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Television and the Olympic Games

Invited by the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXII Olympiad, the *International Olympic Committee's Television Technical Commission* met in Moscow on 2nd April. Apart from the Director of the IOC, Mme Monique Berlioux, Mr. Tomas Garcia, President of the EBU sports experts working group, Mr. Henrikas Jushkevitchus, member of the OIRT and Vice-President of the Moscow Organising Committee's Commission on Television and Radio Broadcasting, Mr. Georges Straschnov, Director of the EBU's department of legal affairs, Mr. Georges Croses, Vice-President of ABC Sports, and the IOC's two advisers, Mr. Daniel Mortureux and Mr. Luc Silance, attended the meeting.

On this occasion the Soviet officials announced the opening, in 1980, of an *Olympic broadcasting centre in Moscow*.

Among the Organising Committee's eighteen commissions, two are of particular interest to the spoken press: the *Commission on Television and Radio Broadcasting* presided by Mr. S. G. Lapin, Chairman of the State Committee for Radio and Television of the USSR Council of Ministers, and the *Commission on Communications* under Mr. N. V. Talyzin, Minister of Communications of the USSR.

On 1st and 3rd April at Ostankina, the international broadcasting organisations were invited by the Organising Committee to a useful dialogue with officials of the USSR television company and the Organising Committee. Representatives from the International Radio and Television Broadcasting Organisation (OIRT), the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the Asian Broadcasting Union (ABU), the African National Radio and Television Broadcasting Union (URTNA) and the five American television companies (ABC, CBC, CBS, CTV and NBC) took part in the discussions opened by the OIRT Secretary General, Mr. J. Hrebik.