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PROGRAMME

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Programme

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PROCEEDINGS

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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1.1 Introduction

The Twenty-first Session of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity was held at Hilton Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand from 24-28 November 1997.

1.2 Attendance

The session was attended by 95 representatives, alternates and advisors of the following Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members:

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

Associate Members: Hong Kong, China and Macau

Affiliate Members:

Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, China
 Capitol Wireless Inc., Republic of the Philippines
 Cellular Communications Network (M) Sdn., Bhd., Malaysia
 Communications Authority of Thailand, Thailand
 Globe Telecom, Republic of Philippines
 Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd., Hong Kong, China
 Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co. Ltd., Japan
 Korea Telecom, Republic of Korea

Philippine Global Communications, Inc., Republic of the Philippines
Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Republic of the Philippines
PT. Ratelindo, Indonesia
PT. Telekomunikasi Indonesia
Singapore Telecom, Republic of Singapore
SK Telecom, Republic of Korea
Sri Lanka Telecom, Sri Lanka
Telekom Malaysia, Malaysia
Telephone Organization of Thailand, Thailand

Representatives from International Organizations:

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

A list of the participants is shown in Annex 1.

1.3 Opening Session

- The opening session began with a welcome address by Mr. Jong-Soon Lee, Executive Director, APT. In his address, Mr. Lee said that as the leading telecommunications entity of the region APT has to maintain its leading role in the changing telecommunication scenario characterised with increasing globalisation, quicker liberalisation and unprecedented technological advancement. He also said that APT is proposing some new activities for consideration of the Management Committee in the light of rapid change in telecommunications scenario. Some of the new proposals include enhancement of activities concerning standardisation, organising APT exhibition and Business Summit, activities concerning policy liberalisation, trade related issues and promoting network development activities. Mr. Lee also thanked the APT Members for their support.
- In his address, Mr. Narinder Sharma, Chairman of the Management Committee said that the telecommunications sector throughout the world is making such rapid strides that it is a real challenge for the Governments, industry and international organisations to lead the change. As an affectionate family of all players in telecommunications sector APT has successfully managed all these changes and has remained at the forefront of the telecommunications sector. Technology and business evolve and their evolution will change the nature of international organisations like APT.

The business sector in the world of telecommunications finds in APT a common platform of Governments and industry people very convenient and productive.

Mr. Sharma appreciated the initiatives made by the secretariat for attracting the business sector to the APT and complimented APT for its excellent performance during the year 1997.

- The inaugural address was delivered by H.E. Mr. Suthep Thaugsuban, Minister of Transport and Communications, Royal Government of Thailand. H.E. Mr. Suthep said that telecommunications provide a powerful tool to the Governments for bringing socio-economic progress and to business houses it offers a facility to ensure their competitiveness and, in some cases, even their survival. The recent trade agreements achieved under the WTO demonstrate the desire of the countries of the world to further liberalise their market which will result in more trade promotion. Organisations like APT have to play a major role in assisting its members in this matter.

H.E. Mr. Suthep mentioned that Thailand has taken several steps to improve telecommunication facilities. Currently Thailand has a basic telephone density of 6.95 % and a Cellular mobile density of 2.55%. The Telecommunications Master Plan of Thailand provides for the liberalisation of telecommunications market in Thailand.

He said that we need community strength for meeting the challenges which information society is bringing to us. In doing so, the Members depend upon APT. H.E. Mr. Suthep felt confident that APT will continue to provide leadership in the region and will be a role model for similar organisations of the world. He extended all possible support to APT from the Royal Government of Thailand to APT.

- 1.4 The addresses are attached in Annex 2 of the Report.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1 The Chairman, Mr. Narinder Sharma informed the Meeting that credentials from 21 participating Member Administrations have been deposited and are in order. The quorum has been achieved.

The Chairman then invited comments on the Provisional Agenda from Members.

The proposed agenda was approved. The approved Agenda is attached

III. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR 1997 (Doc. No. MC-21/3 Rev. 1)

3.1 The Executive Director's report for the year 1997 highlighted the main achievements of the APT during 1997 which included:

- Successful organisation of the High Level Meeting on Telecommunications Development Strategy in Shanghai.
- APT's preparatory work for the World Radio Conference 97 and presentation of harmonised views from the region to the WRC.
- Activities of APT ad-hoc group on standardisation.
- Assisting APT Members on the current issues such as Telecommunications Settlement Rate, GMPCS etc.
- APT's enhanced relationship with other concerned international organisations like ITU.
- Initiatives to attract the Members of the Private sector in APT.
- Successful organising of APT meetings, seminars and study group activities.
- Implementation of training programmes, study visits, expert missions and other work programme activities.
- Growing popularity of the APT Yearbook and the APT Journal, APT Home Page and increasing use of Internet etc.

3.2 Several administrations congratulated the Executive Director and his team at the excellent performance. Complimenting the high level work done by the APT in 1997, the representative of Pakistan advised that the APT secretariat should approach the new cellular service providers in Pakistan to join APT as affiliate member.

- 3.3 The representative of Nepal appreciated the report of the Executive Director and said that in successfully implementing such a heavy work programme, APT would have come across some interesting experiences. It will be beneficial for the Members to learn how APT has been able to overcome the difficulties. The Executive Director may be requested to highlight some of these experiences in his future reports.
- 3.4 The representative of Republic of the Philippines congratulated the Executive Director for the high quality of work done. He also desired to know the details of the extra budgetary contributions made. He suggested that for in kind contributions, the quantified value of the contributions made by various members may be provided.

The Management Committee appreciated the excellent work done by the APT Secretariat during 1997, congratulated the Executive Director and his team at their performance and approved the report.

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

- 4.1 The representative of Australia strongly appreciated the efforts of the Executive Director and Secretariat for successfully implementing a wide range of activities.
- 4.2 The representative of Brunei Darussalam expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Royal Government of Thailand and APT secretariat for the warm welcome and expressed continued support for APT activities whenever possible.
- 4.3 The representative of the People's Republic of China greatly appreciated the work done in 1997. Praising the success of the Shanghai meeting, he said that APT should organise similar meetings from time to time.
- 4.4 The representative of India mentioned about the process of liberalisation and private sector participation in the telecommunications sector. He said that far reaching economic reforms aimed at deregulation and stimulating foreign investment have moved India firmly into the front ranks of the rapidly growing telecom networks in the Asia Pacific region. The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of India is already in place for taking care of the interest of consumers and effective participation of private operators to promote the competitive environment. He also mentioned about the

member countries as well as promoting advancement of technologies to reinforce the base for the Global Information Infrastructure.

- 4.5 The representative of Indonesia expressed his appreciation to the APT for organising and implementing APT's programmes and activities carried out in 1997. He further informed that Indonesia has started the process of restructuring through liberalisation and private participation in telecommunications sector since 1989 by enacting the new telecommunication law.
- 4.6 The representative of Islamic Republic of Iran expressed his appreciation to the Royal Thai Government for its warm hospitality. He also said that APT has done a lot of good work by trying to bring a balance in telecommunication development in the region. He highlighted the convergence of telecommunications, broadcasting and information technologies as a very important development. He stressed that APT should play more active role in harmonising the comments and proposals of the Member countries for participation at the ITU conferences especially the plenipotentiary conferences in vigorous and fruitful manner, well in advance.
- 4.7 The Deputy Minister of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Japan, Mr. Yoshio Utsumi, praised the achievement of APT. He specially mentioned about the recent joint proposal of Asia-Pacific region for WRC'97. He said that the establishment of an organisation for standardisation activities would contribute a great deal to the development of telecommunications in this region.
- 4.8 The representative of Republic of Korea mentioned about the new telecommunication policies and regulations of the Korean Government. He mentioned about the programme to promote international joint R&D project in Korea and APII-EWC Telecommunications Forum New Year. Korea also announced an extra-budgetary contribution of US\$250,000 for human resources development programme. Also, five companies from the Republic of Korea have been encouraged to join APT, namely, Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Electronics, LG Information and Communications, Daewoo Telecom and Hanwha Telecom.
- 4.9 The representative of Lao PDR supported the activities of APT and would try their best in contributing in the implementation of APT's work programme.

- 4.10 The representative of Malaysia expressed that in the current changing telecommunication environment, APT should also undergo reforms, and if APT does not change, there will others who will come forward to fill the role of APT. He urged the Chairman and Executive Director to consider the most effective direction so that APT could steer itself to be an effective regional telecommunications grouping that can represent the member nations in telecommunications in international arena.
- 4.11 The representative of Maldives praised the work done by the Executive Director in implementing the increased work programmes with the limited resources. He informed that Maldives aims to have universal service by the year 2000. He also offered full co-operation of Maldives for APT activities.
- 4.12 The representative of the Federated States of Micronesia appreciated APT's work and extended warm welcome to the representative from Palau for Palau's first attendance at the Management Committee, following its Membership.
- 4.13 The representative of Mongolia appreciated the programmes designed for developing countries of the region and thanked the Executive Director for presenting the concise report of the year 1997. He hoped that APT will play a great role in development of human resources required for telecom sector.
- 4.14 The representative of Nepal said that Nepal has benefited from the activities of the work programmes of APT and in coming years Nepal is looking forward for more assistance towards the efforts to improve and expand telecommunication facilities in the rural areas.
- 4.15 The representative of New Zealand mentioned that now ever than before telecommunications plays an important role for a country to remain competitive in the global market and it supports activities towards open competition in the marketplace.
- 4.16 The representative of Pakistan said that Pakistan Telegraph and Telephone Department was converted to Pakistan Telecom Corporation (PTC) in 1990 and became Pakistan Telecom Company Limited (PTCL) in 1996. The Government of Pakistan is encouraging the participation of the private sector and has deregulated the value added services, i.e. Internet, E-mail, etc.

He further added APT needs to be supported for decreasing the widening gap between the developed and the developing countries through sharing of experiences in technologies and the capabilities in

- 4.17 The representative of Palau said that Palau was proud to be a member of APT. He thanked the Executive Director and APT for facilitating approval of their application for APT Membership. He mentioned that Palau would fully participate in future programmes of APT.
- 4.18 The representative of Papua New Guinea mentioned about the government corporatisation plan. Now there are three separate bodies viz. Papua New Guinea Telecommunication Authority (PANGTEL), Telikom PNG Ltd. and Post PNG Ltd. These bodies effectively replaced Post and Telecommunications Corporation of Papua New Guinea. PANGTEL is the sole licensing and regulatory body for telecommunications services in PNG and is the official representative of PNG in APT. Telikom PNG Ltd. and Post PNG Ltd. are state owned operating companies for the provision of telecommunications and postal services respectively .
- 4.19 The Representative of Singapore appreciated the efforts made by APT members in putting forward collective APT views for WRC'97, and looked forward to such collective views being expressed at important international meetings, such as the ITU World Telecommunications Policy Forum, in 1998.
- 4.20 The representative of Republic of Sri Lanka expressed that progress made by APT during the year 1997 was satisfactory and hope that in coming years APT will be able to make further progress.
- 4.21 The representative of Thailand expressed deep appreciation to APT in promoting the development of standardisation for Asia-Pacific region. Thailand as host country to APT headquarters assured the august gathering of continuing full co-operation with APT. [REDACTED] ?
- 4.22 The representative of Republic of Tonga conveyed sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Royal Government of Thailand for hosting the 21st session of the Management Committee. Tonga has been a member of APT since 1992 and has acquired substantial benefits from APT in terms of training, study visits and consultancy services. Tonga is currently considering a report on future direction of the telecommunication industry by the year 2000.
- 4.23 The representative of Vietnam informed that Vietnam is making all necessary procedures concerning privileges and immunities for APT and its officials.

- 4.24 A message from the ITU Regional office, Bangkok was also received. The message appreciated the efforts of APT and specially the high level of co-operation which exists between APT and ITU.
- 4.25 The full contents of the statements are attached in Annex 4 of the Report.

**V. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APT AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(Doc. No. MC-21/5)**

- 5.1 The report of the Executive Director demonstrated further strengthening of relationship between APT and other concerned regional and international organisations. Close relationship between APT and ITU has resulted in saving in time and money by effectively co-ordinating the activities. APT's preparatory work and presentation of harmonised views of the region to WRC is a significant achievement for the entire APT region. Other similar activities relating to ITU programmes include preparatory works for the World Telecommunications Policy Forum, World Telecommunications Development Conference, Settlement Rate Reform etc.

Close co-operation is being maintained between APT and ITU Regional office in Bangkok.

- 5.2 The 20th session of APT Management Committee has asked the Secretariat to co-ordinate the matter concerning the ~~establishment of South Asian Regulators' Council~~ with the concerned Members and ITU for ensuring smooth functioning of the Council under the auspices of APT. The Management Committee noted that the third meeting of the South Asian Regulators' Forum which was organised by ITU from May 21 to 22 in Kathmandu, decided to establish the South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council (SATRC) under the auspices of APT. The Management Committee welcomed the decision and noted that the South Asian Regulators' Council will function under the auspices of APT.

- 5.3 A report on the ITU Council Meeting held in Geneva from 18-27 June 1997 was presented by the Australian delegation.

- 5.4 The Management Committee also noted the fact that the ITU is planning to establish a Centre of Excellence in The Telecommunications in Asia. After detailed discussion, the Management Committee adopted a Resolution urging the ITU to recognise APT as the appropriate body for

- 5.5 The Management Committee noted with satisfaction that APT has been accorded guest status in APEC up to the year 1999. It was desired that the two organisations should work in close co-operation in matters of common interest such as Mutual Recognition Agreement, Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure etc.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DEVELOPING A BROADER FUNDING BASE FOR THE FUTURE OF APT

(Doc. No. MC-21/6)

(Doc. No. MC-21/6 Additional 1Revision1)

- 6.1 The Working Group on Developing a Broader Funding Base for the future of APT was established by the 7th session of the APT General Assembly and Mr. Bilgee Sukhbaatar of Mongolia and Vice President of APT was nominated by the President to chair the Group. Subsequently, Mr. Bilgee Sukhbaatar has relinquished the Chairmanship of the Working Group, the Group is working under the Chairmanship of Mr. Haji Hod Bin Parman. An interim report on the subject was presented by the Chairman of the Management Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Group who could not attend the meeting. The Working Group's report gave the background and an update on the progress of work of the working group and a number of recommendation which were agreed with amendments as attached at Annex 8.
- 6.2 The Management Committee asked the Working Group to further continue the work and present interim report to 22nd session of the Management Committee and the final report for adoption at the 8th session of the General Assembly in 1999.

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY GROUPS

(Doc. No. MC-21/7)

- 7.1 The document was presented by Dr. Kang Minho, Chairman of the Study Groups in the Plenary. The documents was also discussed in the Working Group on Work Programme. This year the Study Groups have begun their first year of the three year study cycle. In the present study period, four Study Groups are studying three study questions each. Currently on an average there are 16.9 replies to each questionnaire and 24.9% of the APT Membership responds to the questionnaire.

- 7.2 The 17th meeting of the APT Study Groups was held from August 20 to 26 at Chiangmai, Thailand. In order to improve its effectiveness, the Study Groups have proposed enhanced use of e-mail and Internet. Each member is requested to nominate a coordinator having an e-mail address.
- 7.3 The Study Groups have proposed to hold the following meetings, seminars and workshops:
- SG1 Editorial Group Meeting of regulators
 - SG2 Workshop on Intranet and other Internet related applications
 - SG3 Workshop on second generation mobile system
 - SG4 Seminar on Information Infrastructure
- 7.4 The document was referred to the Working Group on Work Programme where it was discussed in detail. The Working Group made recommendations concerning editorial group meetings and seminars as mentioned in the report of the Working Group.
- 7.5 The Management Committee adopted the report, thanked the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Rapporteurs and other experts actively associated with the Study Groups and requested them to complete the studies as scheduled.
- 7.6 Due to unavoidable circumstances, Iran expressed its unavailability to host the 18th Study Group Meeting.

VIII. REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUPS

REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON WORLD RADIO CONFERENCE (Doc. No. MC-21/8.1)

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GLOBAL MOBILE PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS BY SATELLITES (GMPCS) (Doc. No. MC-21/8.2)

REPORT OF THE AD-HOC GROUP ON STANDARDISATION (Doc. No. MC21/8.3)

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE WORKING GROUP ON POLICY FORUM
(Doc. No. MC-21/8.5)**

8.1 The Report of the Chairman of the Expert Group on the World Radio Conference (WRC) gave the background and the progress of work. The Management Committee noted with satisfaction that the Common proposals from the Asia Pacific region have been harmonised and have been meticulously presented in the WRC. The Management Committee complemented the efforts of the Expert Group and those of the secretariat and expressed its sincere thanks to the Chairman, Mr. R.N. Agrawal and through him to the Vice Chairmen and other Members who contributed towards the progress of the work. The Management Committee desired that similar preparation should be made for the next WRC.

8.2 The Report of the Chair on Global Mobile Personal Communications by Satellites (GMPCS) gave an account of the activities of the Group since its establishment. The preparatory work done by the Group has contributed significantly towards presenting the views of the region in the Policy Forum. In the Forum the ITU has decided to establish the MoU on GMPCS and a very tight schedule for the MoU was set up. Several Members of the Working Group met in an informal meeting in Manila in August 1997. The Group felt that after the conclusion of the Forum, the remaining issues relating to GMPCS concern the areas of licensing, regulatory issues and market access. The Group felt that in most of these cases the decisions are to be taken by the countries concerned. It was therefore decided to close the Working Group.

The document was discussed in the Working Group of Work Programme, the Management Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Working Group and decided to wind up the Working Group on GMPCS. The Management Committee expressed its sincere thanks to the Chairperson Ms Valerie D'Costa and to the other Members of the Group for their dedicated work.

8.3 The report of the ad-hoc Group on Standardisation was presented by its Chairman Mr. Shigeyuki Kubota of Japan (Doc. No. MC-21/8.3 and MC-21/8.3 Additional 1 which replaced Doc.No. MC-21/15.3 and 15.4). The report was discussed in detail in the Working Group on Work Programme. The Working Group agreed to the proposals of the Ad-hoc group to launch the APT Standardisation Programme, to set up co-ordinating groups and to organise a co-ordination meeting. The

proposals and other recommendations of the Working Group were accepted by the Management Committee.

The Indian delegation said that the Meeting of Ministers on Infrastructure Development organised by ESCAP in October 1996 in New Delhi has decided to established an Asia-Pacific Telecommunications Standards Institute (ATSI). India and Iran have offered to host the Institute.

- 8.4 The Management Committee noted with satisfaction the useful contribution made by the Voluntary Group of Experts on Telecom Accounting Rates (VEGTAR) during a short period. It was felt that the VEGTAR should continue its efforts in promoting understanding on the subject and in identifying common views of the Members on various issues concerning Telecom Accounting Rates. The Management Committee also accepted the recommendations of the Working Group on Work Programme in this matter.
- 8.5 The Chairman of the Working group on ITU Policy Forum gave a progress report of the Working Group and proposed that comments will be sought from the Members of the Working Group on the final draft of the Secretary General's Report in early February to determine whether it is possible to identify any Opinions that could be collectively supported at the WTPF. Therefore, only Opinions collectively supported by a strong consensus should be put forward as part of APT position.

The Chairman also stressed the need for making maximum use of electronic means, especially e-mail, for correspondence. He further said that the preparatory meeting on Policy Forum proposed for 1998 will no longer be necessary.

