

PCC.III/RES. 117 (XVII-01)

EXPANSION OF THE VSAT DATABASE INITIATIVE

The XVII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- b) That Resolution PCC.III/RES.84 (XII-99) recognized that the extended use of VSATs promotes foreign investment, cooperation and development programs, humanitarian missions, and also enables the introduction of tele-medicine, private networks, Internet access, and distance-learning solutions for rural areas, within all Member States;
- c) That CITEL has played an essential role by fostering broad participation in the VSAT Data Base of the Americas. That the initiative has proven successful and well timed given that to date sixteen (16) member countries have contributed to the database creating global access to information on licensing procedures throughout the region;
- d) That CITEL members have reiterated in multinational declarations, in specialized agencies and within their regional organization, their common approach on promoting freedom of communication within a global market;
- e) That in the Second Summit of the Americas, Santiago, Chile (April, 1998) the Heads of State decided to continue to examine ways to develop consistent licensing approaches leading to the promotion of greater commonality;
- f) That the creation of the VSAT Database now makes it possible to conduct a comparative study of the C/Ku band earth station licensing procedures prevalent in the region;
- g) That the Member Administrations of PCC.III possess a shared vision to assess the VSAT licensing procedures in the region, and the VSAT Database of the Americas is the initiative best suited to undertake the necessary studies to facilitate this objective, and
- h) That taking into account the principals of national sovereignty and the need to maintain due deference for the right of every Member State to promulgate its preferred licensing regime and policies,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Coordinator of the VSAT Database to provide analyses to the XIXth Meeting of PCC.III, September 2001, on the similarities and differences among VSAT licensing

procedures in the Americas and identify the common procedures used in the region that could assist the administrations to simplify the procedures for C/Ku band earth stations in the Americas.

2. To request the Coordinator of the VSAT Database, in consultation with the Working Group relative to satellite systems to provide Fixed and Mobile Services, to consider the experiences and regimes of Member administrations, other regional bodies, and regulators throughout the world in conducting the analyses and promulgating the comparative study.
3. To request the Coordinator of the VSAT Database to frame the analysis taking into account the sovereignty of every State to promulgate and implement licensing regimes and policies appropriate to that jurisdiction.
4. To designate the CITELE Secretariat to be in charge of updating the VSAT Database as new regulations are issued by Administrations as part of a systematic undertaking in order to maintain the database current and promote transparency, public education, and a basis for the comparative study to be undertaken.

