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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

World Communications Year

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly a note by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the financing of the World Communications Year.

## ANNEX

Note from the Secretary-General of the International  
Telecommunication Union

1. During its second regular session of 1981, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1981/60 in which it recommended that the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, should proclaim the year 1983 as World Communications Year "provided that all preliminary arrangements for its financing from voluntary contributions have been finalized before the adoption of the final decision".

2. The purpose of this note is to report on the preliminary arrangements concerning the voluntary contributions for the World Year.

3. So far, voluntary contributions of all kinds amount to \$3,612,000, broken down as follows:

Fund for the Year	\$ 687,000 in cash
	\$2,550,000 in kind

Contribution of the Universal Postal Union	\$ 75,000
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UNESCO contribution for a pilot project	\$ 350,000
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4. The \$687,000 in voluntary contributions in cash, from 16 countries, will ensure the administrative management of the Year.

5. The \$2,550,000 in voluntary contributions in kind, from three countries, are designed to implement the programme of action of the Year, in particular the pilot projects at the national, regional and international levels.

6. A certain number of countries have communicated in writing or orally their decision to contribute voluntarily to the financing of the Year but, because of administrative procedures, are not yet able to state officially the amount of their contributions. These will be added to the sums already included in the Fund for the Year.

7. Finally, if the General Assembly proclaims World Communications Year at its present session, the World Year, with an existing budget of \$3,612,000 can be launched and its success assured, without the International Telecommunication Union having to resort in any way to the regular budgetary resources of any United Nations body.