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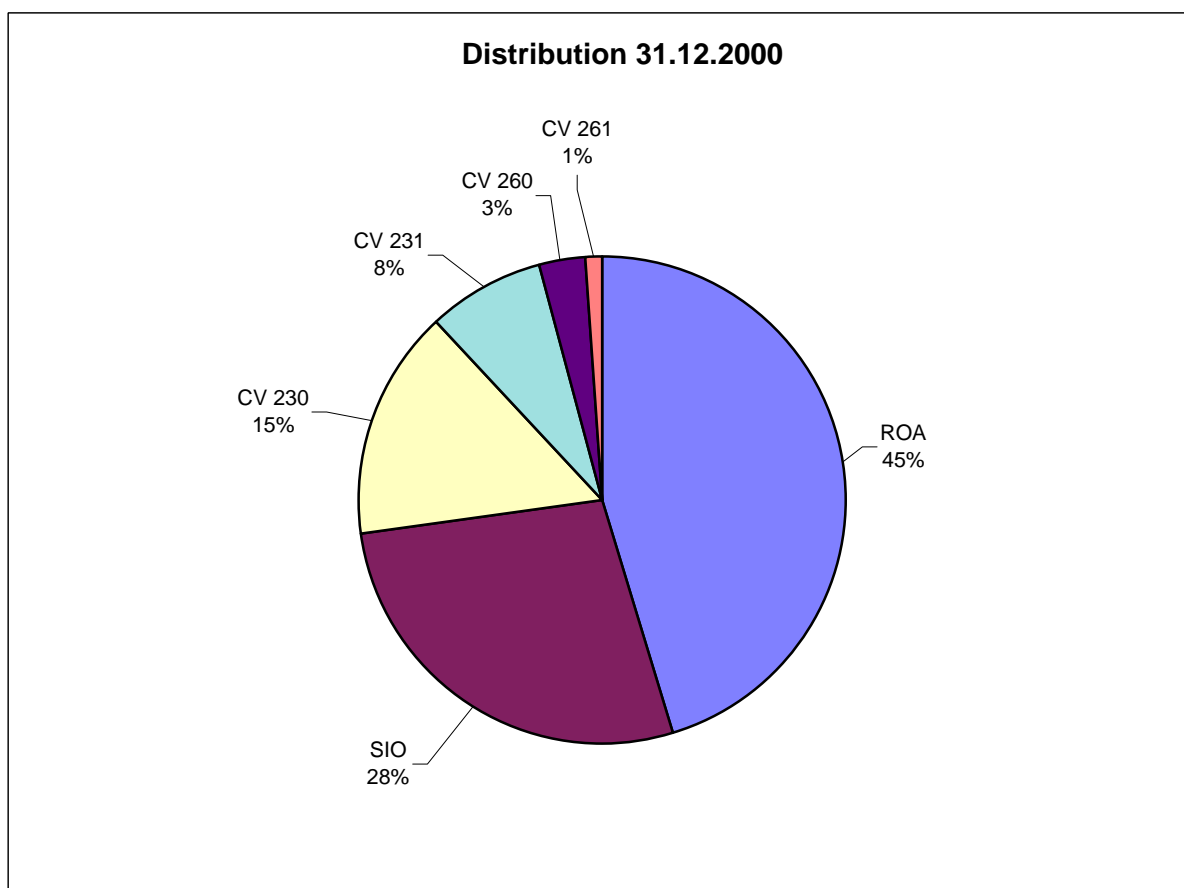
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PROGRESS REPORT ON ITU-D SECTOR MEMBERSHIP IN 2000

1.1 By the end of 2000 the number of the ITU-D Sector Members was 242. 47 new Sector Members joined the ITU-D between January 2000 and December 2000 and, due to various reasons, such as reorganization, mergers, etc. 9 Sector Members left the ITU-D in that period. The composition of ITU-D Sector Members, as of 31 December 2000, can be seen in the following graph:



- Convention (CV) 229 *Recognized Operating Agencies (ROA)*
- Convention (CV) 229 *Scientific or industrial organizations, financial or development institutions (SIO)*
- Convention (CV) 230 *Other entities dealing with telecommunication matters*
- Convention (CV) 231 *Regional and other international telecommunication, standardization, financial or development organizations*
- Convention (CV) 260 *Regional telecommunication organizations*
- Convention (CV) 261 *Intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems*