IX. REPORT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ORGANISING APT EXHIBITION (Doc. No. MC-21/9)

- 9.1 The Management Committee discussed the document in detail and also listened to the presentation and explanation of the Consulting company. The document was referred to the Working Group on Work programme. The report was discussed in great detail in the Working Group. A range of views were expressed. After detailed deliberation, the Working Group recommended that now the APT should invite precise offers for hosting the exhibition in an APT member country. The Working Group also made further recommendations concerning the subject. The Management Committee accepted the recommendations of the Working

**REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1997
(Doc. No. MC-21/10.1 Revision 1)**

**WORK PLAN FOR THE YEARS 1997-99
(Doc. No. MC-21/10.2)**

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1998
(Doc. No. MC-21/10.3 Revision 1)**

Document Nos. MC-21/10.1 and 10.3 Revision 1 were discussed in detail in the working group on Work Programme. Doc. No. MC-21/10.2 was a reference document. The report of the Working Group was presented in the plenary.

- 10.1 The Management Committee appreciated the detailed report provided by the secretariat concerning the implementation of the work programme for the year 1997. It was noted with satisfaction that the work programme has been implemented in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The Management Committee conveyed its appreciation to the secretariat and asked it to work for achieving a similar level of success in the coming year.
- 10.2 The Management Committee approved the report of the Working Group and expressed its thanks to the Chairmen of the Working Groups on Work Programme and Budget for their contribution. The report of the Working Group is placed at Annex 6.

XI. FINANCES OF THE TELECOMMUNITY

**EXPENDITURE AND AUDITORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1997
(Doc. No. MC-21/11.1 Revised)**

**REVISED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1997
(Doc. No. MC-21/11.2 Revised)**

**APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1998
(Doc. No. MC-21/11.3 Revised)**

- 11.1 The Management Committee approved the expenditure and Auditor's Report for the year 1996.

- 11.2 The Secretariat produced a revised 1997 budget which identified savings requested by members. The Management Committee approved the revised budget for 1997.

The Management Committee agreed that the unit value of the contribution for the year 1998 will be US\$ 7,640 subject to the conditions mentioned in para 11.7.

After examining the budget proposed for the year 1998, the Management Committee approved the budget for Staff, Administration and Work Programme expenses as US\$ 792,690, US\$ 100,000 and US\$ 795,500 respectively for the year 1998. This comes to a total of US\$1,798,110 on the basis of a value of US\$7,640 per unit of pledged contribution but subject to the provision of para 11.7.

~~The Management Committee agreed to extend the two newly recruited staff for a further period of one year.~~

The Management Committee approved the report of the Working Group on Budget and conveyed its thanks to the Chairman and the participants for their dedicated work. The report of the Working Group on Budget is placed at Annex 7.

- 11.3 Many delegations said that they need time to study the proposal from Australia regarding staff salary. The delegate of Thailand said that APT is an international organisation which requires qualified staff. For international staff, salary is the main attraction. She asked the Management Committee to exercise caution before making any recommendations in matters concerning staff salary. Considerable discussions took place on the matter. The Management Committee agreed that the matter concerning staff position and salary should be referred to the Working Party which has been established to look into the APT secretariat restructuring.
- 11.4 The delegate of Republic of Korea proposed that the terms of reference for study on restructuring of APT secretariat should include an item on financial regulations and practices.
- 11.5 The delegate of Republic of the Philippines volunteered to be a member of the Special Working Party.
- 11.6 The delegate of Malaysia desired to put on record, this 21st session of the Management Committee on the APT solidarity among all members by considering:

main objectives of Asia Pacific Telecommunity;

The delegate of Malaysia expressed his appreciation on the amicable agreement on the value of the APT unit of contribution applicable to those unfortunate countries whose currencies have slipped by more than 30% vis-a-vis the US dollars.

- 11.7 The Management Committee noted that some Members faced with critical financial situations (slippage in currency value by more than 30% with respect to US dollars value) beyond their control, have maintained their pledge by best endeavours and in terms of their local currency, based on the exchange rate to the US dollars at the time of the 7th General Assembly in 1996, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

~~The General Assembly~~ will be invited to recognise these factors in reviewing the finances of the Telecommunity.

XII. EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION

EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION IN CASH AND IN KIND TO BE PLEDGED BY THE MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, AFFILIATE MEMBERS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS (Doc. No. MC-21/12.1 Revised)

REPORT ON EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE YEAR 1997 (Doc. No. MC-21/12.2 Revised)

- 12.1 The Management Committee expressed its gratitude to the Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for their extra-budgetary contributions made by them in 1997 and pledged for 1998.
- 12.2 The documents were approved by the Management Committee.

XIII. RATIFICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

STATUS OF RATIFICATION BY MEMBERS (Doc. No. MC-21/13.1)

AGREEMENT WITH MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Doc. No. MC-21/13.2 Revised)

**STATUS REPORT OF THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT
WITH THE HOST COUNTRY
(Doc. No. MC-21/13.3)**

- 13.1 The Management Committee noted the status of ratifications and urged those Members who have not done the ratification so far to do so urgently.
- 13.2 The Management Committee urged those Members who have not finalised the agreement to expedite its finalisation.
- 13.3 It was noted that the Headquarters agreement is under consideration with the cabinet of the Royal Government of Thailand.

**XIV. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
(Doc. Nos. MC-21/14 and MC-21/14.1)**

- 14.1 The Chairman informed the Management Committee that Mr. Arjumund A. Sheikh, will be completing his first term of two years as the Vice Chairman. The 21st session of the Management Committee should therefore elect a Vice Chairman to fill up the vacancy thus caused.
- 14.2 The Chairman further informed the house that the Government of Pakistan has nominated Mr. Arjumund A. Sheikh as a candidate for the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee for the next term of two years.

The Chairman invited nominations for the post. No other nomination was received.
- 14.3 The delegation of Peoples' Republic of China proposed the name of Mr. Arjumund A. Sheikh as the Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee for the next term and delegation from India seconded the proposal. Several delegations supported Mr. Sheikh's nomination. As there was no other nomination, Mr. Sheikh was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Management Committee for the second term of two years.
- 14.4 Several delegations congratulated the re-elected Vice Chairman of the Management Committee.

**PROPOSAL FOR THE ORGANISATION
OF THE APT BUSINESS SUMMIT
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.1)**

**IMPROVING APT'S PRODUCTIVITY
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.2)**

**PROPOSAL FROM REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.5)**

**PROPOSAL FROM COOK ISLANDS ON HOLDING AN APT TELECOM
WORKING GROUP MEETING FOR TELEWORK-P DURING 1998
(Doc. No. MC 21/15.6)**

**PROPOSAL FROM TONGA ON HOLDING SOUTH PACIFIC SUB REGIONAL
MEETING ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NETWORKS
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.7)**

**PROPOSAL FROM JAPAN ON A SEMINAR
ON MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.8)**

**PROPOSAL FROM JAPAN ON A SEMINAR ON THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.9)**

15.1 The proposal for organising the APT Business Summit was presented in the Plenary and was subsequently discussed in the Working Group of Work Programme.

The Management Committee agreed to the following recommendations of the Working Group on organising the Business Summit:

- APT secretariat will contact the prospective hosts in sponsoring the event.
- The theme, venue and time will be decided by the host.
- APT budget will not be used.
- All other activities will be conducted by the host.

- 15.2 The paper on Improving APT Productivity was introduced in the Plenary and discussed in detail in the Working Group on Work Programme. The Working Group concluded that at this stage, the issue of restructuring of APT secretariat could be looked into by an in-house Working Party rather than by hiring an outside consultant to study the subject.

The Working Group recommended that a Working Party be established under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Management Committee. In addition to the two Vice Chairmen of Management Committee and a nominee of APT secretariat the following administrations will be the members of the Working Party : Australia, China, Hong Kong-China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore. The Terms of Reference of the Working Party were also suggested. (See Attachment 4 of the Report of the Working Group on Work Programme)

The Management Committee accepted the recommendations of the Working Group and decided to establish the Working Party as recommended. The Working Party will normally work through electronic means and will meet in APT Headquarters if necessary. A provision of US\$ 10,000 has been made for this purpose.

- 15.3 The Republic of Korea offered to make an extra-budgetary contribution of US\$ 250,000 per annum for contributing towards the development of human resources in the APT member countries. The Management Committee expressed its grateful thanks to the Government of the Republic of Korea for their very generous offer and asked the Executive Director to co-ordinate the details with the Republic of Korea for implementing the human resources development programmes.

Several administrations expressed their appreciation to Republic of Korea for their generous contribution.

- 15.4 The proposals from Cook Islands and Tonga were discussed in the Plenary and also in the Working Groups. The Management Committee decided that the meeting of the Telecom Working Group for the Pacific be organised in Tonga.

- 15.5 It was decided to organise meeting on Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure and Multimedia Technology in June in Kansai, Japan.

- 15.6 The seminar on Telecommunications Administrative Policy will be held from February 25-27, 1998 in Tokyo, Japan.

- 16.1 The Management Committee decided that the 22nd session of the APT Management Committee will be held from November 23-27, 1998 in Bangkok, Thailand.

XVII. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REPORT

- 17.1 Mr. S.K. Pudasaini, Chairman of the Drafting Committee, presented the report of the Management Committee. The Management Committee approved this report.

XVIII. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

- 18.1 The Executive Director expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Chairman, the Vice Chairmen and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee for their excellent contribution towards the success of the Meeting. The Management Committee has taken decisions on many important issues which will be implemented during 1998. This was possible due to the excellent co-operation extended by the participants.



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Annex 1

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WELCOME ADDRESS
BY
MR. JONG-SOON LEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

Your Excellency Mr. Suthep Thaugsuban
Dr. Kittti Yupho
Excellencies
Distinguished Delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am very pleased to welcome you at the 21st session of APT Management Committee in the country of smiles and hospitality.

First of all, I thank you very much for your wholehearted support to APT activities which has resulted in a very high level of achievement during 1997. Our work has been very much appreciated by Membership as well as by other international bodies such as ITU. You the members owe the credit for the success and I thank you very much for your continued cooperation.

The 21st session of APT Management Committee is not only important for its administrative role, it is also special for APT because we have some new proposals for consideration. In accordance with the decision taken by the previous meeting, the duration of the meeting has been kept five days. This means that we have to address more issues in a very short time.

Excellencies,

All of us are aware that the present day telecommunication scenario is characterised with increasing globalisation, quicker liberalisation and unprecedented technological advancements. All these and some other socio-economic factors are changing the style and content of telecommunication operations throughout the world. As the leading telecommunication entity of the region, APT has to maintain its leadership for serving you better.

Distinguished delegates,

In addition, there is an ever-increasing pressure on business groups as well as on international organisations to perform better with lesser input. This is true for APT as well. Although APT enjoys the reputation of being a highly productive organisation, yet we are always

Business Summit. With your co-operation we wish to make these two events very successful.

We will also discuss some more focused activities concerning standardisation, radio interference, trade liberalisation and network development etc. Already, APT Membership is involved in these activities and thanks to their support, we are able to harmonise the views of the region on several important issues and are able to reflect them in global fora.

Ladies and gentlemen,

APT will keep on making our best efforts for serving you better by maintaining APT's leadership and its continued ability to serve you well. The high reputation which APT enjoys in the telecommunication sector is mainly due to the strength of harmonisation and the support from our Members.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to H. E. Mr. Suthep, who in spite of his very busy schedule has been able to come here for inaugurating this meeting.

Also, my heartfelt gratitude to the Royal Government of Thailand for their generosity and continued support which is a major source of strength for APT. To you dear members and friends from international organisations, our sincere thanks once again.

I look forward to your active participation in the meeting.

Thank you.

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MR. NARINDRA SHARMA
CHAIRMAN OF THE APT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

H.E. Mr. Suthep Thaugsauban
Dr. Kitti Yupho,
Mr. Shaikh,
Mr. Dumlao,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mulyono,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an occasion of great pleasure for me to welcome you all at the 21st session of APT Management Committee. We are in a wonderful country famous for its smiles and hospitality and the pleasant environment here will make both our stay and business very enjoyable and fruitful.

The Telecommunication sector throughout the world is making such rapid strides that it is a real challenge for the Governments, industry and international organisations to lead the change, Specially since the time telecom has changed from being a service to business , its pace of development is making it difficult to manage the change. The task for managing the technology, the demand for bringing commercial practices in the conduct of Government or other business and to offer the services at competitive and affordable prices are big challenges in themselves. Liberalisation in this sector, leading to the governments passing on the control of telecommunication operations to the private sector has been an attempt at bringing in competition and much needed additional resources. The transition in the sector has brought in its own tribulations. On the one hand we need to regulate to insure smooth transition so that the nascent private sector is allowed to flourish and on the other complete deregulation should bring in the fruits of competition much faster. The concept of a global village is a possibility based on the proliferation of telecommunications to every nook and corner of the world that is to say that the communication has to be available both in the developing and the developed world, then only the much pursued electronic commerce and the virtual office concepts will fully mature. The GMPCS , the Information super high ways and sharing of the frequency spectrum resource are some of the examples where international co-operation is essential. This all would be possible only with close co-operation between both the government and the private sector.

In telecommunications sector, APT has successfully been providing much needed assistance to manage all these changes and has remained at the forefront. I am sure all of us present here appreciate that APT must continue to lead the sector in the region with same efficiency with which it has been leading since its inception. Like continuous re organisation in the telcom sector the APT must also adapt itself to the change. Technology and business change by

founders of APT realised the concept of Telecommunity - a family in which all members come and enjoy living together. The telecommunications fraternity binds them in work and sentiments. We are very lucky that in case of APT, this concept was realised much earlier than in many other parts of the world. We are reaping the fruits of the efforts of the founders of APT, and we must develop it further to meet the changing needs so the the business sector in the world of telecommunications finds in APT a common platform of Governments and industry, fostering telecom development.

1997 has been a very active year for the APT . The secretariat has been very busy and it has kept us very busy throughout the year. This year, several working groups have worked throughout the year by electronic means in close co-operation with the members. The secretariat has implemented the work programme very effectively and deserves our compliments for its dedicated work.

I would like to make a special mention of the efforts of the Expert Group on the World Radio Conference which has successfully harmonised the views of the Asia Pacific region and has presented them effectively in the WRC. More than 300 common proposals from the region have been presented. Our congratulations to the Chairman and the Members of the Group as well as to the APT secretariat.

The agenda for the 1998 Management Committee includes many new items have been proposed for discussion. This year the Management Committee is meeting only for five days. But I am confident that with your co-operation we should be able to conduct our business effectively.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to H.E. Mr. Suthep Thaugsuban and Dr. Kitti who is a founder of APT for their presence in the meeting. Sir, your presence is a source of enthusiasm and inspiration for us. The Executive Director and his dedicated team has made excellent preparations. Our thanks to them.

We recognise that several new welcome initiatives have been taken for enhancing industry participation in the activities of APT. It is necessary to accelerate the process.

I welcome you once again and solicit your co-operation for successful conduct of the meeting.

**INAUGURAL ADDRESS
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H.E. MR. SUTHEP THAUGSUBAN
MINISTER OF
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND**

**Mr. Narinder Sharma, Chairman of APT Management Committee
Mr. Jong-Soon Lee, Executive Director of APT,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am very pleased to be here with all of you at the Twenty-first Session of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity today. On behalf of the Royal Government of Thailand, I welcome you to this important meeting and wish you a very happy stay in Thailand.

Telecommunications is a serious business today. All Governments and private business are in some way affected by it. To the Governments, telecommunications provides a powerful tool for bringing socio-economic progress, and to the business houses, it offers a facility to ensure their competitiveness and in some cases even their survival.

For its own growth, telecommunications depends heavily upon co-operation. It is inherently a multi-ended commodity. It can not survive in isolation. Even in its most elementary form, it needs at least two people to communicate. Now in the current age of information and telecommunications all business, social, cultural and political activities depend heavily upon telecommunications and also upon its ability to expand and eventually to globalise.

Telecommunications is an ever changing sector. Its rate of obsolescence is quite high. This also means that those who do not have access to telecommunications will be at a potential disadvantage compared to those who have it. This is true at all levels-village, city, national or international.

The role of telecommunications in bringing people of the world closer will continue to grow, so will be the dependence of the trade on telecommunications. The recent trade agreements achieved under WTO demonstrate the desire of the countries of the world to further liberalise their market which will result in more trade promotion. Organisations like APT will have to play a major role in assisting its members in this matter.

We in Thailand, have also taken several steps to improve telecommunications facilities. Thailand currently has about 6.9 million fixed telephone lines and its teledensity is around 11.5%. In addition, there are more than 1.5 million cellular mobile subscribers, bringing the cellular mobile telephone density to 2.5%. We are encouraging private sector involvement for promoting the growth of telecommunications in Thailand.

with private companies on equal footing. We believe that the public will benefit from competition among service providers, both in terms of price, service quality and universality of access. It is the wish of the Thai government to see participation and competition by investors and service providers from APT countries as well as from major international companies when the Thai market opens up. Distinguished delegates at this important telecommunication forum are kindly requested to convey this message to potential investors in their countries.

In recent past, Thailand has utilised state of the art technology for enhancing telecommunications facilities. Our objective is to provide high quality telecommunication facilities to the people of Thailand at affordable cost.

In particular, the Thai Government attaches great importance to developing the information superhighways to enable the young generation in Thailand to be on par with their western counter-parts in accessing knowledge wherever they are and notwithstanding how remote they live. Telecommunications is, of course, to answer and the means of achieving this goals.

Distinguished delegates,

We are witnessing major changes in telecommunication sector throughout the world. The information society will bring more and more challenges to us-challenges concerning technology adaptation and application, funds mobilisation, expansion and efficient management of telecommunication services, quality improvement of networks and services and many others. We need community strength for meeting these challenges. In doing so, we depend upon organisations like APT.

APT is a well known success story. It has earned its name and goodwill by sustained hard work which all of us continue to appreciate. In coming years, it has to play an even bigger role in the fast changing world of telecommunications. Looking at its track record, I am sure that APT will continue to provide the leadership in telecommunications sector in the Asia Pacific region and will continue to be a role model for similar organisations in other parts of the world.

I extend all possible support to APT from the Royal Government of Thailand and wish this efficient Organisation all successes.

Once again, I welcome you all and wish you fruitful discussion in the meeting.

I now declare open the 21st Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.



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2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Report of the Executive Director for the year 1997.
4. Statements of Member Administrations, Representative of International and Regional Organizations.
5. Relationship between APT and other International Organisations.
6. Consideration of the Report of the Working Group on Developing a Broader Funding Base for the future of the APT by Chairman of the Management Committee or one of the Members.
7. Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups.
8. Report of the Working Groups.
 - 8.1 Report of the Expert Groups on World Radio Conference (WRC) by the Executive Director, APT.
 - 8.2 Report of the Working Group on Global Mobile Personal Communications System by Satellites (GMPCS).
 - 8.3 Report of the Ad-hoc Group on Standardisation.
 - 8.4 Report of the Chairman of voluntary Expert Group on Telecommunication Accounting Rates (VEGTAR).
 - 8.5 Report of the Chairman of the Working Group on Policy Forum.
9. Consideration of the Report of the Feasibility Study of Organising APT Exhibition in APT Member Countries.

