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>846 000</b>

TOPIC	VENUE	DATES	Allocation (000 \$)	Budget item	Remarks
Meeting on Regional Co-operation in Standardisation	Tokyo, Japan	18-20 February	-		EBC J
High Level Meeting on Asia Pacific Telecom Strategy	Shanghai	May	40	C 6	
a) Telework - S b) Telework -SE *	Pakistan Laos ?	May -	- -	C14 * C14 *	Support Support
High Level Development Meeting on Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure (All)	?	June	?	?	Recommended by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Policy Meeting on All
Meeting of Expert Group on WRC97	Thailand	April	20	C 6	
Regional Meeting on WRC97	?	July/August	40		
17th Meeting of APT Study Group	?	August/		C7	
21st Session of APT Management Committee	?	November	-		

? To be confirmed later

\* Low priority

## PART 'B'

**B1. ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION OF JAPAN**

Aiming at human resource development towards the advancement of networks in the Asia-Pacific region, Japan has made an extra-budgetary contribution of US\$ 800 000 to APT since 1992, which has supported seminars, meetings, training, study visits etc. In the 19<sup>th</sup> session of APT Management Committee, Japan generously announced an addition of US\$ 100 000 to its contribution of US\$ 800 000 for the current year, bringing it to a total of US\$ 900 000.

This contribution is playing an important role for APT to meet the increasing needs of human resource development diversified by sophistication of telecommunications technologies and for promoting the development of the Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure (AII).

The following activities are planned, for 1997, for implementation by the extra-budgetary contribution from Japan :

1. Activity  
**To promote development of Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure**

2. Activity plan

**Seminars, meetings, training, study visits and expert missions**

Seminar, meetings, training, study visits and expert missions for the advancement of networks in the region and the development of AII will be implemented in line with the intention of the contribution of Japan.

The APT Secretariat will implement these activities using the extra-budgetary contribution made by Japan.

It is informed that the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Japan have requested for the necessary budget to the budget authority.



UNDP is consulting the implementing agencies for preparation of the programme on Poverty Alleviation. APT and ITU will jointly implement the programme in telecommunications.

### **B3. New Delhi Action Plan**

United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is launching 'New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development' in the region. In response to ESCAP's invitation, APT had submitted its proposals for inclusion in the plan after co-ordinating with ITU. The ESCAP Ministerial Conference on Infrastructure (New Delhi October 28-29) has included the following APT proposals under the New Delhi Action Plan for Infrastructure Development:

- Asia-Pacific Co-operation in Transfer of Telecommunication Technology
- Asia Pacific Co-operation in Type Approval of Telecommunication Equipment
- Asia-Pacific Co-operation in Promotion and Transfer of Rural Telecommunication Technology
- APT Project for Regional Co-operation in Acceptance Testing of Telecommunications Systems

The project profiles are annexed to Doc.No. MC-20/7.1.

### **B4. Others**

APT will participate in the relevant activities implemented by other UN agencies, international and regional organisations after doing necessary co-ordination.

### **REQUEST**

The 20<sup>th</sup> session of APT Management Committee is requested to consider and approve the proposed Work Programme for 1997.

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**TERM OF REFERENCE  
APT WORKING GROUP ON ITU WORLD  
TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY FORUM**

**1. Title**

- 1.1 The Working Group shall be known as the APT Working Group on ITU World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF).

**2. Objectives**

- 2.1 The Working Group shall identify and provide a forum for regular dialogue on regulatory and policy issues which are of common interest to APT Members.
- 2.2 The Working Group shall identify and formulate common views and concern for Asia-Pacific region on the issues, and present them to ITU in good time for consideration by the WTPF.

**3. Membership**

- 3.1 The Working Group shall be open to all Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members of the APT.

**4. Participation**

- 4.1 The Working Group may invite any other relevant entities to attend its meetings as expert advisors or resource persons.

**5. Chairman & Rapporteur**

- 5.1 The Working Group shall select its Chairman and Rapporteur.

**6. Working Methods**

- 6.1 For paragraph 2.1, the Working Group shall decide on the frequency and venue of its meetings with the advice and assistance of the APT Secretariat.
- 6.2 For paragraph 2.2, the Working Group shall work by coorespondence or otherwise and shall endeavour to meet immediately prior to the ITU WTPF.
- 6.3 The Working Group shall assist in considering whether joint contributions can be made by the Asia-Pacific region on ITU processes arising from Opinion 3 and/or Opinion 4 adopted by the First WTPF.