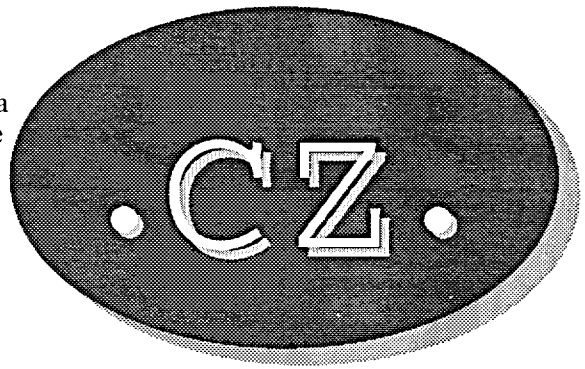


The Cyberzone

What's the *Cyberzone*? The Cyberzone is a designated area of the Library where you will find an Internet terminal, a wide range of CD-ROM databases to explore, as well as hard copy documentation on the Internet. The "Surfboard" has timely and useful Internet addresses, two of which are listed below. Library staff are available to show you the Cyberzone and to help you with your searching.



University of Michigan Documents Center Foreign Government Resources on the Web

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/documents.center/foreign.html>

This site includes valuable links to information such as:

- Web sites of foreign governments
- Flags of the world (provides large colour illustrations of national flags)
- Publications, for example, "Background Notes on Countries of the World"
- Web sites of international agencies, for example, the Asian Development Bank, IMF, ISO

World Trade Organization (WTO)

<http://www.wto.org>

Includes links to:

- Texts of Trade Policy Reviews; International Trade; Trade and Environment
- Press releases
- Messages from Director General
- Publications catalogue listing available documents

Second phase of direct Internet access underway

In July, we reported that some 300 users at Headquarters and a number of users at three pilot missions (Copenhagen, Detroit and Hong Kong) were provided with desktop access to the Internet to facilitate their work.¹ The results, we are pleased to report, speak for themselves:

"Satisfaction level: superlative. Users are delighted with response time and stability of connections. Vast improvement over standalone ISP standards. Agree Internet access through HQ firewall should be encouraged, and

provided to missions as required."

- John Kruitof (HKONG)

"...desktop access to the Internet is seen as a fantastic tool that is becoming a must ...and is especially appreciated by the political section, trade, public affairs and administration. Also, we have been impressed by the speed of it..."

- Britt Siegstad (COPEN)

Given these encouraging results, which were matched at Headquarters, the second phase of the project was initiated earlier this month

when some 500 more users at HQ were given Internet accounts, bringing the total to 800. "Our goal for this project is to provide desktop access to the Internet to all employees who need it, including staff at missions on SIGNET²," says Donald Caldwell, Director of Client Services (SXC).

¹ *Connexions* No. 3/96, July 29, 1996, p. 1.

² Some of the smaller missions with limited bandwidth could have response problems at certain times of the day. This will be the subject of a separate article.