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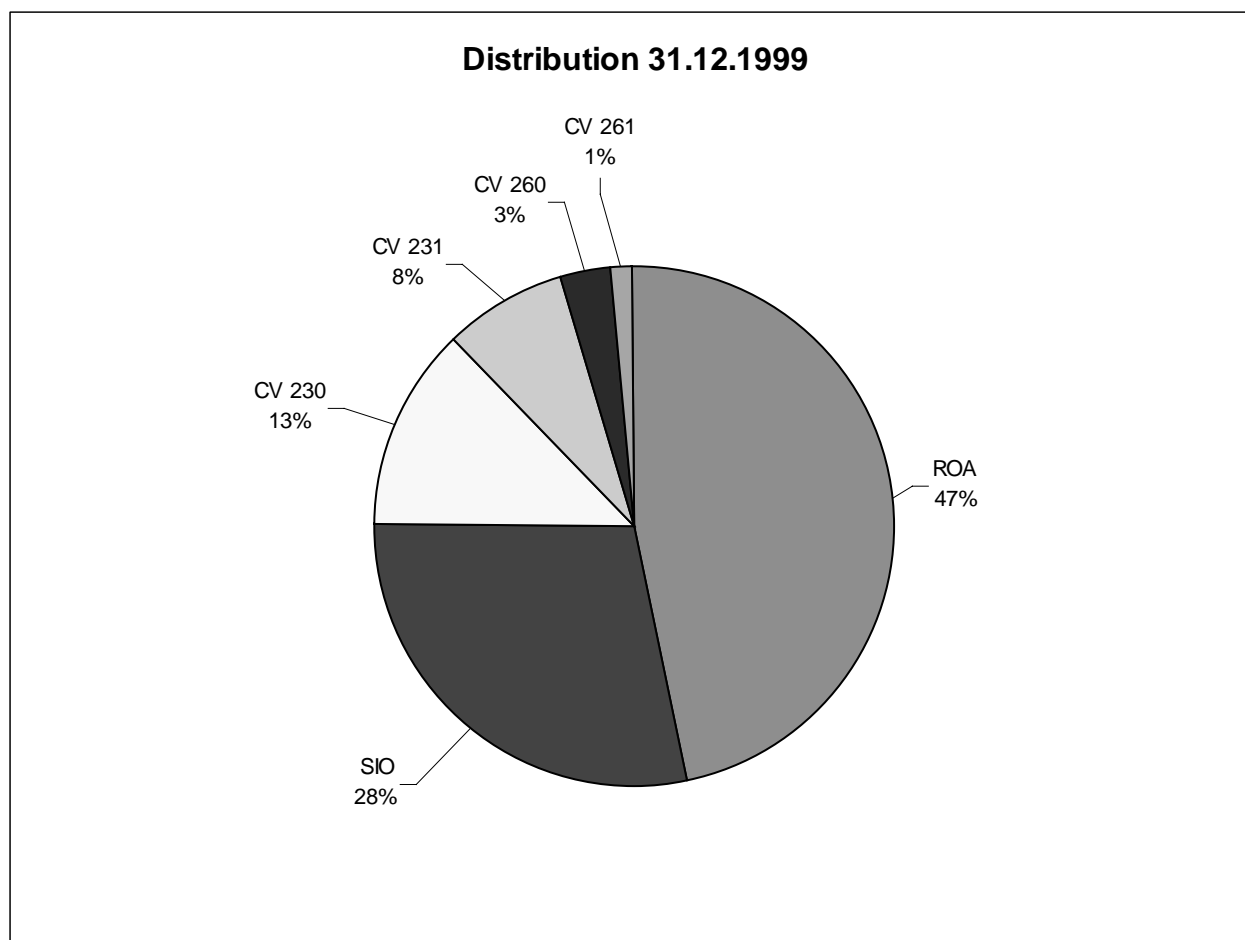
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PROGRESS REPORT ON ITU-D SECTOR MEMBERSHIP IN 1999

- 1.1 By the end of 1999 the number of the ITU-D Sector Members was 204. 29 new Sector Members joined the ITU-D between January 1999 and December 1999 and, due to various reasons, such as reorganization, mergers, etc. 10 Sector Members left the ITU-D in that period. The composition of ITU-D Sector Members, as of 31 December 1999, can be seen in the following graph:



ROA	Recognized Operating Agencies
SIO	Scientific or industrial organizations, financial or development institutions
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

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 (65), long distance services (72), international services (72) and data services (72). Mobile telephone services are provided by 61 ITU-D Sector Members and mobile data services are provided by 45 ITU-D Sector Members. 66 ITU-D Sector Members are Internet providers.