11. Finances of the Telecommunity.
 - 11.1 Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 1996.
 - 11.2 Revised Budget for the year 1997.
 - 11.3 Budget Estimates for the year 1998.
12. Extra-Budgetary Contribution.
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 - 12.2 Report on Extra-Budgetary Contributions for the year 1997.
13. Consideration of the Status of Ratifications and Agreements with Members.
 - 13.1 Status of Ratifications by Members.
 - 13.2 Agreements with Members and Associate Members.
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14. Election of a Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the next term.
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 - 15.1 Proposal of Business Forum.
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 - 15.4 Proposal from Japan on Standardization.
 - 15.5 Proposal from Republic of Korea on Human Resources Development.
 - 15.6 Proposal from Cook Islands on Holding an APT Telecom Working Group Meeting for Telework-P during 1998.
 - 15.7 Proposal from Tonga on Holding South Pacific Sub-Regional Meeting on Planning and Development of Networks.
 - 15.8 Proposal from Japan on a Seminar on Multimedia Technology.
 - 15.9 Proposal from Singapore on APT Working Group on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 1998 (PP98).
16. Date and Venue of the Twenty-Second Session of the Management Committee.
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STATEMENTS BY MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

**SPEECH BY MR. N.K. SINHA, MEMBER(TECHNOLOGY),
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On the occasion of the 21st Session of the Management Committee of APT, I on behalf of the Government of India, appreciate the efforts of APT for organizing the management Committee Meeting at Bangkok, Thailand. I also take this opportunity to thank Mr. Lee, Executive Director, APT and other staff for making elaborate and grand preparations for the meeting.

India has initiated the process of liberalisation and private participation in the telecommunications sector. Far reaching economic reforms, aimed at deregulation and stimulating foreign investment, have moved India firmly into the front ranks of the rapidly growing telecom networks in the Asia Pacific Region. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is already in place to take care of interest of consumers and effective participation of private operators to promote the competitive environment.

The Indian Telecom is presently operating about 16 million telephone lines in the country. To improve penetration of the telephone services in India and provide telephone on demand, a perspective plan has been drawn up. It is estimated that during the course of the 9th Five Year Plan (1997-2002), 23.7 million additional telephone lines will be provided. In addition, there is provision of one PCO for every 500 persons in urban areas. Out of 23.7 million telephones, about 5.2 million are expected to be provided by the private operators. With these efforts, it is expected that tele-density will increase to 4 per 100 population by 2002.

Our objective is to provide widest permissible range of telecom services with world-class quality to the customers. ISDN, IN, Internet, Mobile Services, Personal Communications (PCS) and Multi-media services have been introduced and expansions are planned in the coming years. Special attention has been given for expansion and wide-spread use of the internet services. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have been established to offer the internet services to the customers. To promote and accelerate the growth of internet, Govt. has decided that ISPs will not be charged any licence fee for the first 5 years of their operations.

To develop and promote the state-of-the-art telecommunication technology, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is actively engaged in Research, Design

and Development of switching, transmission and new technology access network. 40,000 lines C-DOT extra large exchange is already in operation with latest features to support ISDN and Intelligent Network Services.

To realise the advance information infrastructure needed in the 21st Century, serious attention is now focussed on developing some of the cutting-edge technologies. Prominent among them are ATM and other broad band technologies. C-DOT is actively pursuing R&D in these technologies and also exploring other technology options.

I would like to propose that R&D Institutions of the APT Region under APT Umbrella may enhance cooperation and network among themselves to strengthen the R&D base and develop latest and competitive products in the Asia Pacific Region.

In India we have modern training institutions for meeting our domestic needs in the new technological areas. These facilities are also being utilised for APT member countries under the APT umbrella. India is keen to enhance the cooperation with member countries in the field of training and programming.

India values the efforts of the APT very high as it has played a very vital and key role in the exchange of information and understanding among the member countries as well as promoting advancement of technologies to reinforce the base for the Global Information Infrastructure (GII).

Once again, I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to APT and its staff for their valuable efforts in organizing this meeting.

Thanking you.

STATEMENT OF THE HEAD OF INDONESIAN DELEGATION
BY
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Director of Telecommunication Services Development

Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Executive Director,
Mr. Deputy Executive Director,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, we on behalf of the Indonesian Administration would like to express our appreciation to Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the APT as well as all of the staffs for facilitating and organizing APT's programs and activities carried out in 1997.

As Indonesian delegation including PT Telkom, PT Ratelindo would like to congratulate and thank to Executive Director for making Management Committee Meeting possible to be held in Bangkok.

Indonesia has started the process of restructurization through liberalization and private participation in telecommunication sector since 1989 by enacting the new telecommunication law.

Having restructured telecommunication sector, Indonesian telecommunication infrastructure has significantly developed. Indonesian state owned company is presently operating 8.9 millions telephone lines.

During of the 6th Five-Year Construction Plan (1993-1998), we target 5 millions fixed telephones in which 2 millions of those lines have been being constructed by private sectors based on Joint Operation Schema. In addition to existing POTs achievement, we have 7 cellular operators handling 1.1 millions subscribers, 8 VSAT operators, 46 paging operators, and 2 multimedia operators.

We have seen that the APT' s programs under the chairmanship of Mr. Jong-Soon Lee has contributed on its Indonesian telecommunication development. We hope that such programs should be enhanced especially on the field of HRD. Also we believe that the planned APT programs will re-enforce better understanding and cooperating among the member countries.

Thank you very much.



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Distinguished Delegates
Ladies & Gentlemen

It is a great honour and privilege for me indeed, to extend on behalf of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the highest appreciation to the Royal Government of Thailand for providing excellent facilities and warm welcome to the APT participants to the 21st session of the Management Committee and also to the APT secretariat Staff for good arrangement of this meeting and also untiring efforts and working hard made to expand the APT activities and playing important role for promoting regional cooperation to accelerate the growth of telecommunications in the region.

18 years have elapsed since the inception of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity in 1979. During this sensitive period APT has done a lot of efficient work in exchanging the experiences and technical know how among the member countries and has been actively involved in bringing a balance of telecommunication development in our region, all of which deserve our deepest gratitude and admiration.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

As you are fully aware, the telecommunication environment has changed drastically and the time of telecommunication Administrations or Organizations



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in monopoly situation is now over. The new world is moving toward the information era: from the age of agriculture when the power was the capital and now into the information era where the power is knowledge. These changes spring from the evolution of the technology and the change in the way to manage the telecommunication business, both of which are intimately related.

One of the most dynamic forces for the change of telecommunication environment is the convergence of telecommunication, computer, broadcasting and information technologies to create an expanding number of new value-added and integrated communication services.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Now, in such circumstances that the telecommunication intelligent networks as the best and easiest media for exchange of information and the powerful means for conveying the message of peace, friendship, equality and liberty are at our disposal; We as the members of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, a capable and efficient regional telecommunication organization which is now quite well known all over the world, may, with the close cooperation of each other, set up a common basis and make necessary arrangement, so as to find suitable manners for dissemination of the information to the benefit of our nations, characterised by the commonalities in culture and moralities of our societies.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies & Gentlemen

We have the next ITU plenipotentiary conference before us. There will be very good opportunity for us as the members of the APT to work very closely together and help each other in that august gathering.



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There exist many different areas and issues about which we can take harmonized positions, prepare collective proposals, have active participations and support the standpoints of each other for the ease of the work of the conference and also achieving our national and regional purposes & interests.

We do believe that the Asia Pacific Telecommunity like the other regional bodies should be presented in the international conferences and the other important events, very vigorously and forcefully, in the same level of its potentials and capabilities.

I feel quite assured that by the cordial collaboration of us, the APT will achieve all of its goals.

MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DEPUTY MINISTER
MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
JAPAN

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

I am very honoured to be able to participate in the 21st Management Committee of the APT. It has passed almost three years since I attended the committee last time. During those years, I was absent from the telecommunications field because I was in charge of postal services as the Director General of Posts of Japan.

Having come back to the telecommunications field once again, and attending this committee, I have noticed the magnificent development of the APT under the leadership of, Executive Director, Mr. Lee and his staff.

One of the greatest achievements was the recent joint proposal we made to WRC 97. I have participated many WARC's in the past. At WARC's, European, Arabic and American countries often prepared so called joint proposals. And these proposals made them very advantageous for the allotment of frequencies in their regions.

I am not an advocate of selfish regional benefits, but I must admit that sometimes we were obliged to be put into circumstances where we had to defend ourselves against other regions. In those cases, Asian countries had difficulties to co-ordinate each other. We did not even know whom we should talk to co-ordinate and form a shared opinion as an Asian Pacific opinion. The preparatory meeting on WRC 97 held in Seoul in August was quite successful one in this sense.

Back a year and half ago in Singapore, the APT hold a preparatory meeting for the first Policy Forum of the ITU and established a shared vision on what kind of output the Policy Forum should produce. This preparatory meeting, I believe, greatly helped the success of the Policy Forum. The meeting was hosted by our Singaporean college.

For years, we have been discussing and studying the establishment of an organisation for standardisation activities, and today, it seems that a consensus is being formed. If such an organisation is established, it is very clear that it will contribute a great deal to the development of telecommunications in this region.

Furthermore, I heard that many ideas with regard to enforcing and vitalising the APT would be discussed in this session of the management committee.

What the difference it is from three years ago when the APT merely followed the past precedents! Today the APT is becoming such a regional organisation as we have long expected it to be.

Mr. Chairman, Executive Director, distinguished delegates, I appreciate very much for the efforts you have done to the development of the APT. I am looking forward to the wonderful future of our community.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

I would briefly introduce the highlights on new policies and regulation of the Republic of Korea and Korea's support program for the APT.

1. Highlights on New Policies and Regulation

Korea has been pursuing to reform the telecommunication sector in accordance with the Korean WTO schedule of commitment on basic telecommunication. The core of the implementation plan of the WTO Agreement is the revision of Telecommunications Business Act and other related Acts and their detailed regulations.

Notional Assembly has already approved this revisions so that the new act will take effect from January 1, 1998.

The new Act permits cross-border supply of basic telecommunications services. So foreign service providers enables to provide local services from 1998 through commercial contracts with domestic carriers.

Korea takes various measures to expand competition and safeguard fair competition in domestic telecommunication market.

Korea relaxed the telecommunications price approval procedure in February 1997 by only requiring notification of service providers with some exceptions.

In June this year, Korea selected 15 new service suppliers in local telephone and TRS, etc. and also strengthened Korea Communication Commission (KCC)'s function as independent regulatory body to carry out dispute settlement and fair competition safeguard.

The deregulation in Information and Communications Sector will be further promoted.

2. Korea support program for the APT

Korea thanks the APT's efforts for the development to telecommunications and co-prosperity of this region.

In order to support the APT's effort, Korea will propose a supporting program for the APT training and study visit program. For this purpose Korea is willing to contribute the amount of US\$250,000 annually, which can give benefits to about 80 trainees every year.

Korea has also supported and recommended five renowned telecom equipment makers such as Samsung Electronics, Hyendai Electronics, LG Information and Communications, Daewoo Telecom, and Hanwha Telecom to participate in the activities of APT as participating companies from January 1, 1998.

In addition, Korea is running a program to promote international joint R&D projects. This program is designed to support joint R&D efforts between Korean and non-Korean firms and research institutes, seeking the balanced development of telecommunications technologies in the Asia Pacific region. For the more information, the handouts will be provided later.

I hope that this meeting will be fruitful and become the opportunity to take telecom co-operation in this region to higher level.

Thank you very much.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
ENTERPRISE TELECOMMUNICATION LAO
LAO P.D.R.**

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of Lao P.D.R. we highly valued the activities of APT during the year 1997 and thank for its contribution in improving the quality of the Lao Telecom engineers by providing fellowship for training, seminar and workshop.

Lao P.D.R. wishes to support such activities and will try its best to contribute in the implementation of APT's work programme.

Lao delegation would like to request all the members (Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members) to strengthen our co-operation, exchanging information and inter-working to achieve the objective of our Telecommunity.

In this occasion we wish the 21st session of APT Management Committee a good success.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT OF MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS:

MALAYSIA

Mr. Chairman, First of all I would like to express regret on behalf of Datuk Haji Hod Parman, the Director General of Jabatan Telekomunikasi Malaysia for not able to attend this 21st Management Committee meeting because more pressing national issues require him to attend them urgently.

As the Head of Delegation from Malaysia and on behalf of the Affiliate Members, i.e. Telekom Malaysia Berhad (TMB), Celcom Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Mutiara Telecommunications Sdn Bhd and Time Telecommunications Sdn Bhd, I would like to thank APT for making this 21st Management Committee meeting possible to be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

I would like also to congratulate APT under the leadership of Executive Director Mr. Jong-Soon Lee for making this 21st Management Committee in Bangkok possible this time. As one of the Members, that have been with APT since its inception in the late 70's, the role of telecommunications in nation building have grown from strength to strength. As more economic sectors are operated and maintained by private sectors, the government role deems to cease. This is the present scenario in most countries, particularly the developing economies. The environment is changing.

The present global economic unrest signals us to relook at ourselves as a nation and as a regional grouping. Even UN has focused on organisation reformation and similarly ITU. Therefore I believe there is no better time but now for APT to initiate reformation. My believe is based on evidences that if you didn't change, you'll be replaced by other grouping regional or otherwise that are more effective and efficient.

Therefore Mr. Chairman, Sir and the Executive Director Mr. Lee, I would like you to consider the best effective direction APT could steer itself to be an effective regional grouping that can represent the member nation on telecommunications positions in international arenas, because the telecommunications environment in member countries are changing from monopoly to more liberal state. Thus the role of the Government subsequently changes to mere regulatory function.

This is evidently happening in Malaysia. Since telecommunications has been liberalised in 1987 Malaysia has 5 basic telecommunications operators with TMB takes the lead in building the telecommunications service in Malaysia. With 6 cellular operators Malaysia has 8 cellular services to offer to public. As stipulated by the National Telecommunications Policy of Malaysia these operators are mandated to meet the target of at least 50 telephones per 100 population collectively by the year 2020 in order to support Vision 2020 to develop Malaysia as full developed nation.

Thus, Mr Chairman, at last but not the least, the new paradigm has come and APT must take

**ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS
THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**

**APT Secretariat,
Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,**

On behalf of the Administration of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), it is indeed a privilege for the FSM, a small Pacific Island country, to be a member of APT. We will continue to make every effort to actively participate in APT's activities, appreciating the mutual benefits in the development of telecommunications in the Asia-Pacific Region.

We trust APT will continue to be a Forum where small Pacific Island countries can interact with the larger countries of Asia to address telecommunication issues concerning the region.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to ask your indulgence to join me in welcoming the Republic of Palua to its first session of the Management Committee.

**STATEMENT
BY
MR. SURESH KUMAR PUDASAINI
GENERAL MANAGER
NEPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
NEPAL**

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

Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and on my own to thank APT and its team members headed by Mr. Jong-Soon Lee for the excellent performance of APT in 1997. APT has a challenging task to assist both the Push-Technology and the Pull-Ideas countries in the Asia-Pacific region towards development of telecom infrastructure both from quality as well as quantity point of view.

Nepal is benefited out of activities of the work programme of APT and in coming years we are looking forward for much more assistance towards our efforts to improve and expand telecommunication facilities in the rural areas.

In coming 5 years we are going to increase the present telephone density figure of 1 to 3. GSM cellular mobile phones will be in operation in next year.

I would like to request all the Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Participating organisations/companies, through you, Mr. Chairman to provide and exchange information so that all the members will be benefited out of the experience gained by so many members towards initiation of new services and new working methods.

Extra-Budgetary contributors have helped a lot towards implementation of the various activities of the work programme of APT and we shall be happy to see many members in the list as contributors to extra-budgetary funds.

If the report submitted by Executive Director provides a resume of problems faced by APT, it will be easier for the member countries to assist APT to undertake its activities in most effective ways.

Thank you.

STATEMENT BY NEW ZEALAND

Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Now, more than ever before, telecommunications has an important effect on the ability of a country to compete in the increasingly competitive global marketplace.

By facilitating the development and implementation of telecommunications networks; promoting the enhancement of networks using new technologies; using a liberalised competitive approach in the telecommunications sector; and providing regional coordination for input to international fora such as the ITU, APT member countries will be better placed to meet their economic and social objectives. With this in mind, New Zealand supports the APT's objectives which enhance the ability of member states to compete in an open manner in the global marketplace.

On behalf of New Zealand, I would like to thank the APT Secretariat for their organisation of this 21st Session of the Management Committee. New Zealand looks forward to a positive and successful meeting.

Thank you

**STATEMENT OF PAKISTAN DELEGATE
BY
MR. MUHAMMAD SHAFI
PAKISTAN TELECOM COMPANY LTD.**

1. On behalf of Ministry of Communication, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, I consider it my great privilege to speak to the professional experts of the Asia-Pacific Region. For this auspicious occasion I have brought a message of my government on mutual assistance, co-operation, good wishes for prosperity and good will for the member countries and for the APT executive organ whose common goal is to achieve the main objective to ensure good quality and reliable communication to every body living in this part of the world.

2. Ladies and Gentlemen, Pakistan Telegraph and Telephone Department was converted to Pakistan Telecom Corporation (PTC) in 1990 and became Pakistan Telecom Company Limited in 1996 as a part of privatisation and restructuring process and inherited 865,000 telephone lines with 900,000 applications on waiting list. During 1994, PTC had sold 166 million PTCL vouchers/shares for US\$1200 million which is about 15% of equity. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan intends to privatise the PTCL by 1998.

3. The network has grown tremendously after PTT became a Telecom Company. The present status of the network :

a) Network Capacity :	3.25 (M) lines
b) Waiting List :	330,000 applications
c) Digitalisation :	80%
d) Teledensity :	2%
e) Cellular subscribers:	100,000
f) IGE :	3 with 9200 international circuits
g) International Traffic:	178.5 million calls/ 565 m paid minutes

Government of Pakistan is encouraging the participation of the private sector and has deregulated the value added services i.e. internet, web site development, toll free telemarketing services, e-mail, audio text, voice mail, ISDN and video phone services, trunk radio.

4. PTCL has planned to expand its existing infrastructure to 6.5 million lines by 2003 and 10.0 million by 2008. Mobile operators are expected to have 1.00 m subscribers by year 2003 and 2.00 m by 2008. This addition would increase the teledensity to 4.5% by 2003 and to 7.5% by 2008. Our network would be 100% digital by 2003. The internet/IT users would be 650,000 by year 2003 and 1.5 million by year 2008. The international circuits capacity would be increased to 10,000 lines with the equity participation in SEA-ME-WE-III) and in TAE.

to converge more closely than before. The converge will not be confined to technologies alone but it will be convergence of policies, networks, services and consequently the merger/alliances amongst the companies.

6. The merger of telecom and broadcasting has established a multimedia market. A new regulatory framework in dealing with the convergence of technologies has to be developed, particularly to ensure the success of the multimedia super corridor (MSC) which will lead the region into the information era. We all look forward toward APT for playing its active role like its past glamorous contribution for its members. We in Pakistan have been assuring APT in one form or the other and would be ready to do so in the future as well.

Mr. Chairman, APT needs to be assisted in decreasing the widening gap between the developed and the developing countries through sharing of experiences in technologies and the capabilities beside safeguarding the interest of its members under the rapidly changing environments of globalisation and international partnership. Pakistan fully supports APT programme aimed at overall improvement of Quality of Services, Transfer of Technologies and Human Resources Development for boosting socio-economic development of the region.