Evolution of membership by different categories

	1.01.94	1.01.95	1.07.95	1.01.96	31.12.96	31.5.97	31.12.97	31.12.98	31.12.99	31.12.00
CV 229	15	40	43	50	62	66	67	91	95	110
CV 229	7	27	32	33	41	41	44	50	58	66
CV 230	1	6	8	9	9	11	13	20	26	37
CV 231	1	4	5	7	10	10	11	14	16	19
CV 260	1	2	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
CV 261	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	3	3
	27	81	94	107	130	136	144	185	204	242

1.2 As far as the provision of different telecommunication services are concerned, roughly one third of ITU-D Sector Members provides local telephone services (75), long distance services (79), international services (86) and data services (83). Mobile telephone services are provided by 70 ITU-D Sector Members and mobile data services are provided by 53 ITU-D Sector Members. 82 ITU-D Sector Members are Internet providers.

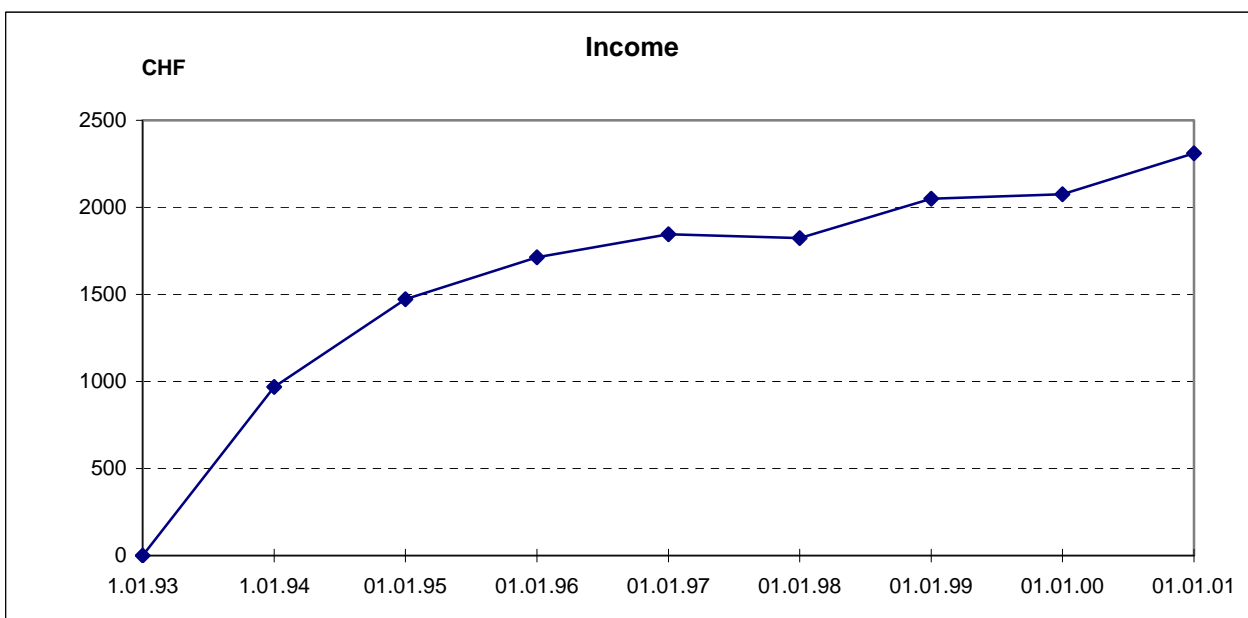
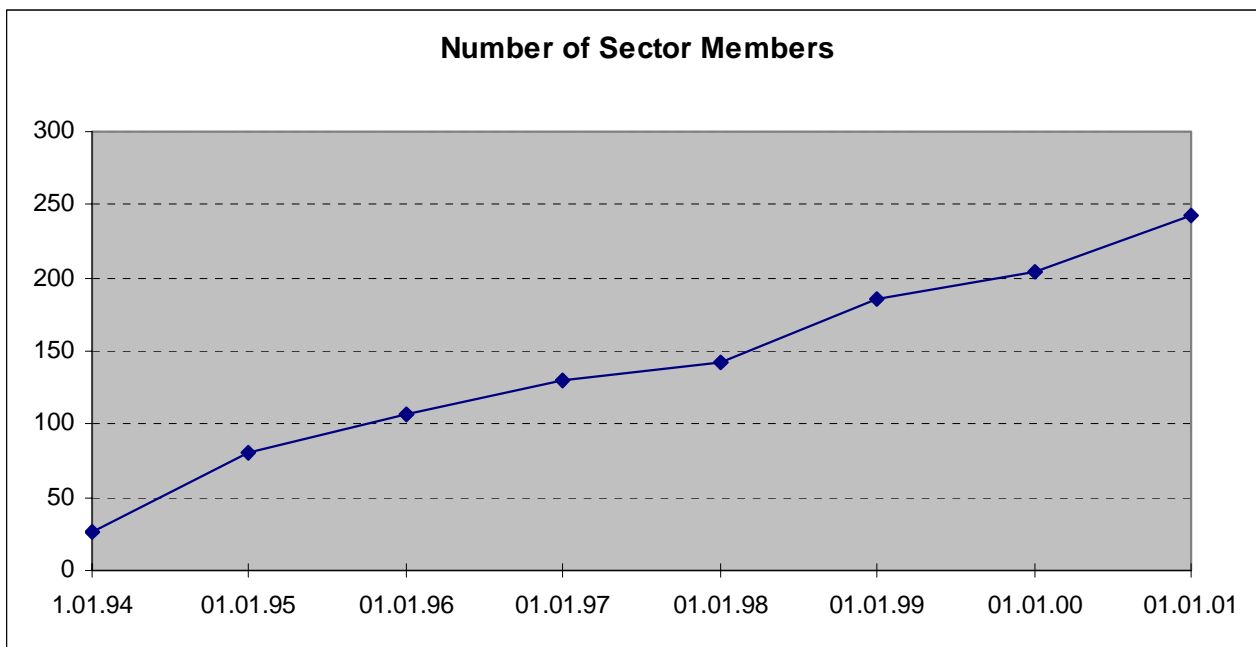
1.3 The composition by region is as follows:

Africa	10	
Americas	74	37 of which from USA, 8 from Argentina, 6 from Canada
Arab States	31	13 of which from Egypt
Asia & Pacific	31	10 of which from Japan
Europe	67	16 of which from UK, 8 from France, 6 from Switzerland
International organizations	29	

2.1 On the issue of financial contributions, the ITU Constitution and Convention provides that the scale of the contributory unit for Sector Members ranges from 1/2 to 40 units, with the exception of the Development Sector where Sector Members may choose also 1/4 and 1/8 of the contributory unit. Since 1st January 2000 the unit 1/16 has been reserved only for Sector Members from developing countries.

2.2 In 2000 the ITU-D Sector Members contributed a total of 36 and 11/16 units, which represents an amount of 2,311,313 Swiss francs based on the annual value of the 2000/2001 contributory unit (1 unit = 63,000 Swiss francs, 1/16 unit = 3,937 Swiss francs).

2.3 The evolution of the ITU-D Sector membership and of the contributions since 1993 can be seen in the following graphs. In this context, it should be noted that while the number of Sector Members is increasing, the average level of the individual contribution was going down and that the corresponding income was not increasing at the same rate as the membership. This was partly due to the fact that new Sector Members chose often 1/16 unit class or were exempt from financial contributions. However, some increase can be seen in the year 2000 because new provision of the Constitution allows the choice of 1/16 only to developing countries.



However, in this evaluation it is necessary to take into account the specific features of the Development Sector. The success of its mission largely depends on the partnership that should be created with its Members and Sector Members.

The table below summarizes the data on choice of contributory units in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

	Class unit	1/16	1/8	¼	½	1	Exempt
31.12.99	N° of Sector Members	122	20	18	16	9	19
01.01.00	N° of Sector Members	48	100	18	12	7	19
31.12.00	N° of Sector Members	70	113	18	15	6	20

3. A list of ITU-D Sector Members is available in the Global Directory publication and in the Global Directory on-line on the ITU website. More detailed information on ITU-D Sector Members can be found on the ITU-Development website with indication of services provided, contact names, etc. At present, 151 Sector Members have a direct link from this site to their homepage.