

The total investment involved in this project at its first stage reaches over US\$29 million dollars and it includes the production of the necessary equipment to start operations in international telephone services.

This new service required installation of an Earth Satellite Station and the production integration of the installation of the Earth Satellite Station, which is carried out by a Northamerican company: Scientific Atlanta IAC and a digital commutation center administered by the German company Siemens A.G.

The earth station of VTR will connect the digital communication center through optic fiber and digital microwave. This telecommunication network will also be connected to the metropolitan digital network called VTRNET DIGITAL.

The installation of the equipments and the connection with the National Public Telephone Network will begin the so called "Multicarrier System".

C.1.3. Telecommunications and Informatics or Computer Management

Short term plans include:

- The beginning of the International Telephone Services.
- The installation of an International Carrier with Teleport of VTR.
- The use of the Intelsat Satellite.
- The participation of Italcable in the additional capital to VTR for the introduction of the international telephony project.
- VTR has over 600 companies connected to its X.25 networks, among which are companies of the public sector, -of the financial private sector and of the industrial sector.