7. In Asia and around the world global information network is viewed more and more as strategic tool for business. Recently countries at WTO plate form have agreed to open Telecom and Information markets for Foreign Investments, reduce Tariff and Duties according to their individual policies. Pakistan is launching its National Information Technology Policy and Plans to be Signatory to WTO Information Technology Agreement as 39 countries have already signed IT Agreement. Pakistan is already a Signatory of Basic Telecom Service Agreement of WTO concluded on 15 February 1997 and has committed market access for Basic Telecom Market for competition by 2003. Data Cellular Telephony, Internet/E-mail, Paging, Card pay phone etc. have already been liberalised.

8. Mr. Chairman and honorable delegates, innovation and investment have established telecom as a liberating force. Telecommunication today is an industry at the hub of the political, economic and social structure of global society. The global society and global economy will thus be increasingly interdependent, interconnected and interactive. The globalisation is forcing all of us to adjust our thinking and our process very fast - faster than our institutions can adopt. For business, globalisation means telecommunications, Broadcasting, Information, which do not know national boundries. It is also intensification and impact of global alliances which are shaping the environment and are so significant, so important, so crucial for the new century.

Before conclusion let me place on record our deep appreciation for APT activities including work and budget programme. The task accomplished is highly professional and efficient. The continuous perspective, co-operation of Executive Director, Mr. Lee, Project Director, Mr. Narayan and the secretariat staff deserve appreciation and encouragement.

With the word I am grateful for patience hearing and your personal kind attention.

**STATEMENT
BY
MR. PHILIP AEAVA-AIA
DIRECTOR GENERAL
PAPUA NEW GUINEA TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY**

Mr Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea, I warmly thank the Executive Director, the APT Management and staff and the Royal Government of Thailand for bringing us together on the occasion of the 21st session of the Management Committee of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. I am sure this will be interesting and informative. You have chosen a beautiful venue and city for this occasion and we have been continuously greeted by friendly smiles and helpful people who have assisted with the organisation of this meeting. The hospitality has been truly great.

In PNG, the telecommunications sector has been restructured as a direct result of the corporatisation process. The former Post and Telecommunication Corporation (PTC) which had the responsibility of providing the postal services and the dual role of telecommunications services and regulator has now been disbanded and in its place three separate legal entities have been established: Post PNG Limited (Post PNG), Telikom PNG Limited (Telikom PNG) and PNG Telecommunication Authority known as PANGTEL. Post PNG is fully State owned company established under the PNG Companies Act. Apart from certain reserved services such as the ordinary mail, post office boxes and frankline machines, Post PNG competes on an equal footing with other courier and freight service providers in PNG. Similarly, Telikom PNG is a State owned company which has been given 5 years (from 20/12/96) exclusivity as the sole telecommunications service provider in PNG. The exclusivity includes:

- domestic telecommunications services;
- long distance telecommunications including international telecommunication services; and
- value added services (.mobile, paging, internet, etc.)

PANGTEL has been established as the sole licensing and regulatory Authority by virtue of the Telecommunications Act 1996. As a result of this change, the Executive Director, the APT Secretariat and Member Administrations are urged to note that PANGTEL is the official representative of the Government of PNG and all matters concerning APT should therefore be channelled through it. PANGTEL has two fundamental responsibilities: management of the radio frequency spectrum, and regulation and licensing of the telecommunications sector in PNG.

As PNG is undergoing this change, PNG Administration requests the APT and its member Administrations for special assistance. At this juncture it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the support and assistance granted to my Administration thus far. The Government of PNG recognises the APT as the leading regional

- take an active part in addressing low telephone penetration rates which is prevalent among many small and developing APT administrations;
- facilitate technology transfer;
- assist in professional development; and
- assist in restructuring process and adapting to regulatory reforms geared towards deregulation and liberalisation.

Mr Chairman and honourable delegates, I am privileged to inform the meeting that PNG will host the 18 th Meeting of the APEC Telecommunications Working Group in September 1988 in Port Moresby and on behalf of the Government of PNG, I take this opportunity to invite all APT Administrations to participate in this fora.

Kindly allow me to very briefly tell you something about our country. You may be interested to know that we are multicultural and multilingual. Papua New Guinea has a population of less than 4 million people with more than 85 percent living in rural and remote areas. It lies just north of Australia. It has a land mass of nearly half a million square kilometres giving a population density of 8 persons per square kilometre.

The mainland island is surrounded by the larger islands offshore islands of New Britain, New Ireland, Manus, Bougainvillie and over 600 smaller ones. Mountain terrains with peaks over 4,500 meters high run the length of the mainland from east to west. Other terrain is flat with swampy land covering the most of the plains. Papua New Guinea is wholly within the tropics, and its climate is monsoonal. Temperatures are high in the lowlands including the coast which average 27 degrees Celsius and in cooler highlands, the temperatures can be as low as 16 degrees Celsius. About 70 percent of Papua New Guinea is covered with dense tropical rain forest.

PNG has over 800 different languages but commerce is conducted in English language. The other national languages used for communication apart from English language is Hiri Motu and Pidgin.

In conclusion, Mr Chairman, let me place on record that the Report of the Executive Director for the Year 1997 (Doc. No. MC21/3 Revision 1) is viewed by my Administration as one of excellence. APT's efforts amongst other things as highlighted by the Executive Director in co-ordinating views and positions of the member Administrations in preparation for WRC-97 is highly commendable. This needs to be encouraged for future international fora as there is an urgent need for the member Administrations to stand together when important issues in the areas of radiocommunication and telecommunication affecting the Asia-Pacific Region are discussed.

Finally, APT can be assured of my Administrations full support and co-operation and I thank you all for your attention and patience.

**STATEMENT
BY
SRI LANKAN DELEGATION**

**Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,**

On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for facilitating and organising APT's programmes and activities during the year 1997.

The Management Committee meeting facilitates us to exchange our views on the key issues on Telecommunication Technology Developments, Policies, Regulations in the Asia-Pacific region.

As Sri Lanka has recently liberalised its market for competition, we have a big challenge ahead us in meeting our objectives towards success.

We should take this opportunity to thank the APT secretariat for successfully organising the 21st session of the Management Committee meeting.

Thank you.

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

On behalf of the Thai delegation, I have great pleasure in extending a very warm welcome to all of you at the Twenty-first Session of the APT Management Committee in Bangkok and wish you a pleasant stay here. On this occasion, I would like to express our deep appreciation to APT in promoting the development of Standardisation for Asia-Pacific region and I expect that this effort with our co-operation will be successful in the near future.

Mr. Chairman, as Thailand is the host country of the APT Headquarters, I would like to assure you of continuing full co-operation with APT as ever.

**STATEMENT
BY
MR. LEMAKI MALU
GENERAL MANAGER
TONGA TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Mr. Chairman,
Executive Director,
and Distinguished Delegates,**

On behalf of the Government of Tonga, I would like to convey my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Thailand for hosting the 21st session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

The venue for this meeting is very relaxing and I believe this is an ideal environment for delegates to complete the agenda ahead of time and for the successful completion of this conference.

Tonga has been a member of APT since 1992, and indeed I would like to put on record of this meeting that Tonga has acquired substantial benefits from APT in terms of training, study visits and consultancy services. In this context it is my pleasure to thank the APT secretariat for their excellent work and assistance rendered to Tonga for the last 7 years.

Currently, liberalisation, deregulation and privatisation and sweeping all continents including the Pacific Island countries. Competition and regulation have taken over the monopolistic status of some countries in the South Pacific and Tonga is currently its considered a report on future direction of the telecommunication industry by the year 2000. In essence a regulated telecommunication environment will be one of the solutions to improve efficiency, however, the concept of competition may not be entertained due to the very small market size. It is possible to free up the consumers premises equipment to reform suppliers on a compact basis.

Finally, let me thank APT secretariat once again for all assistance given to Tonga and to the APT Member countries and Affiliate members for your support. Tonga looks forward to a positive and successful meeting.

Thank you.

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

Vietnam would like to inform that :

- Now Vietnam is making all necessary procedures concerning privileges and immunities for APT and its officials. In the near future we will accord APT and its officials the same privileges and immunities as provided in the UN Convention of 1946.
- Vietnam has already deposited the Instrument of Ratification with the Secretary General of the UN, New York (It would be highly appreciated if you could kindly amend document No. MC-21/13.1& 13.2 accordingly).



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Annex 5

RESOLUTION NO. 97/01

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN ASIA



RESOLUTION NO. 97/01

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN ASIA

The 21st Session of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT), Bangkok, November 1997.

Recognising that:

- The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) is considering to establish a "Centre of Excellence in Telecommunications in Asia";
- According to its mission statement "The Centre is to occupy a unique role in the development of an attractive telecommunications market in the Asian region and the rendering of telecommunication services for the development of Asian Society, by developing and strengthening the capability to generate advanced level policy, regulatory managerial and technical expertise to address the needs of telecommunications issues of rendering telecommunication sector in Asian countries."

Further recognising that:

- The mandate and purposes of the Centre cover the following major activities:

training, professional development, harmonisation of standards, initiatives of regional and global information society, organising seminars and colloquia to discuss and disseminate information on Asian Telecommunications issues.

Also considering that:

- The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) which has been established under the auspices of UN-ESCAP and in conformity with the Article 32 of the ITU (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) is the only inter governmental regional telecommunication organisation of the region, open to membership of all regional countries,
- the APT is actively engaged in the development of telecommunication in the region through all forms of activity proposed for the Centre of Excellence.

Resolves:

- that the ITU recognise APT as the appropriate body for collaboration on the proposed Centre of Excellence and, in this connection, to authorise the APT, through its Executive Director, to deal and negotiate with ITU in defining the objectives and other material specifics of the proposed Centre and, thereafter, to collaborate on the implementation of the programs, objectives and activities of the Centre where consistent with the interest of APT and its Members.

Invites:

the Telecommunications Industry, financial institutions,



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Annex 6

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME



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

The Chairman of the Working Group on Work Programme presented the report of the Working Group on Work Programme to the Plenary. With changes, as shown in bold italic, the plenary approved the report of the Working Group on Work Programme.

- 1.0 The following is the Report of the Working Group on Work Programme, which met on 26 and 27 November 1997.
- 2.0 The Working Group was chaired by Mr. Arjumund A. Sheikh (Pakistan), Mr. Phillip Aeava-Aia (Papua New Guinea) served as the Rapporteur . Mr. Aeava-Aia was assisted by Mr. Muhammad Shafi (Pakistan).
- 3.0 The agenda and list of documents considered in Working Group on Work Programme is given as ~~Annex-1~~.
The plenary agreed to change from Annex 1 to Attachment 1.
- 4.0 A list of participants who took part in deliberations is given as Annex 2.
The plenary agreed to change from Annex 2 to Attachment 2.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY GROUPS
(Doc.No. MC-21/7)**

- 5.0 The document was introduced and presented by the Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Arjumund A. Sheikh. The Working Group appreciated the progress made by the Study Groups and noted their recommendations:
- 5.1 The Working Group agreed :

dissemination of APT Member's inputs after the detailed study is prepared.

- The APT consider conducting seminars and/or workshops on the implementation and development of Intranets, technical aspects of Information Infrastructure and deployment and development of the second Generation Mobile Telecommunication Systems.

5.2 The Working Group agreed to have an editorial group meeting for completing the study question 1.3.

5.3 The topics concerning Intranet and other network related applications will be accommodated in the relevant APT meetings/seminars.

The plenary agreed to the following changes:

5.3 ***Pakistan requested on 26 November 1997 during Working Group Meeting on Work Programme to combine SG2 and SG4 on Intranet and Information Infrastructure.***

5.4 A meeting on Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure and Multimedia has been scheduled for 1998.

5.5 The delegation of the Republic of Korea offered to organise a workshop on the new generation mobile communication system with a token financial assistance from the APT. It was explained by the secretariat that it will be able to accommodate specific requests of the same participants involved in the work of study group for giving fellowship to attend the workshop. Other members may attend the workshop at their expenses.

5.6 The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed its inability to host the 18th Study Group Meeting due to unavoidable circumstances. The Administration of the Republic of Philippines is to confirm as to whether or not to host the 18th Study Groups Meeting.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERT GROUP
ON WORLD RADIO CONFERENCE (WRC)
(Doc.No. MC-21/8.1 Revision 1)**

6.0 Following the paper by the Chairman, the Director Project Development offered further clarifications sought by the participants. Many participants expressed their sincere appreciation for the work done by the Expert Group and the APT secretariat. They desired that the Expert Group should continue its good work and make similar preparations for the WRC99.

- 6.1. The paper as presented was noted and adopted in its entirety. The Chairman on behalf of the Working Group and the APT secretariat expressed deep appreciation to the Chairman of the Expert Group on the World Radio Conference and all those who assisted in any manner or form in accomplishing the enormous task in a highly professional and efficient manner.

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GLOBAL MOBILE PERSONAL
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BY SATELLITES (GMPCS)
(Doc. No. MC-21/8.2)**

- 7.0 The Chairman introduced and presented the paper. The paper gave an account of the activities of the Group. The Working Group noted that the preparatory work done by the Group has contributed significantly towards presenting the views of the region in the Policy Forum. The Group felt that after the conclusion of the Forum the remaining policies issues could be dealt with the countries concerned. Some concerned matters could also be referred to the APT Study Groups if necessary. The Working Groups' appreciation was expressed by the Chairman to the Chairperson of the Working Group, Ms. Valerie D' Costa of Singapore on GMPCS and all those who assisted throughout the term of the Working Group.
- 7.1 The Working Group also noted with thanks that by sound judgement the Group has made a savings of US\$ 10,000 allocated for the purpose of the study.

**REPORT OF THE AD-HOC GROUP ON STANDARDISATION
(Doc. No. MC-21/8.3 & 8.3 Additional 1)**

- 8.0 The papers were presented by the Chairman and Chairman of Ad-hoc Group on Standardisation, who provided further clarifications on the issues raised including the need for a more structured approach to regional co-operation and harmonisation in standardisation matters.
- 8.1 The Working Group accepted the report of the Ad-hoc Group on Standardisation as contained in Doc. Nos. MC-21/8.3 and subsequently approved MC-21/8.3 Additional 1 (which replaced Doc. No. MC-21/15.3 and 15.4) including the revised Terms of Reference of APT Ad-hoc Group on Standardisation as mentioned in Appendix A of the Doc. No. MC-21/8.3 Additional 1.
- 8.2 The Ad-hoc Group made the following proposals :

Proposal 1:

The Management Committee agree to launch an Asia-Pacific Telecommunity standardisation program, with mission, activities, participation, and method of working

- 1) *Network Management Coordinating Group,*
- 2) *Radiocommunications Coordinating Group; and*
- 3) *Multimedia Coordinating Group.*

Proposal 3:

The Management Committee confirm the responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Group according to the terms of reference at Appendix A, and ask it to act as an interim Steering Committee to prepare for the initial meeting.

Proposal 4:

A budget of up to \$30,000 be allocated for the inaugural coordination meeting.

The Term of Reference of the Ad-hoc Group and APT Standardisation Programme are placed at ~~Annex 3~~ **Attachment 3** of the report.

*The plenary agreed to change from Annex 3 to **Attachment 3***

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VOLUNTARY GROUP OF EXPERTS ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCOUNTING RATES (VEGTAR)
(Doc. No. MC-21/8.4)**

- 9.0 The report was introduced and presented by the Chairman. The Working Group on Work Programme observed that the VEGTAR is doing very useful work and its activities are helping the members in having a better understanding of the issues involved.
- 9.1 Some of the members of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) expressed their serious concern and strong opposition to the FCC Order unilaterally reducing and imposing the reduced Telecom Accounting Rates because, among others:
- there are no factual and legal grounds for issuing such unilateral Order;
 - the FCC Order contravenes international conventions and international comity;
 - the FCC has no jurisdiction to impose the TAR unilaterally outside the geographical boundaries of its own country; and
 - the FCC Order violates the sovereignty of other nations.
- 9.2 APT members felt that trade incidents or issues like the Telecom Accounting Rates are best resolved by multi-lateral and bilateral consensual agreements among the parties concerned and these issues cannot and should not be resolved by unilateral impositions.

- 9.3 Some members of the Telecommunity requested the APT to take appropriate action in this matter.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE WORKING GROUP ON POLICY FORUM
(Doc. No. MC-21/8.5)**

- 10.0 The Chairman of the Working Group on Policy Forum reiterated the main points of his report already presented in the Plenary. The Working Group will mainly work through electronic means and a preparatory meeting for this purpose will no longer be necessary.

**REPORT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY
OF ORGANISING APT EXHIBITION
(Doc. No. MC-21/9)**

- 11.0 The Working Group discussed the document in detail. There was a general consensus on the acceptance of the report of the feasibility study. However, opinions varied on the modality of proceeding further ahead in the matter. After detailed discussion the Working Group decided to make the following recommendations for consideration of the Management Committee:

APT should now invite precise offers for hosting the exhibition in an APT member country. For this purpose, a suitable and qualified commercial partner willing to cosponsor the exhibition should be identified. The Executive Director should specify the following conditions while inviting the bids for selecting the partner:

- ~~There should be no cost and no risk to APT.~~ APT should be offered a fixed amount of royalty irrespective of the fact whether the exhibition is commercially successful or not. The amount of royalty and goodwill money should be quoted.
- The offer should also include a formula for profit sharing if the exhibition is a commercial success.
- There will be no involvement of APT staff in the commercial business of the exhibition.
- ~~There will be no involvement of APT staff resources to the project~~ except when fully reimbursed by the commercial partner.

11.1 Before entering into any contract with such a co-sponsor and since entering into contract is a serious matter, the Executive Director will consult with the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Management Committee on the details of any commitment by the APT in order to ensure that the interests of all Members are taken into account.

11.2 The Executive Director will report the progress to the 22nd session of the Management Committee.

~~11.3 The distinguished delegate of New Zealand expressed his reservation to organisation of the exhibition by APT.~~

The plenary agreed to the following changes :

11.3 *The delegate of New Zealand expressed his reservation to organisation of the exhibition by the APT. Notwithstanding this reservation, New Zealand is not willing to express any objection that would halt the work recommended to the Management Committee by the Working Group.*

REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1997 **(Doc. No. MC-21/10.1 Revision 1)**

~~12.0 The Chairman introduced the Work Programme which was reported earlier by the Executive Director of the APT. The Working Group appreciated the achievements and the excellent work done by APT secretariat during 1997.~~

The plenary agreed to the following changes:

12.0 *Pakistan is considering to initiate proposal for the replacement of Indo-Pakistan Co-axial cable link. It was requested on 26th November 1997 that APT should co-ordinate for rendering assistance in convening the meeting.*

WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1998 **(Doc. No. MC-21/10.3 Revision 1)**

13.0 The Chairman introduced the paper and explained that the secretariat has prepared the Work Programme for 1998 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.
- Work plan for the years 1997-99 approved by the 7th General Assembly.
- Input received from APT Membership
- Recommendations from APT seminars and meetings
- Consultation with concerned international organisations etc.
- Experience gained during the implementation of the Work Programme for 1997

- 13.1 The participants expressed their appreciation in the way the paper is prepared and the amount of details and description given.
- 13.2 The Working Group considered the proposed ~~the~~ Work Programme item by item. Some of the significant points raised during the discussion are as follows:
The plenary agreed to delete "the".

Item P1.3 Human Resources Development

The Working Group is not in favour on the proposal for providing assistance (by way of subsidising) to members for attending training courses outside Asia-Pacific region based on the ground that the region has enough facilities and know how to provide any ~~assistant~~ *assistance* needed by the members.