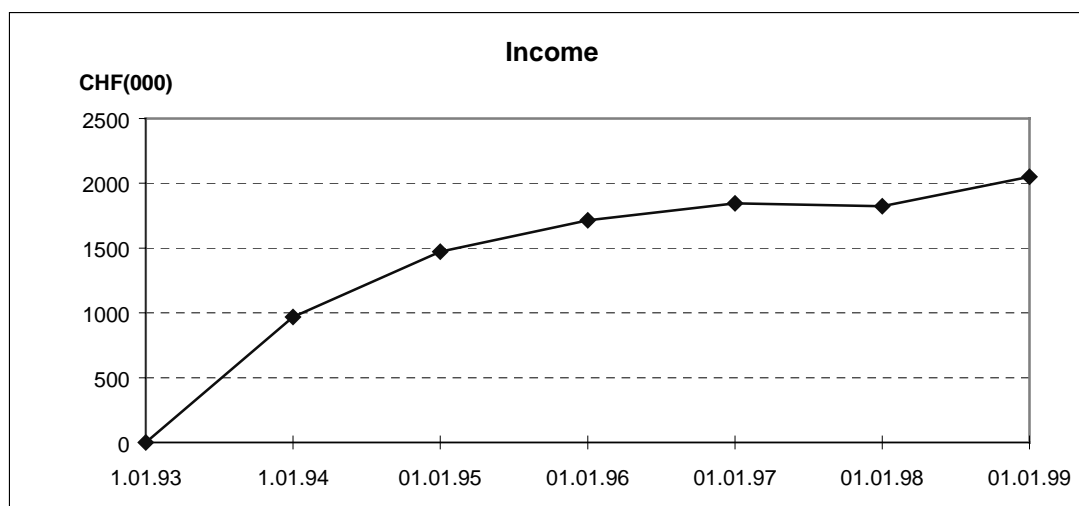
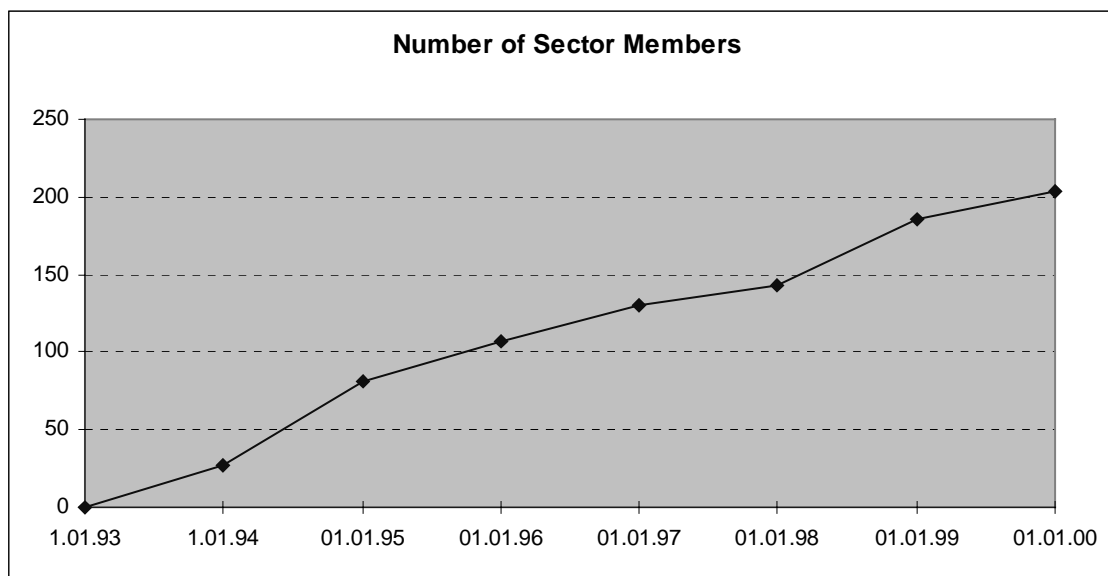
1.3 The composition by region is as follows:

Africa	8	
Americas	65	32 of which from USA, 6 from Canada
Arab States	18	
Asia & Pacific	27	10 of which from Japan
Europe	61	16 of which from UK, 9 from France
International organizations	25	

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 1/16, 1/8 or 1/4 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 1999 the ITU-D Sector Members contributed a total of 31 and 10/16 units, which represents an amount of 2,074,600 Swiss francs based on the annual value of the 1998/1999 contributory unit (1 unit = 65,600 Swiss francs, 1/16 unit = 4,100 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 is going down and that the corresponding income is not increasing at the same rate as the membership. This is partly due to the fact that out of 29 new Sector Members 20 chose 1/16 unit class and 2 organizations were exempt from financial contributions.



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. Moreover, the situation will be different in the year 2000 because new provisions of the Constitution allow the choice of 1/16 only to developing countries.

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

	Class unit	1/16	1/8	1/4	1/2	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

- 3.1 The interest of ITU-D Sector Members in the future challenges of the ITU-Development Sector is evident from their participation in the First and Second Meeting of the TDAG, where they formed an average of 35 % of all participants.
- 3.2 The analysis of the participation in the ITU-D meetings organized in 1999 has shown that the greatest interest of Sector Members (more than 20 % of all participants) was in the following meetings:
- SG meetings,
 - Meetings of the TDAG Subgroup dealing with private sector issues
 - The role of community telecentres in fostering universal access & rural development (Tunisia)
 - Regional seminar on regulation, financing and the private sector (Morocco)
 - Subregional workshop on costing & tariffs for GCC countries (Bahrain)
 - Second World Telecommunication Indicators Meeting (Geneva)
 - Regional Task Force meeting for ASP (China)
 - Y2K Arab Task Force meeting (Jordan)
 - Regional seminar on tele-traffic engineering for the Arab States (Syria)
 - GMPCS workshop (licensing): WTDC-98 Recommendation 8 (Korea)
 - Reporter's Group meeting on ITU-D Question 7/1 (Argentina)
- 3.3 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, 98 Sector Members have a direct link from this site to their homepage.