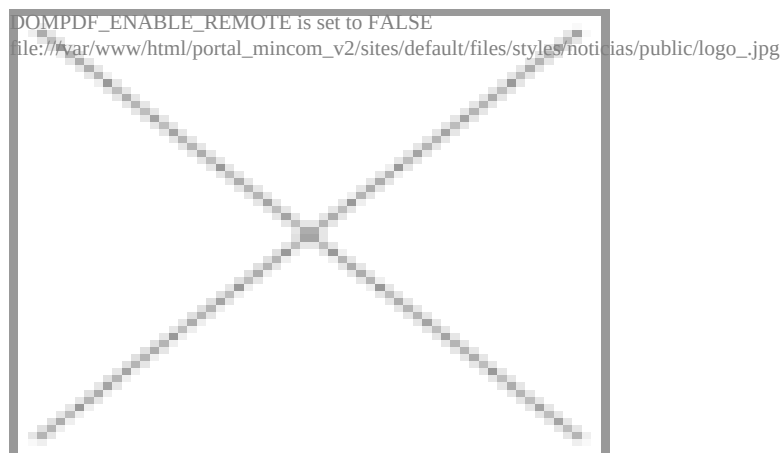




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Cuba as a member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), celebrates on May 17 the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) in remembrance of the foundation of that international organization on May 17, 1865 and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in Paris.

Information society has revealed itself as one of the main defensive lines against COVID-19. During the pandemic, greater importance has been granted to the use of information and communication technologies (ICT), which is something that restates the necessity of having a telecommunication infrastructure that favors the access of everyone on equal terms, and which may contribute to respond to the big challenges faced by the nations in the digital environment.

Cuba works with an Economic and Social Development Plan aligned with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which conceives the development of telecommunications among the strategic sectors and pillars of the economy. In that sense, there's a broadband program with indicators and objectives to achieve by stages.

In spite of the economic, commercial and financial blockade of the government of the United States of America, which was strengthened during the pandemic, our country has continued to expand telecommunication services.

Currently, more than 64% of the Cuban population accesses the Internet, and mobile telephony features 6.6 million users, the 4G network is growing and 76% of the population enjoys the coverage of the digital television signal.

On this occasion, the ITU dedicated the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day to the unification of the world to achieve digital transformation in every area of business activity and in every aspect of life.

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