The plenary agreed to the following changes:

Pakistan has offered five (5) training courses to the member countries for Engineers and Technicians for 10 days to two weeks, on Digital Switching, C-7 Signalling, Digital Radio Transmission, Telecom Management of Cable Systems.

The plenary agreed to change from assistant to assistance.

Item P2.2 Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure

The meeting on AII will be organised in Kansai, Japan around 15 to 19 June 1998. The delegate from the Republic of Korea sought the clarification from the secretariat on the three projects listed under the programme although the High Level Meeting on AII held in June 1997 has approved 14 projects. The secretariat replied that the listed projects were requested by the member countries.

The plenary agreed to the following changes :

Item P2.2.6 Project Proposal on Promoting Information Infrastructure in Pakistan and Maldives

In the column Estimated Expenditure should read : Expert mission of ½ manmonth duration to Pakistan and ½ manmonth to Maldives @ US\$ 5,000 each.

Item P2.3 Frequency Co-ordination

It is proposed to have a co-ordination meeting on Radio Interference in Thailand from 5 to 7 May, 1998.

The plenary agreed to the following changes:

Item P4.1 Expert Mission

Pakistan requested one manmonth for Frequency Management.

Item P5 Meetings and Seminars

Meetings and seminars approved for the year 1998 are attached. ~~given in Table 1.~~
The plenary agreed to change from attached to 'given in Table 1'.

- 13.3 With these changes, the Working Group approved the Work Programme as contained in the Doc. No. MC-21/10.3 Revision 1.

Table 1
P 5 APT Meetings and Seminars Proposed for 1998

Topic	Place and Dates	Estimated Cost USD	Budget Item	Remarks	Programme Item	Details
Co-ordination Meeting on Standardisation	Bangkok February	30,000	C 6	Recommended by the Ad-hoc Group on Standardisation	P2	
Seminar on Telecommunication Policy Administration	Tokyo February 25-27	EBC, J	EBC	Approved by MC 20	P2	EBC, Japan
Co-ordination Meeting on Radio Interference	Thailand May 5-7	16,000	C 6	Discussion with Members of Working Group on WRC	P2	10 Fellowships @US\$1400 US\$ 14,000 • Printing and Mailing US • Hospitality and Miscella 1,000 Total US\$ 16,000
Meeting of Telework-P	Tonga May 13-15		C14	Proposed by Tonga	P3	
Meeting on Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure and Multimedia Technology	Kansai June 15-19	EBC, J		Proposed in A II Action Plan	P2	Extra-Budgetary Contribution
Meeting of Telecom Working Group for East Asia	China June 23-25	C 14 *	C 14		P3	
Business Colloquium	Thailand ? July 7-9	52,600 Say 52,500	C 6	Proposed by High Level Development Meeting in Shanghai.	P2	29 Fellowship @ US\$ 1,400 = US\$40,600 [Airfare US\$ 1,000 + Hotel @US\$ 60 4X60 = US\$ 240 + Pocket : 4 days @40=US\$ 160]

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing and Mailing US\$ 3,000 • Hospitality 2,000 • 2 Experts @ 3,000 = 6,000 • Miscellaneous US\$ 1,000 Total US\$ 52,600
work-S and	Sri Lanka July 27-30	C 14 *		Proposed by Telework-S, Sri Lanka and Pakistan	P3	
APT Study	Philippines ? August 17-21	C 7	C 7	Regular APT activity	P2	
work SE	Yangon ? September ? 28-30	C 14		Proposed by Lao PDR and Meeting of Telework-SE	P3	
PT nmittee	Bangkok? November 23- 27?			Regular APT activity		
g on Policy ation	Thailand December 9-10 ?	NSA	-	Jointly with the World Bank & InfoDev		To be considered if full funding received from World Bank or InfoDev

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C 6 Total 98,600 Say 98,500

C 7 60

of Teleworks-E, S, SE, P and SATRC support from APT will be provided upon request. Preference will be given to LDCs.

14.0 The proposal for organising an Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Business Summit was presented by the Executive Director during the plenary session. The Working Group decided the following :

- APT secretariat will contact the prospective hosts in sponsoring the event.
- The theme, venue and time will be decided by the host.
- APT budget will not be used.
- All other activities will be conducted by the host.

IMPROVING APT PRODUCTIVITY
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.2)

15.0 The paper was discussed in detail in the Working Group and range of views were expressed concerning the proposal. The Working Group felt that at this stage, there is not need to hire an outside consultant to look into the issue. Instead a Working Party of APT members should be informed.
The plenary agreed to change from informed to 'formed'.

15.1 The Working Party was established under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Management Committee to study the restructuring of APT secretariat. In addition to the Chairman and the two Vice Chairmen, the member of the following administrations were nominated as the member of Working Party: Australia, China, Hong Kong-China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia and the APT Secretariat. The respective members would nominate their representative. The Terms of Reference are placed in ~~Annex 4~~.
The plenary agreed to change from Annex 4 to Attachment 4

15.2 The Working Party would present a report to the next session of the Management Committee.

PROPOSAL FROM REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Doc. No. MC-21/15.5)

16.0 The Working Group thanked the Republic of Korea on its proposal to hold the Human Resources Development training course at the cost of US\$250,000 as part of extra-budgetary contribution. Several Administrations expressed their thanks and support for the proposal.

The delegate from the Republic of Korea presented a proposal where by the Republic of Korea will annually contribute to APT the amount of US\$250,000 as extra-budgetary contribution for Human Resources Development. The amount will be used to provide training and study visits to 80 trainees.

The programme will be undertaken by APT in line with existing practice of EBC. The details of the proposal are in Doc. No. MC-21/15.5.

The Working Group expressed deep sense of gratitude for generous efforts and finances made available by the Republic of Korea. The delegation of Tonga expressed its gratitude at the Korean offer and felt that the offer will play major role in the development of Human Resources in the region.

**PROPOSAL FROM COOK ISLANDS ON HOLDING AN APT TELECOM
WORKING GROUP MEETING FOR TELEWORK-P DURING 1998**

(Doc. No. MC 21/15.6)

and

**PROPOSAL FROM TONGA ON HOLDING SOUTH PACIFIC SUB REGIONAL
MEETING OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPEMNT OF NETWORKS**

(Doc. No. MC-21/15.7)

- 17.0 The Working Group thanked the Administrations of Cook Islands and Tonga on their proposal to host the APT Telecom Working Meeting for TELEWORK-P during 1998. The Meeting decided to recommend the hosting of the meeting of Telework-P in Tonga. Several Administrations including Australia, New Zealand, Federated States of Micronesia and Papua New Guinea expressed their support for the proposal.

**PROPOSAL FROM JAPAN ON A SEMINAR
ON MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY**

(Doc. No. MC-21/15.8)

- 18.0 The Working Group thanked the Administration of Japan on its proposal to host a seminar on Multimedia Technology in 1998 at Kansai Science City, Japan. Japan delegation agreed to combine the activities with the Meeting of AII together with Multimedia. The date is only tentative.

**PROPOSAL FROM SINGAPORE ON APT WORKING GROUP ON ITU
PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 1998 (PP98)**

(Doc. No. MC-21/15.9)

- 19.0 The Working Group thanked the Administration of Singapore on its proposal to co-ordinate and if possible formulate ~~the views of the APT common~~ *common* position of APT at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 1998. The Administrations which expressed interest to be part of the working group include : Australia, Peoples' Republic of China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, *Thailand* and Philippines.

ANY OTHER MATTER

- 20.0 AsiaSat offered to host training courses on Satellite Network for APT members. The details of the programme will be provided to the APT secretariat. The Working Group expressed its appreciation for their offer.
- 20.1 The Working Group noted that the APT web site is providing easy access to members. The secretariat will investigate the benefits of having its own host.
- 20.2 ~~The Australian administration presented a paper on "Proposed Changes in the Presentation of APT Work Programme". Following the presentation and detailed explanation by Australia, it was adopted for implementation by the secretariat with minor changes to the proposal with these changes the revised text of proposal 4 now reads:~~

~~"Information should be provided in the draft Work Programme on all proposed activities concerning APT and secretariat time and resources required to implement the proposed activities."~~

~~The delegate of Japan expressed his reservation to this matter.~~

The plenary agreed to the following changes:

- 20.2 *The Australian administration presented a paper on "Proposed Changes in the Presentation of APT Work Programme". Following the presentation and detailed explanation by Australia, it was adopted for implementation by the secretariat with minor changes to the proposal with these changes Proposal 4 is deleted and an additional point is added to Proposal 3 which reads:*

"Information should be provided in the draft Work Programme on all proposed activities concerning APT and secretariat resources and involvement required to implement the proposed activities."

The delegate of Japan expressed his reservation pending more clarification and suggestions.

Japan made a comment that the applications of this proposal i.e. project differ depending on the source of budget.

ADOPTION

- 21.0 The Working Group adopted this report.
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**AGENDA
FOR WORKING GROUP ON WORK PROGRAMME
AND
THE LIST OF DOCUMENTS
CONSIDERED IN THE WORKING GROUP**

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Selection of Rapporteur of the Working Group on Work Programme
3. Consideration of the Work Programme :

MC-21/7	Report and Recommendations of the Study Groups
MC-21/8.1 Rev. 1	Report of the Expert Groups on World Radio Conference (WRC)
MC-21/8.2	Report of the Working Group on Global Mobile Personal Communications System by Satellites (GMPCS)
MC-21/8.3	Report of the Ad-hoc Group on Standardisation
MC-21/8.3 Add. 1	Additional Recommendations of APT Ad-hoc Group on Standardisation
MC-21/8.4	Report of the Chairman of the Voluntary Expert Group on Telecommunications Accounting Rates (VEGTAR)
MC-21/8.5	Report of the Chairman of the Working Group on Policy Forum
MC-21/9	Report of the Feasibility Study of Organising APT Exhibition
MC-21/10.1 Rev. 1	Review of the Work Programme for the Year 1997
MC-21/10.3 Rev. 1	Work Programme for the Year 1998
MC-21/15.1	Proposal for the Organisation of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity Business Forum
MC-21/15.2	Improving APT's Productivity
MC-21/15.5	Proposal from Republic of Korea on Human Resources Development
MC-21/15.6	Proposal from Cook Islands on Holding an APT Telecom Working Group Meeting for TELEWORK-P During 1998
MC-21/15.7	Proposal from Tonga on Holding South Pacific Sub-regional Meeting on Planning and Development of Networks
MC-21/15.8	Proposal from Japan on a Seminar on Multimedia Technology
MC-21/15.9	Proposal From Singapore on APT Working Group on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 1998 (PP98)



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Terms of Reference

APT Ad Hoc Group on Standardization

1 Objectives

The APT Ad Hoc Group on Standardization will:

- Study the objects, structure, areas of activities and working methods necessary for establishment of an organization for standardization - related co-operative activities in the Asia-Pacific region.
- If necessary, consider the refinement of the APT Constitution.
- Make a detailed report and any necessary recommendations to the 22nd session of the APT Management Committee in 1998.
- Act as Steering Committee for the APT standardization program leading to the inaugural coordination meeting.

2 Membership

- Any APT member can participate in the Group or express an opinion.

3 Working Method

The Ad Hoc Group will:

- Utilize electronic means to the full extent
- Liaise with ESCAP, ITU, ABU and other relevant organisations, as required
- Take into account the work being done by APT Study Groups.

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Standardization Program Terms of Reference

1 Purpose

The purpose of the standardization program is;

- to establish regional cooperation on standardization;
- to harmonize standardization activities in the region
- to enhance the level of expertise on standardization among the membership;
- to expand contribution to global standardization activities, through cooperation activities on standardization such as exchange of views and information on standardization;
- to foster appropriate institutional arrangements for promotion of telecommunications standardization in the Asia-Pacific region.

2 Scope of the activities

To promote standardization activities in the region on telecommunications technologies, including radio communications and multimedia technologies; and in particular

- to establish expert groups and coordinate regional views on standardization issues;
- to discuss views and information on relevant standardization activities,
- to prepare joint proposals to ITU meetings, where agreed on a voluntary basis.
- to recommend technical specifications to complement global standards, where requested by members; and
- to cooperate and coordinate on standardization matters with ESCAP, ITU, ABU and other related organisations, as required.

3 Working methods

- There should be a coordination meeting at least once a year to ensure its activities are meaningful and efficient, and to adopt general decisions where appropriate.
- A Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen should be elected on an annual basis to coordinate the work program.
- Activities will be planned in close coordination with APT Study Groups, to avoid overlap
- A rapporteur or coordinator will be nominated for each agreed activity
- The activities should be conducted on voluntary basis and by using electronic means as much as possible.

Voluntary activity groups should decide details of their working methods on

Activities are open to all APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Supporting Companies/ Organisations.

Guest participation by non-members may be permitted by agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, in consultation with the APT Executive Director, where:

- a) The guest participates in the telecommunications industry in the region; or
- b) The guest has a special contribution to make to the activity;
and
- c) There is no objection from a participating Member.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY
ON
RESTRUCTURING OF APT SECRETARIAT**

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- To recommend appropriate measures for achieving further efficiency in office working and improvement to the existing arrangements in office automation.
 - To recommend appropriate job description, remuneration and system of remuneration for each member in the suggested staffing structure.
 - To recommend a simple and effective staff performance appraisal having regard to the system based upon other international organisations.
 - To suggest measures for:
 - ◆ improving the productivity of staff
 - ◆ staff motivation
 - To inspect current financial practices and recommend appropriate measure or changes on financial regulations and practices.
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Programme/ Sub-Programme	Budget Item	Activity	Estimated Expenditure	Expected output	Allocatio (‘000 US\$)
1 Infrastructure Development					
1.1 Regional input the Second World eommunication velopment ference(WTDC)	NSA ²	To encourage and coordinate input from the Asia Pacific region to the Second World Telecommunication Development Conference (See Annex 1 for draft proposals and Annex 2 for resolutions) The second WTDC will be held from March 23 to April 1, 1998 in Valetta. APT secretariat has invited proposals from APT Membership for submission to ITU. A set of draft resolutions are also being co-ordinated with APT membership for submission to ITU. The response received from APT Membership will be coordinated and submitted to ITU. No Specific Allocation has been requested for this activity. The activity will be implemented by utilising allocations under items C 1, C 12 etc.	No Specific Allocation	A set of projects and resolutions proposed by APT Membership for consideration of WTDC. Follow up Action after approval of the proposals	No Specific Allocation Requested
1.2 Follow up of DC	C12	Attending to specific requests from APT Members for promoting Infrastructure Development (providing technical assistance upon request only) (4 manmonths of expert mission @ US\$10,000 per mm estimated)		Meeting the request of members	40
1.3 Follow up on rganising APT hibition	C12	Preparatory work for organising APT exhibition. (See Annex 3) ³ (See Para 11 to 11.3 of the Report of the Management Committee)		Activities concerning APT exhibition	
1.4 Preparatory ork for ITU nipotentiary ference 98 (PP98)	C12	Preparatory work for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 98 (PP98)			10
	C12	Sub Total for P1.1 Infrastructure Development			50

² NSA No Specific Allocation

³ Annexes refer to the working documents available in Volume II of the MC Report

P 1.2 Rural and Remote Communications

1.2.1 Development of Rural Communications in Mongolia	C 12	To prepare country project for development of rural communications in Mongolia	Expert Mission 1 manmonth @ US \$ 10,000 per mm	Country Project for further action	10
1.2.2 Workshop on Rural Communications	C 12	To conduct a workshop on rural communications	- 10 Fellowships @ US\$ 1500 - Training Fee US\$2W x10PX340 - Misc. US\$ 200 - Cost similar to 1997 expenditure	Conduct of Workshop	22
1.2.3 Pilot Project on Community Communication Centers in Rural Areas of Thailand	C 12	Study Technical Feasibility and socio-economic impact of rural communications in Thailand (See Annex 4 for details)		Feasibility report	10
	C 12	Sub Total for P1.2 Rural and Remote Communications			42

P1.3 Human Resource Development

1.3.1 To promote development of Human Resources in advanced technology, management aspects and other important fields of telecommunications	C4	Organising training programmes for meeting the requirement of Membership.	Fellowships and training fee	Training Programmes (See Annexes 5,6) for details	200
1.3.2 To organise short term-study visits on various aspects of telecommunications in response to Members' request	C5	Study visits in APT Member countries	App 30 Fellowships @ US \$1500	Study visit (See Annex 7)	45
		Sub Total for P1.3 Human Resource Development			245
Sub Total for item P1 Development of Telecommunications P1.1+P1.2+P1.3					C 4 2 C5 C12
P1 = 367					

Liberalisation

1.1 Preparation of a Policy Document on Telecommunication Development Strategy for the Asia Pacific Region in the 21st Century.	C2	The APT High Level Meeting on Asia Pacific Telecommunications Development Strategy held in Shanghai from May 7-9 has recommended that APT should prepare a policy document on "Telecommunication Development Strategy for Asia Pacific region". It is proposed to get the document prepared by a group of two experts.	It is proposed to offer a contract for the entire work for a total amount of US\$ 30,000 Provision made for 3 expert months @ US\$10,000	Policy Document	30
2 Preparatory work for the second World Telecom Policy Forum (WTPF)	C6	The 20 th session of APT Management Committee has established a Working Group for making preparations for the second WTPF. Preparatory work will be done by electronic means.	See Item C6	Regional input to the second WTPF	
3 Seminar on Telecommunications Administrative Policy	EBC	To organise a seminar on Telecommunications Administration Programme approved by MC 20.	EBC	Seminar	EBC
4 Business Colloquium	C6	The APT High Level Meeting held in Shanghai has recommended to organise a Colloquium for business and government representatives to discuss the various issues involved and actions to be taken for promoting competitive environment with optimum benefits for the countries of the region.	See item C6	Organising Colloquium	See item C
5 Telecom Accounting Rate	NSA	To support the activities of the Voluntary Expert Group on Telecom Accounting Rate(VEGTAR).	NSA	Information, dissemination, harmonisation of views of the region	
5 Assistance to Emerging Economies in Asia-Pacific Region Market Liberalisation	NSA	To provide assistance to emerging economies of Asia-Pacific region to participate in the WTO telecommunications market liberalisation process.	NSA	Support from WB & InfoDev Assistance to countries as required (See Annex 18)	
	C 2	Sub Total P 2.1			30

P2.2 Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure					
P 2.2.1 To organise a Meeting on Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure	EBC	The High Level Meeting on A II has recommended organising A II Meeting annually.	EBC budget	Meeting for progressing the work of A II. (See Doc.No. MC-21/10.1 Annex 1)	EBC
P 2.2.2 To organise a workshop on Interactive Medical Curriculum Project request	C4	Project Proposal from Australia.	See Annex 8	Workshop	
P 2.2.3 To assist in conducting feasibility study for A II Project proposals on Virtual Post Office on Net and on Electronic Cultural Centre		Proposals from Republic of Korea	One manmonth of expert mission @ US\$ 10,000 per month (See Annex 9)	Feasibility study	EE
P 2.2.4 Interactive workshop utilising multimedia applications for distance learning	C 4	Proposal from India (See Annex 10)	NSA	Workshop.	C
P 2.2.5 Publishing a Compendium on A II	EBC	Compilation and Publication of a Compendium on A II. Recommended by the High Level Meeting on A II.	EBC	Compendium	EE
P 2.2.6 Project proposal on promoting Information Infrastructure in Pakistan and Maldives	C13	Project proposal . Request from Pakistan and Maldives	Expert Mission of ½ manmonth duration to Pakistan and ½ manmonth duration to Maldives @ US\$ 5,000 each	Project Proposal	I
P2.2	C 13	Sub total for item P2.2 Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure.			I
P2.3. Frequency Co-ordination					
P 2.3.1 Co-ordination Meeting on Radio interference	C 6	To organise a regional coordination meeting on radio interference (See Annex 11)	C6	Facilitating coordination in mitigating radio interference	C
P2.3		Sub Total			
P2(a)		Total for P2(a) Policy Issues	C 2 C 13		30 10 N:
2.1 Liberalisation					
2.2 AII					
2.3 Frequency Co-ordination					

Advanced Networks

1 To encourage internet uses .	NSA	To encourage the use of internet in APT Member countries and to accelerate the use of internet in APT work.		No specific allocation requested. Activity to be implemented through training programmes and study groups	NSA
1 To minimize information on advanced networks	NSA	Regular APT activity through Study Groups, Training Programmes and Seminars.			NSA
		Sub Total for P 2.4			<i>Nil</i>
Standards					
1 Establishment of Expert Group(s) on standardisation	NSA	To establish APT Expert Group(s) on Standardisation (EGS) on a trial basis to enhance mutual cooperation in standardisation in the region.	No specific expenditure involved. The Group(s) will work through electronic means.	Support and advice to Members	NSA
2 Meeting(s) of Ad-hoc Group on standardisation	C 6	To organise meeting (s) of ad-hoc group on standardisation	See C 6	Facilitating work of the Ad-hoc Group	C 6
		Sub Total for 2.5 Standards			<i>Nil</i>
Total for item b) Technology increment					Nil
Policy Issues and Technology increment	Sub Total of P2(a) +P 2 (b)				C2 30 C13 10

WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1998

Programme Item P 3 Inter-regional and Intra-regional Co-operation

P 4 Expert Mission

P 5 Meetings and Seminars

P 6 Study Group Activities

Programme/ Sub-Programme	Budget Item	Activity	Estimated Expenditure	Expected output	Alloca- (‘000)
P3 Inter-regional and Intra-regional Co-operation					
P 3.1 To assist Members in organising meetings of Telework	C 14	To assist Members in organising meetings of Telework-E, Telework-SE, and Telework-S, Telework-P (Fellowship upon request, preference will be given to LDCs) ⁴	20,000	Further progress in Telework activities	20
P3.2 To organise Meeting of South Asian Regulatory Council	C 14	To organise meeting of the South Asian Regulatory Council (Fellowship upon request, preference will be given to LDCs) (See Table 1)	10,000	Meeting of South Asian Regulatory Council	10
P 3.3 To conduct feasibility study for South Asian Optical Fibre Network and CCS7 Signalling	C 3	To conduct feasibility study for Optical fibre Network and CCS 7 Signalling for South Asia as recommended by the Steering Group on Project Implementation for South Asia	--	Feasibility Report	C3
P 3 Sub total regional and Intra regional cooperation					C14
P 4 Expert Missions					
P 4.1 Expert Missions	C3	To implement expert missions in response to Members' request ⁵	5 Manmonths @US\$ 9,000 per month	Support and advice to Members	C3
		P 4 Sub Total P 4			C3
P 5 Meetings and Seminars					
	C6	To organise Meetings and Seminars (See Table 1)	See Table 1		C6 9
Sub Total P 5	C 6				
P 6 Study Groups activities					
P 6.1 Editorial Group Meeting for SQ 1.3	C 7	Editorial Group Meeting	C 7	Progressing Study Group work	5

			US\$1,600 = 48,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare 1000 • Hotel 6x60 = 360 • Pocket allowance 6x40=240 Total 1,600 • Printing and Mailing for the SG Meeting Documents 6,000 • Hospitality 5,000 • Misc. 1,000 = 60,000 		
2 Printing and mailing	C 7	Printing and Mailing of Study Groups Reports	C 7	Output from Study Groups	10
	C 7	Sub Total P 6 Study Group Activities			75
APT Yearbook					
1 The APT Yearbook	No Allocation	Publication of APT Yearbook			
2 Publication of APT Members' Data Directory	No Allocation	Publication of APT Members' Data and Directory with a view to achieve around mid year updating of the data in the Yearbook . (See Annex 12)			
		Sub Total P7			Nil
APT Journal	No Allocation	Publication of APT Journal			No Allocation Requested
APT News	C 8	Publication of APT Newsletter	Printing and Mailing	Newsletter	5
0 Training of APT secretariat personnel	C 9	Training of APT secretariat Personnel	Training	Quality Improvement	5
1 Printing, documentation, mailing and communication	C 10				75

P 12 Office Automation Project	C 11	Development of LAN and internet applications in APT secretariat		See Annex 13	30
P 13 Library	C 15	Purchase of books and periodicals for the Library			5
P14 APT Component of UNDP Project (If required)	C 16				
P 15 Office Travel	C 1				40
P16 Preparatory works for future APT activities	---				
P17 Consultancy on Restructuring of APT Secretariat	C 18	To conduct a study on restructuring of the APT Secretariat (See Doc.No. MC-21/15.2)		Report	10
		Total of C item			795

Budget Item	Related Program Item	Work Program	Budget 1998	Indicative Budget 1999
C		WORK PROGRAMME		
C1	P15	Official Travel	40 000	60 000
C2	P2.1	Consultants	30 000	30 000
C3	P 4	Expert Mission	45 000	55 000
C4	P 1	Training Fellowships etc.	200 000	210 000
C5	P 1	Study Visits	45 000	60 000
C6	P 5	Meetings and Seminars	98 500	150 000
C7	P 6	Study Group Meeting	75 000	90 000
C8	P 9	APT News	5 000	10 000
C9	P10	Training/Study Visits for APT Secretariat Personnel	5 000	15 000
C10	P11	Printing of Documentation, Mailing, Telex and Other Expenditure	75 000	80 000
C11	P12	APT Office Automation Project	30 000	30 000
C12	P 1	Development of Telecommunications	92 000	100 000
C13	P 2	Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement	10 000	80 000
C14	P 3	Inter-regional and intra-regional co-operation	30 000	50 000
C15	P13	Purchase of Publications for APT Library	5 000	5 000
C18	P17	Report on Restructuring of APT Secretariat	10 000	--
		TOTAL OF C	795 500	1045 000

APPROVED EXPENDITURE FOR 1998
(IN US\$)

SUMMARY

Program Item	Work Program	Budget Item	Budget (in US\$)
	WORK PROGRAMME	C	
P 1	Development of Telecommunications	C12	92 000
	Training Fellowships	C4	200 000
	Study Visits	C5	45 000
P 2	Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement	C13	10 000
P 2.1	Consultants	C2	30 000
P 3	Inter-regional and Intra-regional Co-operation etc.	C14	30 000
P 4	Expert Mission	C3	45 000
P 5	Meetings and Seminars	C6	98 500
P 6	Study Group Meeting	C7	75 000
P 7	APT Yearbook	-	-
P 8	APT Journal	-	-
P 9	APT News	C8	5 000
P10	Training/Study Visits for APT Secretariat Personnel	C9	5 000
P11	Printing of Documentation, Mailing, Telex and Other Expenditure	C10	75 000
P12	APT Office Automation Project	C11	30 000
P13	Purchase of Publications for APT Library	C15	5 000
P15	Official Travel	C1	50 000
P17	Report on Restructuring of APT Secretariat	C 18	10 000
	TOTAL		795 500

The APT draft Work Program is a detailed list of all the activities proposed for the coming year. The Management Committee makes decisions on the final content of the Work Program on the basis of:

- the priorities agreed by the APT General Assembly
- the expected outcomes of the proposed project
- the relative cost of each project.

The Management Committee chooses those projects that will be most effective in achieving the objectives of the APT, and which can be implemented within the limits of the budget allocated for the Work Program.

In order to make these decisions the Management Committee requires full information on:

- the objective of the project
- its relationship to the priorities of the APT
- the activities that will be undertaken and the outputs that will be produced
- the total cost to the APT budget.

The General Assembly has established priorities for the work of the APT for 1997 to 1999 (see Doc No MC-21/10.2). This work plan covers three areas:

- Development of Telecommunications
- Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement
- Inter-regional and Intra-regional cooperation and closer interaction between Members and the Secretariat.

The General Assembly has also agreed that, in framing budgets for annual work programs, the Secretariat and the Management Committee should seek to maintain a balance between the categories of program activity in this order of priority, and that the Secretariat should provide an analysis indicating the proportion of budget allocated to each category (GA7, paragraphs 7.24 and 7.25).

Proposal 1

In order to implement these decisions, all the Work Program proposals for each year, and the associated financial information, should be presented to the Management Committee under the three priority categories.

Activities and projects that currently appear under different headings should be reviewed by the Management Committee to consider whether they should, in fact, belong to one of the priority work areas or whether they are not a priority activity and should therefore be discontinued.

Proposal 2

The draft Work Program for next year should include a summary table showing key information needed by the Management Committee to make decisions.

The summary table should show:

- the priority work area
- a project number and the project title
- a short description and explanation of the project
- the estimated full cost of the project

An example of a Summary Table in this format for the draft 1998 Work Program is attached (Attachment A).

Proposal 3

To assist the Management Committee to make decisions about the Work Program, the draft Work Program for the next year should include, in attachments, detailed information on each proposed project.

This information should include:

- the APT work priority to which the project will contribute
- a detailed description of the project
- an explanation of how the project will contribute to the APT priority
- the full cost of the proposal including estimates of the amounts to be spent under each Budget item eg: Official Travel; Consultants; Expert Mission Expenses; Fellowship Expenses; Workshop, Seminar, Study Group or other Meeting Expenses; and Documentation costs.
- an explanation of how the success for the project will be assessed.

Extra Budgetary Contributions 'in kind' from APT Members are a valuable way of increasing the scope of activities of the APT Work Program. However, some "in kind" contributions require the use of APT Secretariat resources (for example, Official Travel, or Secretariat staff time) to implement the activity. This can sometimes divert APT resources away from higher priority activities.

Proposal 4

Information should be provided in the draft Work Program on all activities proposed as Extra Budgetary Contributions including information on APT and Secretariat time and resources required to be used to implement the proposed activities.

Project	Description	Budget US\$	Total US\$
P1 DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS			
P1.1 Infrastructure Development			
1.1.1. Regional input to the Second ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference	The second WTDC will be held in Malta from 23 March to 1 April. The Secretariat has invited proposals and resolutions from APT Membership which will be coordinated and submitted to ITU. APT officials will attend the Conference.	Most costs will be borne by the Secretariat budget. Official travel costs estimated at ?. Other costs ?	?
1.1.2. Follow up of WTDC	Funding for specific requests from APT members for promoting Infrastructure Development	?	\$40,000
1.1.3 Follow up on organising APT exhibition	If consultant's proposal is accepted (MC-21/9) preparatory work will be required in 1998. See attachment 1.1.3 for details	Advisory Board meetings \$20,000, preparatory work and promotion 10,000, Travel \$10,000	\$40,000
1.1.4 Expert Missions (new item - previously P4)	Implement expert missions to provide support and advice to APT members in infrastructure development.	5 person months US\$10,000 per month	\$50,000
1.1.5 APT Component of UNDP project	APT cost of implementing UNDP project (if required)		10,000
P1.2 Rural and Remote Communications			
1.2.1. Development of Rural Communications in Mongolia	An expert mission on rural communications in Mongolia	2 person months @ US\$10,000	\$20,000
1.2.2. Worksop on Rural Communications	?	10 fellowships @ \$1500 Training fee @ \$6800 Miscellaneous \$200	\$22,000
1.2.3. Pilot Project on Community Communication Centres in rural Thailand	Study technical feasibility and socioeconomic impact of rural communications in Thailand	Consultant fee for feasibility report - \$10,000	\$10,000
P 1.3 Human Resource Development			
1.3.1 Training programmes requested by Members	To promote development of human resources by organising training programmes in advanced technology, management and other important fields of telecommunications..	Fellowships and training fees \$200,000 (include outside the Asia Pacific region \$20,000)	\$200,000
1.3.2 Study visits requested by Members	Study Visits in APT Member countries.	Approx 30 Fellowships @ US\$1500	\$45,000
Total cost of P1 Development of Telecommunications			?

SUGGESTED NEW FORMAT

Project	Description	Budget US\$	Total US\$
P2 POLICY ISSUES			
P2.1 Liberalisation			
2.1.1.Preparation of a policy document on telecommunication development strategy for the Asia Pacific Region in the 21st century	The APT High level Meeting on Asia Pacific Telecommunications Development Strategy held in Shanghai in May recommended that APT should prepare a policy document on Telecommunications Development Strategy for Asia Pacific region.	The document will be prepared by two experts at a contract cost of \$30,000.	\$30,000
2.1.2.Preparatory work for WTPF	The 20th session of the Management Committee established a Working Group to prepare for the second WTPF. It is proposed to organise a preparatory meeting to finalise APT input to the WTPF.	Venue ? Fellowships ? Official Travel ?	\$30,000
2.1.3.Seminar on Telecommunications Policy Administration	Seminar was approved by 20th MC. A 3 day seminar will be held in Tokyo on 25-27 February. It will be attended by the following APT officials:	Venue provided by EBC-Japan. APT resources required: Official Travel ?, etc	EBC-Japan, plus APT costs ?
2.1.4 Business Colloquium	APT High Level Meeting in Shanghai recommended a Colloquium for business and government representatives to discuss issues involved and actions to be taken for promoting competitive environment with optimum benefits for the countries of the region. It is proposed to hold the Colloquium for 3 days on 7-9 July. Location has yet to be decided. It may be organised jointly with the World Bank and WTO.	Venue ? Official Travel: ? Printing costs ? Other costs ?	\$60,000
2.1.5 Voluntary Expert Group on Telecom Accounting Rate (VEGTAR)	The Secretariat will provide support to the activities of VEGTAR through dissemination of information via e-mail and fax.	Costs will be absorbed within Staff and Administration budgets	Nil
P 2.2 Asia pacific Information Infrastructure			
2.2.1.Annual meeting on Asia Pacific Information Infrastructure	High Level Meeting on AII recommended an AII meeting annually to progress the work of AII. Meeting proposed in Thailand, 16-18 June. Secretariat resources will be required to coordinate meeting.	EBC - Japan	EBC
2.2.2 Workshop on Interactive Medical Curriculum Project	APT contribution to APEC project proposal - to enable non-APEC members of APT to participate in a workshop in Bangkok in mid-1998	Venue and support for workshop ? Fellowships for APT members ?	?

AII Project proposals on Virtual Post Office on Net, Electronic Cultural Centres and Tele-Vocational Education		mission @ \$10,000 per month	
2.2.4 Interactive workshop utilising multimedia applications for distance learning	Pilot project aimed at demonstrating multimedia applications for distance learning and remote library access, to be implemented by Department of Telecommunications, Govt of India	Training costs ? Fellowships ?	?
2.2.5 Publishing a compendium on AII	Compendium recommended by high level meeting on AII	Costs covered by EBC. Secretariat resources required ?	EBC-Japan
2.2.6 Promoting information infrastructure in Pakistan and Maldives	Proposal for expert mission requested by Pakistan and Maldives.	One person month expert mission costs @ US\$10,000	\$10,000
P2.3 Frequency Co-ordination			
2.3.1 Coordination meeting on Radio Interference.	To organise a regional coordination meeting on radio interference to facilitate coordination in mitigating radio interference. Meeting to be held in Thailand 5-6 May in conjunction with meeting on WRC	Meeting of ? days in Bangkok Venue ? Other costs ?	\$15,000
2.3.2 Expert Group meeting on WRC	To organise a short meeting of the expert group on WRC to follow up the developments of WRC 97. Proposed to be held in Thailand on 7 May	Estimated cost: Venue ?..... Fellowships ? Official Travel ? Documentation ?	?
P2.4 Advanced networks			
2.4.1 To encourage internet use and disseminate information on advanced networks.	An ongoing responsibility of the Secretariat through its own use of the Internet and through training programs, seminars and study groups	Included in Staff and Admin budget	Nil
P2.5 Standards			
2.5.1 Establishment of Expert Group(s) on Standardisation	To enhance mutual cooperation in standardisation in the region.	No additional expenditure required as groups will work through electronic means.	Nil
2.5.2 Meetings of Ad hoc Group on Standardisation	Organise a meeting(s) of the ad-hoc group on standardisation. Venue and duration to be agreed.	Based on average costs of meetings, 2 days in Bangkok @ ? per day	?
2.5.3 Regional meeting on Standardisation	Recommended by the second regional meeting on standardisation. Three days, April 21-23, India	Venue ? Official Travel ? Hospitality ? Documentation ? Fellowships ?	\$60,000

SUGGESTED NEW FORMAT

P2.6 Study Groups (new item - previously P6)			
2.6.1 Editorial Group Meeting for SQ 1.3			\$5,000
2.6.2 Study Groups Meeting			\$60,000
2.6.3 Study Group Documentation	Printing and mailing costs of study group documents		\$10,000
Total cost of proposed projects under Priority 2 Policy Issues			?
P3 INTER-REGIONAL AND INTRA-REGIONAL COOPERATION			
3.1 Assist members in organising meetings of Telework	To assist Members in organising meetings of Telework-E (China, 9-11 March), Telework-SE (Yangon, September), and Telework-S (Sri Lanka/Pakistan, July).	Fellowships for LDC - \$20,000	\$20,000
3.2 Organise a meeting of South Asian Regulatory Council	Meeting of the South Asian Regulatory Council is proposed to be held (when) (where) for ? days.	Venue: ? Official Travel ? Fellowships ?	\$10,000
3.3 Feasibility study for South Asian Optical Fibre Network and CCS7 signalling	Feasibility study recommended by Steering Group on Project Implementation for South Asia	Expert Mission to prepare feasibility report	?
Total cost of P3 projects			?
P4 APT PUBLICATIONS (new category)			
4.1 APT Yearbook	Publication of APT Yearbook. Editorial work by Secretariat	Costs ?	?
4.2 APT Members Data and Directory	New publication to update Yearbook data. Coordination by Secretariat.	Costs ?	?
4.3 APT Journal	Publication of APT Journal. Editorial work by Secretariat.	Costs ?	?
4.4 APT News	Publication of APT Newsletter. Editorial work by Secretariat	Printing Mailing	?
P5 OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (new category)			
5.1 Library	Acquire publications for APT library to meet the needs of Members.		\$5000
5.2 Consultancy on Restructuring of APT Secretariat	Consultant to report on restructuring of APT Secretariate (see Doc No MC-21/15.2)	Consultant \$20,000	\$20,000
5.3 Preparatory works for future APT activities	Allowance for implementation of unforeseen, high priority projects between MC meetings up to \$10,000.	To be allocated to project costs by ED as required.	\$10,000
Total Cost of Work Program Activities			?
<i>Deleted items</i>			
P4 Fynert Missions - details moved to P1			

- P11 Training, Documentation, Training and Communication - deleted, costs attributed to individual projects**
- P12 Office Automation Project - deleted, cost to Secretariat budget (B2 Office equipment purchase and maintenance)**
- P13 Library - moved to P5**
- P14 APT Component of UNDP Project - moved to P1**
- P15 Official Travel - deleted, costs attributed to individual projects**
- P16 Preparatory Works for Future APT Activities - moved to P5**
- P17 Consultancy of Restructuring of APT Secretariat - moved to P5**



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Annex 7

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET



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The Working Group on Budget commenced its deliberations on Tuesday 25 November, 1997 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Fidelo Dumlao, Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee. The List of Participants is attached as Attachment 1.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

It was agreed that the proposal from Australia on Proposed Changes to the Financial Regulations, the proposal from Thailand on the Value of Contribution Units, and any other matters with financial implications would be added to the Agenda. The adopted agenda is attached as Attachment 2.

2. Selection of Rapporteur

Ms. Venner, delegate from Australia, agreed to be rapporteur.

**3.1 Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 1996
(MC-21/11.1)**

Philippines queried the advance payment reported for Globe Telecom in 1996 when the same company was in arrears in 1997. The Secretariat explained that this was a mistake and had been corrected.

Sri Lanka asked why there was no fixed assets item in the balance sheet. The Philippines explained that under the accounting policies of the APT noted in the auditor's report, fixed assets were expensed in the year of purchase and did not appear in the balance sheet.

The Philippines requested further information on a number of items and a breakdown of withdrawals from the Staff Provident Fund. This was provided by the Secretariat.

The Philippines queried whether the APT was getting the best market rate. Attention was drawn to the report on investments as provided during the meeting, entitled "Investment of Funds". It was agreed that this should be provided each year as required by the Financial Regulations.

The Philippines requested clarification of Allowances and Contributions and Post Adjustment for Management Staff. The Secretariat explained that Allowances are based on UN salary rates. Also, that APT is using UN common system was adopted by the Special Working Group in 1989. The post adjustment has gone down because of the change in the Baht exchange rate.

The Philippines and New Zealand noted that the amount obligated for the last two months of the year for many items was very high. If this money was not required it could be rolled forward to 1998 and help to reduce the amount needed from contributions from Members. Korea noted that the estimated obligation in A and B had not been calculated very precisely and a more detailed assessment should be provided. Papua New Guinea requested information on what was really obligated so the Management Committee could make decisions. The Secretariat was asked to review the obligated amounts in all items in A, B and C to identify possible savings.

The Philippines suggested that the proposed obligation amount for B2 be deleted and considered as savings since no further fixed assets be bought in 1997. Also, B6 Miscellaneous Contingency be deleted and considered savings, to which the Meeting agreed.

The Secretariat produced a revised 1997 Budget which identified savings requested by Members. The revised 1997 budget was agreed for referral to the Plenary subject to inclusion of some further savings.

3.3 Consideration of the Value of the Unit Cost of Contributions

Thailand proposed flexibility in the value of contributory units, in recognition of the economic problems facing many members at present. It would be a problem for the APT if many countries deferred or could not pay their contributions.

The Chairman clarified that the value of units could be reduced by the Management Committee and sought comments from all members of the Working Group.

Australia noted that if the unit values were reduced they would increase the number of Extra Budgetary Contribution units and maintain the value of the total contribution.

New Zealand said any changes should be carefully considered, but would, in general, support consideration of a reduction. New Zealand also proposed reviewing the provisions of the Constitution that may prevent Members changing their commitment of units between General Assembly Meetings.

India, Lao, Papua New Guinea, Macau and Vietnam would have no objections to a reduction.

China would be able to maintain current contributions. China considered that the APT should be flexible for exceptional situations but suggested bilateral negotiation instead of a general reduction.

Brunei and Indonesia reserved their comments.

Iran supported keeping the value at the same level. Japan and Korea expressed concern that a reduction would limit the usefulness of the APT. Both Japan and Korea would be unable to increase their extra budgetary contributions if the value of units declined.

Philippines and Malaysia supported Thailand's proposal. The APT must take account of the conditions in many Asia-Pacific countries. APT has some reserve funds that can be used to assist, e.g. the Journal and Yearbook.

The Deputy Executive Director explained that the Secretariat recognised current economic problems and for this reason had kept the value of units at the 1997 level. This could be done without affecting activities. He further explained that from the APT Secretariat's point of view, deferring the payment of contributions to 1998 or even to 1999 could be a foreseeable way to assist certain members that require to do so and refer the matter to the next Management Committee in 1998 and/or the General Assembly in 1999 for reconsideration.

There was discussion about the requirements of the Constitution that prevent Members from changing their unit pledges between General Assembly Meetings, and about the nature of individual arrangements that could be made to defer payments.

Japan stated that they would have difficulty recovering the unit value if it was reduced.

After further discussion, China suggested setting two rates of units. Members who do not have extreme economic and financial difficulties will continue to pay US\$7640 per unit but Members with economic difficulties can request the Management Committee to allow them to pay a lower rate as a temporary measure.

China. This was supported by Malaysia and Thailand.

Japan suggested that this rate should be an exceptional one and limited to countries with extreme economic and financial difficulties.

There was agreement that this was a good proposal and should be recommended to the Plenary. Thailand thanked the Members for their assistance in finding an acceptable solution.

3.4 Budget Estimates for the year 1998 (MC-21/11.3)

The Deputy Executive Director introduced the document.

Philippines asked for the basis of the proposed 17% increase in total expenditure. The Deputy Executive Director explained that many new activities are being introduced reflecting the priorities set by the Management Committee.

A. Staff

Australia introduced an Australian proposal on staff salary and conditions for consideration. The proposal recommends that no new appointments, replacements or contract renewals be made on UN salary rates unless the Management Committee is satisfied that suitable staff cannot be found on other rates of pay. Philippines, New Zealand, China and Papua New Guinea expressed support for the proposal. Vietnam suggested that APT salaries could be based on a percentage of the UN rate. Korea and Japan suggested there had been insufficient time to consider the proposal and noted that similar issues are being considered by other Working Groups.

The Deputy Executive Director pointed out that this change in policy would need to be reflected in the Staff Rules and Regulations. It would also introduce a double standard system of pay and conditions in APT.

It was agreed that the Working Group would note the proposal and refer it to the Plenary for consideration.

The report of the Executive Director on the two newly recruited staff was distributed. The staff were appointed on one year contracts in April and June 1997. The Executive Director requested that they be reappointed for 3 years when their contracts expire in 1998. It was agreed to recommend that they could be ~~re-appointed for one year~~ but subject to the outcome of any review of staff structures agreed by the Work Program Working Group. ~~The Executive Director would report to the next Management Committee Meeting on whether they are still needed after that.~~

B. Administration

It was agreed that the total Administration budget should be \$100,000.

C. Work Program

There was considerable discussion about the Work Program component of the Budget.

The Philippines noted that there was no evaluation of whether expert missions were successful. China noted that the cost estimates of work program items should include ~~more detailed and clearer information~~ so as to save time on questions and answers during the deliberations. China also suggested that many training courses were too small and were not cost effective. The Secretariat agreed to consider combining or enlarging courses.

Korea requested allocation of US\$10,000 for Workshop of Study Group in accordance with program working group's discussion, and this was accepted under budget item C4.

Director of Project Development reported on the outcome of the Work Program group meeting. ~~It was noted by several delegates that it was difficult for the Budget Group to assess the impact on the Budget of the decisions taken in the Work Program Group because the information provided was not clear.~~

Australia noted that the Working Group on Work Program was considering a proposal to present the Work Program on a project basis. Philippines and China expressed support for this approach.

The Working Group agreed to Singapore's request to allocate funds to support the Working Group on preparation for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 1998 under item C-12. and Tonga's request for funds to support a meeting of Telework-Pacific, under item C-14.

In line with the decision of the Working Group on the Work Program to set up a special working party in relation to Restructuring of the Secretariat, the group agreed to allocate US\$10,000 to support the Special Working Party under item C-18.

It was agreed to recommend a total Work Program allocation of \$795,500, subject to some clarification of decisions in the Work Program group.

On this basis the Budget estimates for 1998, as revised, were recommended for approval.

Australia reminded delegates that the last Management Committee had recommended that Members seek clarification from the Secretariat on Budget matters before the meeting starts.

4.2 Report on Extra-Budgetary Contributions for the year 1997 (MC-21/12.2)

The above two papers were noted by the working group.

5. Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Financial Regulations of the APT

Australia introduced a proposal to revise the Financial Regulations to bring them up to date and to provide clearer guidance to the Secretariat. Some changes are minor. Two major changes are the change of the structure for presentation of the budget, and to close the APT Yearbook and Journal account and move the accumulated reserves into the normal APT Fund.

New Zealand, Singapore, Iran, Brunei Darussalam, Thailand, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea expressed support for the Australian proposal.

Japan said that changes to the regulations should be studied carefully considering the opinion of the APT Secretariat and there should be more time to consider the proposal.

Philippines and Vietnam said the proposal had merit but there should be more time to consider it.

The Deputy Executive Director also suggested more time was needed.

There was some discussion of the proposal to delete reference to the Tax Equalisation Fund from the Regulations. The Philippines said it should be deleted as it was not used and had a zero balance. The Secretariat suggested it might be needed again in future and should be retained but appear in the accounts as zero. No agreement was reached on this matter.

The Chair noted that there was no strong opposition to the proposals and it was agreed to refer them to the Plenary for further consideration.

6. **No other matters were raised.**

7. Adoption of the Report

The Report was adopted.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Members for their participation which had led to a positive outcome, and thanked the rapporteur for her work.

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WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET

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**WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET
AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Selection of the Rapporteur of the working Group on Budget.
3. Consideration of the Finances of the Telecommunity.
 - 3.1 Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 1996 (MC-21/11.1).
 - 3.2 Revised Budget for the year 1997 (MC-21/11.2).
 - 3.3 Consideration of the Value of the Unit Cost of Contribution.
 - 3.4 Budget Estimates for the year 1998 (MC-21/11.3).
 - 3.5 All the documents that have budgetary implications.
4. Consideration of the Extra Budgetary Contribution.
 - 4.1 Extra-Budgetary Contribution in Cash and in Kind to be Pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate members and Other Organizations (MC-21/12.1).
 - 4.2 Report on Extra-Budgetary Contributions for the year 1997 (MC-21/12.2).
5. Consideration of Proposed changes to Financial Regulations of the APT.
6. Any Other Matters.
7. Adoption of the Report of the Working Group on Budget.

EXPENSES	APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENSES TO 31 OCTOBER 1997	OBLIGATION	BALANCE	PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET	NOTE
A. STAFF EXPENSES						
A.1 Management Staff						
Salary	253,030	202,352	44,600	6,078	246,952	
Allowances & Contributions:	108,350	75,868	18,392	14,090	94,260	
Post Adjustment	90,590	56,334	11,000	23,256	67,334	
Total of A.1	451,970	334,554	73,992	43,424	408,546	
A.2 General Service Staff						
A.2.1 Existing Staff						
Salary	225,240	153,147	72,093	0	225,240	
Allowances & Contributions and overtime	65,620	46,810	18,810	0	65,620	
Total of A.2.1	290,860	199,957	90,903		290,860	
A.2.2 Newly Recruited Staff						
Salary	25,310	8,974	5,050	11,286	14,024	
Allowances & Contributions	5,550	2,715	1,338	1,497	4,053	
Total of A.2.2	30,860	11,689	6,388	12,783	18,077	
Total of A.2	321,720	211,646	97,291	12,783	308,937	
Total of A.	773,690	546,200	171,283	56,207	717,483	
B. ADMINISTRATION						
B.1 General Office Expenses	70,000	45,880	13,442	10,678	59,322	
B.2 Office Equipment / Fixed Assets	8,000	3,492	2,100	2,408	5,592	
B.3 GA & MC Meetings	14,000	7,433	13,200	(6,633)	20,633	
B.4 Auditor Fees	4,500	0	4,500	0	4,500	
B.5 Legal Advisor Fees	1,500	347	100	1,053	447	

REVISED BUDGET 1997

EXPENSES	APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENSES TO 31 OCTOBER 1997	OBLIGATION	BALANCE	PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET	NOTES
contingencies	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	
	100,000	57,152	33,342	9,506	90,494	
PROGRAM						
Travel	40,000	38,332	1,668	0	40,000	
Assistance	45,000	4,973	18,000	22,027	22,973	
Fellowships	200,000	141,188	58,812	0	200,000	
Conferences & Seminars	45,000	10,947	12,473	21,580	23,420	
Workshops Meeting	100,000	153,306	2,694	(56,000)	156,000	
Postage	80,000	58,499	501	21,000	59,000	
Telephone	8,000	2,348	1,102	4,550	3,450	
Interpreter or APT Secretariat Personnel	8,000	1,484	2,516	4,000	4,000	
Transportation, Mailing, Telex	80,000	63,657	16,343	0	80,000	
Printing expenditures						
Equipment	30,000	9,125	9,875	11,000	19,000	
Telephone	80,000	28,875	5,005	46,120	33,880	
Postage & Technology Enhancement	75,000	17,864	7,376	49,760	25,240	
Inter Regional Cooperation	30,000	18,356	5,504	6,140	23,860	
Publications for APT library	5,000	2,542	2,458	0	5,000	
Support for UNDP Projects	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	
Workshops for APT Activities	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	
	846,000	551,496	144,327	150,177	695,823	
	1,719,690	1,154,848	348,952	215,890	1,503,800	

EXPENSES	REVISED BUDGET 1997	PROPOSED BUDGET 1998	Notes	VARIATION 1998-1997	INDICATIVE BUDGET 1999
A. STAFF EXPENSES					
A.1 Management Staff					
Salary	246,952	258,740		5%	276,340
Allowances & Contributions	94,260	121,010		28%	258,110
Post Adjustment	67,334	69,860		4%	74,610
Total of A.1	408,546	449,610		10%	609,060
A.2 General Service Staff					
A.2.1 Existing Staff					
Salary	225,240	237,600		5%	247,010
Allowances & Contributions and overtime	65,620	69,980		7%	73,070
Total of A.2.1	290,860	307,580		6%	320,080
A.2.2 Newly Recruited Staff					
Salary	14,024	27,030		93%	28,420
Allowances & Contributions	4,053	8,470		109%	8,750
Total of A.2.2	18,077	35,500		96%	37,170
Total of A.2	308,937	343,080		11%	357,250
Total of A.	717,483	792,690		10%	966,310
B. ADMINISTRATION					
B.1 General Office Expenses	59,322	70,000		18%	78,000
B.2 Office Equipment / Fixed Assets	5,592	8,000			8,200
B.3 GA & MC Meetings	20,633	15,000		(27%)	16,000
B.4 Auditor Fees	4,500	4,500		0%	4,800
B.5 Legal Advisor Fees	447	1,000			1,500

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998 AND 1999

EXPENSES	REVISED BUDGET 1997	PROPOSED BUDGET 1998	Notes	VARIATION 1998-1997	INDICATIVE BUDGET 1999
& Contingencies	-	1,500			1,500
	90,494	100,000		11%	110,000
ARK PROGRAMME					
ial Travel	40,000	40,000		0%	60,000
ultants	-	30,000			30,000
rt Mission	22,973	45,000		96%	55,000
ing & Fellowships	200,000	200,000			210,000
/ Visits	23,420	45,000		92%	60,000
ings & Seminars	156,000	98,500		(37%)	150,000
/ Groups Meeting	59,000	75,000		27%	90,000
Newsletter	3,450	5,000		45%	10,000
ing for APT Secretariat Personnel	4,000	5,000		25%	15,000
imentation, Mailing, Telex	80,000	75,000		(6%)	80,000
her Expenditures					
Office Automation	19,000	30,000		58%	30,000
lopment of Telecoms.	33,880	92,000		172%	100,000
y Issues & Technology Enhancement	25,240	10,000		(60%)	80,000
& Inter Regional Cooperation	23,860	30,000		26%	50,000
nase of Publications for APT library	5,000	5,000			5,000
s Support for UNDP Projects	-	-			10,000
aratory Works for APT Activities	-	-			10,000
ucturing of APT Secretariat	-	10,000			-
	695,823	795,500		14%	1,045,000
B+C	1,503,800	1,688,190		12%	2,121,310

	1997 Budget Revised @7,640 0%	1998 Budget @7,640 0%	1999 Indicative Budget @8,330 9%
Contribution cost per unit Percentage increase in unit cost:			
Balance at beginning of year	656,029	727,389	688,333
Income			
Pledged Contribution	1,482,160	1,501,260 *	1,636,845 *
Pledged Contribution		30,000 **	36,000 **
Participation fees	55,390	74,490	81,218
Interest Earned	65,500	53,384	58,130
APT Publication	1,405	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	705	-	-
Total Income	1,605,160	1,659,134	1,812,193
Grand Total	2,261,189	2,386,523	2,500,525
Expenditure			
Section A: Staff	717,483	792,690	966,310
Section B: Administration	90,494	100,000	110,000
Section C: Work Programme	695,823	795,500	1,045,000
Total Expenditure	1,503,800	1,688,190	2,121,310
Toward Sinking Fund for Assets	10,000	10,000	10,000
Towards APT Building Support Fund	20,000	-	-
Balance at the end of year (1)	727,389	688,333	369,215

Total of unit for Contributor 194.00 202.5 202.5

* Contribution unit value =US\$7,640.00

**Contribution unit value =US\$5,000 for 1998 and US\$6,000 for 1999
(Thailand and Philippines)

Amended

On the basis of exchange rate.

The Reserve Funds	1997	1998	1999
Sinking Fund for Assets			
Balance at beginning of year	39,089	27,929	23,446
Additions	10,000	10,000	10,000
Interest earned during the year	2,000	1,517	1,338
Withdrawals	(23,160)	(16,000)	(20,000)
	27,929	23,446	14,784
APT Headquarters' Building Support Fund			
Opening Fund	31,226	29,246	25,246
Additional	20,000	-	-
Interest earned during the year	1,700	1,000	900
Withdrawals	(23,680)	(5,000)	(5,000)
	29,246	25,246	21,146
Total Balance of reserve funds at the end end of the year (2)	57,175	48,693	35,930
Balance at the end of the year as shown in auditor's Report (1)+(2)	784,564	737,026	405,146

NAME OF ADMINISTRATION	UNIT	VALUE	UNIT	VALUE	TOTAL
	@ 7,640	IN US\$	@ 7,640	IN US\$	CONTRIBUTION

MEMBERS (29)

1. Afghanistan	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
2. Australia	15	114,600	11	84,040	198,640
3. Bangladesh	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
4. Brunei Darussalam	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
5. China	10	76,400	5	38,200	114,600
6. India	4	30,560	4	30,560	61,120
7. Indonesia	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
8. Iran	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
9. Japan	40	305,600	0	-	305,600
10. Korea, DPR	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
11. Korea, Rep of	10	76,400	0	-	76,400
12. Lao, PDR	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
13. Malaysia	4	30,560	0	-	30,560
14. Maldives	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
15. Micronesia	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
16. Mongolia	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
17. Myanmar	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
18. Nauru	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
19. Nepal	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
20. New Zealand	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
21. Pakistan	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
22. Palau	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
23. Papua New Guinea	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
24. Philippines	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
25. Singapore	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
26. Sri Lanka	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
27. Thailand	4	30,560	0	-	30,560
28. Tonga	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
29. Vietnam	1.5	11,460	0	-	11,460
	114.50	874,780	20.00	152,800	1,027,580

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (4)

1. Cook Islands	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
2. Hong Kong, China	4	30,560	0	-	30,560
3. Macau	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
4. Niue	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
	5.5	42,020	0	-	42,020

PLEGGED CONTRIBUTION FOR 1997

0% increase in unit cost

NAME OF ADMINISTRATION	REGULAR		EXTRA BUDGETARY		TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
	UNIT @ 7,640	VALUE IN US\$	UNIT @ 7,640	VALUE IN US\$	
AFFILIATE MEMBERS (36)					
1. Asiasat (HKG)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
2. Binariang (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
3. Capwire (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
4. CAT ,Thailand (THA)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
5. Celcom (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
6. Dacom (KOR)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
7. DDI (JPN)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
8. Dhiraagu (MLD)	1	7,640	0.5	3,820	11,460
9. ETPI (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
10. Globe Telecom (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
11. HK Telecom (HKG)	3	22,920	0	-	22,920
12. Hutchison (HKG)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
13. JSAT (JPN)	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
14. KDD (JPN)	10	76,400	0	-	76,400
15. Korea Telecom (KOR)	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
16. Motorola Aircom. (HKG)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
17. Mutiara Telecom (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
18. NTT (JPN)	10	76,400	0	-	76,400
19. Philcom (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
20. Philcomsat (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
21. PLDT (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
22. PT Indosat (INS)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
23. PT PSN (INS)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
24. PT Ratelindo (INS)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
25. PT Satelindo (INS)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
26. PT Telekom (INS)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
27. SCC (JPN)	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
28. Singapore Telecom (SIN)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
29. SK Telecom (KOR)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
30. Sri Lanka Telecom (SLK)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
31. Telekom Malaysia (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
32. Telstra (AUS)	5	38,200	0	-	38,200
33. Time Telecom (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
34. TOT , Thailand (THA)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
35. VSNL (IND)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
36. Wharf Comm (HKG)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
TOTAL	54.00	412,560	0.50	3,820	416,380
GRAND TOTAL	174.00	1,329,360	20.50	156,620	1,485,980

NAME OF ADMINISTRATION	MEMBER COUNTRY		LEADER COUNTRY		TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
	UNIT @ 7,640	VALUE IN US\$	UNIT @ 7,640	VALUE IN US\$	
MEMBERS (29)					
1. Afghanistan	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
2. Australia	15	114,600	8	61,120	175,720
3. Bangladesh	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
4. Brunei Darussalam	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
5. China	10	76,400	5	38,200	114,600
6. India	4	30,560	4	30,560	61,120
7. Indonesia	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
8. Iran	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
9. Japan	40	305,600	0	-	305,600
10. Korea ,DPR	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
11. Korea ,Rep of	20	152,800	0	-	152,800
12. Lao , PDR	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
13. Malaysia	4	30,560	0	-	30,560
14. Maldives	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
15. Micronesia	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
16. Mongolia	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
17. Myanmar	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
18. Nauru	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
19. Nepal	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
20. New Zealand	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
21. Pakistan	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
22. Palau	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
23. Papua New Guinea	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
24. Philippines	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
25. Singapore	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
26. Sri Lanka	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
27. Thailand	4	30,560	0	-	30,560
28. Tonga	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
29. Vietnam	1.5	11,460	0	-	11,460
	124.5	951,180	17.00	129,880	1,081,060

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1. Cook Islands	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
2. Hong Kong,China	4	30,560	0	-	30,560
3. Macau	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
4. Niue	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
	5.5	42,020	0	-	42,020

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	UNIT @ 7,640	VALUE IN US\$	UNIT @ 7,640	VALUE IN US\$	

AFFILIATE MEMBERS (36)

1. Asiasat (HKG)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
2. Binariang (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
3. Capwire (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
4. CAT, Thailand (THA)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
5. Celcom (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
6. Dacom (KOR)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
7. DDI (JPN)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
8. Dhiraagu (MLD)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
9. ETPI (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
10. Globe Telecom (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
11. HK Telecom (HKG)	3	22,920	0	-	22,920
12. Hutchison (HKG)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
13. JSAT (JPN)	2	15,280	0	-	15,280
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21. PLDT (PHL)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
22. PT Indosat (INS)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
23. PT PSN (INS)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
24. PT Ratelindo (INS)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
25. PT Satelindo (INS)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
26. PT Telekom (INS)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
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30. Sri Lanka Telecom (SLK)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
31. Telekom Malaysia (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
32. Telstra (AUS)	5	38,200	0	-	38,200
33. Time Telecom (MLA)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
34. TOT, Thailand (THA)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
35. VSNL (IND)	1	7,640	0	-	7,640
36. Wharf Comm (HKG)	0.5	3,820	0	-	3,820
TOTAL	55.50	424,020	-	-	424,020

GRAND TOTAL

195.5

1,417,220

17.0

129,980

1,547,100

PARTICIPATING COMPANY	UNIT	VALUE IN US\$	VALUE IN US\$
		1997 @7,640	1998 @7,640
AUSTRALIA			
1. Telecommunications aeromautiques (SITA)	0.25	1,910	2,083
2. Nortel Australia Pty., Ltd.	1	7,640	8,330
3. Ericsson Australia Pty., Ltd.	1	7,640	8,330
BANGLADESH			
Totaltel Private Limited	0.25	1,910	2,083
INDIA			
Shyam Telecom Limited	0.25	1,910	2,083
JAPAN			
Nippon Comsys Corporation	0.25	1,910	2,083
MACAU			
1. Companhia de Telecommunicacoes de Macau	0.25	1,910	2,083
2. Protugal Telecom (Asia) Ltd.	0.25	1,910	2,083
MALAYSIA			
Ericsson Business Communications East Asia	1	7,640	8,330
PAKISTAN			
Telecard Limited	0.25	1,910	2,083
SINGAPORE			
1. Nokia Telecommunications Singapore Private Ltd.	0.5	3,820	4,165
2. ICO Global Communications	1.0	7,640	8,330
3. Alcatel Singapore Pte., Ltd.	1.0	7,640	8,330
KOREA			
1. Daewoo Telecom Ltd.	0.5	-	4,165
2. Hyundai Electronics Industries Co., Ltd.	0.5	-	4,165
3. Hanwha Corporation/Telecom	0.5	-	4,165
4. LG Informatin & Communications.L	0.5	-	4,165
5. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	0.5	-	4,165
TOTAL	9.75	55,390.00	81,217.50

Australian proposal on Efficient use of APT Resources on Staffing

The APT already faces increasing pressure on its resources and this trend will continue as member governments face stricter financial disciplines on their ability to contribute, and non-government members and participants expect a high degree of efficiency and accountability in the use of any resources that they contribute to the APT.

Members recognize and appreciate the high quality and dedication of the current APT staff, who are employed on scales of pay and allowances that are common to UN organisations. These scales are set on the assumption that staff are foreigners living temporarily in Bangkok, and that the APT will wish to recruit its staff from any member country.

However, it is clear from the experience of other organisations (for example, foreign companies and diplomatic missions) that very high quality staff, who are qualified and experienced in the kind of work done in the APT Secretariat, are readily available for employment in Bangkok.

The difference in pay scales between UN rates and locally-engaged staff rates may be between 200-300%, depending on the allowances due to individuals under the UN system. For the same outlays, the APT could employ perhaps twice as many equivalent staff if they are available at locally-engaged staff rates. Such staff would still enjoy certain privileges and benefits of employment by an international organisation (eg tax exemptions)

In the APT, the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director are appointed directly by the Management Committee and all other staff are appointed by the Executive Director.

The Management Committee may provide general guidance to the Executive Director on staffing matters and under the Constitution the Management Committee may determine rates of pay and conditions for staff.

Considering the financial realities facing the APT, it is proposed that the Management Committee direct that:

1. No new staff should be appointed on UN pay rates and conditions unless the Management Committee agrees that appropriate staff can not be found for local-engagement.

At the last Management Committee meeting it was agreed that improvements are needed to the presentation of the APT budget papers.

It is proposed that the Management Committee agree to changes to the Financial Regulations to establish clearly the rules for presentation of the accounts.

There is an opportunity to include more information for Members about the finances of the APT and to reduce the number of questions asked by the Management Committee Members when the budget is being discussed.

The following changes are proposed:

Classification of Expenditure Items

Article 5 and Article 6 of the Financial Regulations recommend the sub-headings that should be used for presenting information on the expenditure and income of the APT. The actual sub-headings used in the Budget papers differ from these, particularly in relation to the Work Program.

There are now about 17 different sub-headings in the work program section of the budget. Many of these sub-headings are confusing and it is difficult to see what the funds are used for. For example, categories such as *Development of Telecommunications (C12)*, *Policy Issues and Technology Enhancement (C13)*, *Inter-regional and intra-regional cooperation (C14)*, and *Preparatory Work for Future APT Activities (C17)* do not explain clearly what will be done with the money. In actual fact the funds in these items are used for Expert Missions, Meetings or Consultants and could easily be included under those items in the Budget.

It is proposed that Article 5 (2) of the Financial Regulations be amended as follows to specify the sub-headings to be used for presenting Budget information.

The new section 5 (2) of the regulations would be:

5 (2) The sections shall be divided into sub-heads as follows:

Section A: Staff

A.1 Staff of Professional Category

Salary

Allowances and contributions

Post adjustment

A.2 Staff of General Service Category

Salary

Allowance, Contributions and Overtime

A.3 Any other staff expenditure (including staff training)

Section B: Administration

- B.1 General Office Expenditure (including Building Maintenance)*
- B.2 Office Equipment (including Office Automation)*
- B.3 General Assembly and Management Committee Meetings*
- B.4 Auditor and Legal Adviser*
- B.5 Payment to Sinking Fund for Assets*
- B.6 Payment to Building Support Fund*
- B.7 Other Expenditure*

Section C: Work Program

- C.1 Official Travel*
- C.2 Consultants*
- C.3 Expert Missions*
- C.4 Training and Fellowships*
- C.5 Study Visits*
- C.6 Meetings, Workshops, Seminars.*
- C.7 Documentation, Communication and Mailing Expenses of Work Program*
- C.8 Production costs of Yearbook and Journal*
- C.9 Other expenditure (including support for UNDP Projects, library purchases etc)*

The Chart of Accounts in the new accounting software system should be set up to reflect the Financial Regulations. Using a smaller number of clearly defined sub-headings will make it easier to classify expenses. This will also ensure that there is consistency in the presentation of financial information from year to year and that the purpose of all expenditure is clear. Details of specific projects implemented through the Budget will be provided in the Work Program papers and do not need also to be described in the Budget papers.

If the Management Committee in future considers there is a need for different sub-headings in the budget this should be discussed at the Management Committee meeting and changes made to the Financial Regulations.

Attachment A shows how the current 1998 budget proposal would appear in this format.

Definition of Income

Article 6 list the items of income of the Telecommunity that should be shown in the Budget. The current Financial Regulations do not mention several categories of income that are now quite significant. For example, it does not include:

- Participation Fees of Supporting Organisations
- Income from other APT activities

Article 6(1) (c) specifies that "income derived from proceeds of the Telecommunity's publications" should be included as income of the APT.

Definition of Special Accounts

Article 13 (2) specifies the special accounts that shall be kept separately and reported to each MC and GA meeting. They are

- the Contributory Provident Fund
- the Tax Equalization Fund
- the Renewal/Depreciation Fund for fixed assets.

Transfers to these funds are shown as expenditure of the Telecommunity, and transfers from the funds are shown as income.

The Management Committee agreed in 1995 to transfer funds to a Building Support Fund. This fund is not included in the Financial Regulations as an authorised special account.

It is proposed that Article 13 (2) be amended to include a new item (d) The APT Headquarters Building Support Fund and that payments into and transfers out of the fund be shown in the budget.

The Financial Regulations do not include the APT Journal and Yearbook Account as an authorised special account of the APT. If the Management Committee wishes to continue the APT Journal and Yearbook Account as a separate fund the Financial Regulations should be amended to reflect the Management Committee's wishes. However, as noted above, the Financial Regulations already specify that proceeds from APT publications should be counted as income of the APT. These funds could be used to program expenditure in future years.

It is proposed that proceeds from the APT Yearbook and Journal be counted as income of the APT in future accounts, and that the APT Yearbook and Journal Account be wound up and the balance transferred to the normal APT fund.

It is noted the Tax Equalization Fund is no longer required. In 1990 the Management Committee agreed to close this fund. The Financial Regulations should therefore be amended. The agreement of the Management Committee would be needed if it was every necessary to reopen the account.

It is proposed that Article 13 (2) be amended to delete item (b) the Tax Equalization Fund.

Example**Notes to the Budget**

1. Professional Staff Salaries: Includes the following staff
 - ED \$
 - DED
 - DPD
 - AAO

Plus 10% allocation for revision of UN salary scales \$24,624
2. Professional Staff Allowances
Details
3. Post Adjustment
4. General Service Staff Salaries: This item includes both permanent staff and two newly recruited staff as follows:
 - Existing staff
 - GS 6/11 \$...
 - etc

 - Newly recruited staff
 - Programme Assistant \$15,877
 - Typist Clerk \$ 7,631

Plus 15% allowance for revision of UN scales.
5. Allowances and Contributions:
 - Existing Staff
 - etc

 - Newly recruited staff
 - etc
6. Overtime
Overtime is paid under the following conditions:.....etc
7. Other staff costs
Includes staff training in English and computing skills and study visits for staff. Approx x: hours of English at \$x an hour, plus other training as required.
8. General Office Expenses:
 - Electricity
 - Water
 - Cleaning
 - gardening
 - building repairs
 - Security
 - communications (ie telephone charges?)
 - insurance
 - stationery

10. GA and MC meetings
Cost of venue and other expenses of MC meeting to be held in November 1998
11. Auditor and Legal Adviser
Description/breakdown
12. Sinking Fund for Assets MC is requested to input \$10,000 in 1998 and 1999.
13. Building Support fund
No additions to the Building Support Fund are required this year.
14. Other Expenditure
Details
15. Official Travel
List
16. Consultants
List
17. Expert Missions
List
18. Training and Fellowships
List
19. Study Visits
List
20. Meetings, Seminars, Workshops
This item includes Study Group Meetings.
21. Documentation, Communication and Mailing Expenses
Comprises cost of printing and distributing reports of meetings, study groups etc, and costs of electronic communication of Study Groups, Expert Groups etc.
22. Other work program expenditure
Comprises:
Purchase of publications for library \$
APT's support for UNDP projects, if required \$
Preparatory Works for APT Activities not included in the draft work program up to \$10,000
Production of APT Newsletter \$

EXAMPLE OF NEW FUKUMAI -
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998, 1999 and 2000

EXPENSES	Revised Budget 1997	Proposed Budget 1998	% Variation	Notes	Indicative Budget 1999
PENSES					
Staff					
	253,030	271,060	7.13%	1	276,340
& Contributions	108,350	126,780	17.01%	2	258,760
ment	90,590	73,190	-19.21%	3	74,610
	451,970	471,030	4.22%		609,710
Staff					
	250,550	264,630	5.62%	4	275,430
& Contributions	63,170	69,450	9.94%	5	71,820
	8,000	9,000	12.50%	6	10,000
	321,720	343,080	6.64%		357,250
Costs (new)	5,000	10,000	100.00%	7	15,000
	778,690	824,110	5.83%		981,960
GRATION					
Office Expenses	70,000	74,400	6.29%	8	78,000
ment (including Office					
)	27,000	38,000	40.74%	9	38,200
Meetings	14,000	15,000	7.14%	10	16,000
Legal Advisor	6,000	6,100	1.67%	11	6,300
er					
id for Assets (new)	10,000	10,000	0.00%	12	10,000
pport Fund (new)	20,000	0		13	0
nditure (misc & contingencies)	2,000	1,500	-25.00%	14	1,500
	149,000	145,000	-2.68%		150,000

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998, 1999 and 2000

EXPENSES		Revised Budget 1997	Proposed Budget 1998	% Variation	Notes	Indicative Budget 1999
C	WORK PROGRAMME					
C1	Official Travel	40,000	50,000	25.00%	15	60,000
C2	Consultants	-	40,000	na	16	30,000
C3	Expert Missions	70,000	80,000	14.29%	17	135,000
C4	Training and Fellowships	200,000	222,000	11.00%	18	210,000
C5	Study Visits	21,190	45,000	112.36%	19	60,000
C6	Meeting, Seminars, Workshops	262,640	270,000	2.80%	20	290,000
..	Study Groups	Combined with C6 Meetings				
	APT Newsletter	Moved to C9 Other Expenditure				
	Training/Study visits for APT Secretariat personnel	Moved to A3 Other Staff Expenses				
	Documentation, communication and mailing expenses of work program					
C7	APT Office Automation	80,000	75,000	-6.25%	21	80,000
	Development of Telecoms	Included in item B2 Office Equipment				
	Policy Issues & Technology Enhancement	Included in C2 (\$10,000), C3 (\$20,000), C4 (\$22,000) and balance to C8 Other expenditure.				
	Intra & Inter Regional Cooperation	Included in C3 Expert Missions				
	Purchase of publications for APT Library	Included in C6 Meetings				
	APT's Support for UNDP Projects	Included in C9 Other				
	Preparatory Works for APT Activities	Included in C9 Other				
	Restructuring of APT Secretariat	Included in C2 Consultants				
C8	Production costs of Yearbook and Journal	11,671	12,000	2.82%	22	12,000
C9	Other work program expenditure	42,000	35,000	-16.67%	23	135,000
	TOTAL C	727,501	829,000	13.95%		1,012,000
	TOTAL A+B+C	1,655,191	1,798,110	8.63%		2,143,000



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Annex 8

INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SECURING A BROADER FUNDING BASE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE APT

Interim Recommendations of the Working Group on Securing a Broader Funding Base for the Future of the APT.

Having taken into account the Terms of Reference, the contributions of Members, and discussions between members, the Working Group **recommends** that the 21st Management Committee agree to the following:

Finances of the APT into the next century

Recommendation 1.

Specific steps be taken to attract increased participation by interested non-government bodies, and in particular, the private sector.

Recommendation 2.

The Secretariat should develop a 'prospectus' to explain the benefits of membership to potential Affiliates and Supporting Organisations.

Recommendation 3.

The management committee ask the Working Group to study an effective advisory system to the Management Committee, and to report to 22nd MC.

The Role of the advisory system is, for more efficient discussion in the Management Committee,

- a) to clarify the points of discussion on each proposed new agenda item related to policy issues, which have been identified by the General Assembly, proposed by Secretariat between two sessions of the Management Committee..
- b) to advise the Chairman of the Management Committee on adoption of new proposals related to policy issues as agenda items with clarifying points of discussion between two sessions of the Management Committee.

Recommendation 4

The unit contribution system should be reviewed to decide whether it is appropriate to apply to non-government participants.

Any increase in the total budget for the APT, or in the activities required by Members, should be provided where possible by:

- a) additional pledged units by Members or Affiliates
- b) increased membership by Affiliates or Supporting Organisations
- c) additional extra budgetary or in-kind contributions by members or affiliates

Recommendation 5

The existing Working Group should consult with Affiliate Members and Supporting Organisations and propose any amendments that might be necessary to allow appropriate participation by Affiliate Members and Supporting Organisations in the decision-making organs of the APT.

Recommendation 6

A Forum composed of Affiliate Members and Supporting Organisations be convened in conjunction with each session of the Management Committee to provide input and advice to the Management Committee.

Recommendation 7

The APT take a leading regional role in standardisation activities.

Constitutional Review

Recommendation 8

The Management Committee ask the Working Group to further consider and report to 22nd MC on what constitutional changes, if any, should be proposed for adoption at the 1999 General Assembly.