

PCC.III/DEC. 43 (XVIII-01)¹

PREPARATIONS FOR WTDC-02

The XVIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

DECIDES:

1. To inform CITELE Member States of the importance of their participation in upcoming events in the Region, relating to the WTDC, as follows:

20 – 22 August 2001: Meeting of the COM/CITEL Working Group to prepare CITELE for the Plenipotentiary Conference and the 2002 World Telecommunications Development Conference of the ITU, Washington, D.C., United States of America.

15 October 2001: Meeting of the COM/CITEL Working Group to prepare CITELE for the Plenipotentiary Conference and the 2002 World Telecommunications Development Conference of the ITU. Trinidad and Tobago (to be confirmed).

16 – 18 October 2001: Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-02 for the Americas. Trinidad and Tobago.

10 – 14 December 2001: Meeting of the COM/CITEL Working Group to prepare CITELE for the Plenipotentiary Conference and the 2002 World Telecommunications Development Conference of the ITU. Ecuador.

2. To request Member States to respond in as timely a manner as possible to the ITU questionnaire on priority issues for the Region, whose deadline for submission is 31 July 2001 and which can be found in document PCC.III/doc.1950/01.
3. To request Member States and PCC.III Associate Members to send their opinions on matters they consider to be priorities for the Region to the Chair of the Ad Hoc Group on preparations for WTDC-02, Mr. Héctor Hugo Huerta Reyna (hhuerta@cft.gob.mx), by 30 July 2001.
4. To request that Member States in drawing up their considerations take into account the following themes which have initially been considered priorities for PCC.III [reference resolution COM/CITEL.RES.103 (IX-00)]:
 - i. Preparation of plans for development of telecommunications in rural and in urban low-income areas.
 - ii. Development of human resources.
 - iii. Administration of the radio spectrum
 - iv. Methodology for development of a global interconnection.

¹ Document PCC.III/doc.1991/01 rev.1.

- v. Regional integration through identification of projects.
- vi. To promote and coordinate modernization of telecommunications infrastructure based on the introduction of new technologies, especially broadband technologies, mobile third generation telecommunications, new television broadcasting standards and the IP protocol.
- vii. Use of telecommunications for preservation of human life and public safety in cases of natural disaster.

Additionally, other themes have been identified that might be priorities for PCC.III, including the following:

- i. Strengthening regional and sub-regional preparatory meetings for the World Telecommunication Development Conferences.
 - ii. Coordinated development of IMT-2000 for the region of the Americas.
 - iii. Development of a regional website containing regulatory aspects of satellite communication services.
5. To request the Chair of the Ad Hoc Group for preparations for WTDC-02 to compile and present a preliminary report at the Meeting of the COM/CITEL Working Group to prepare CITEL for the Plenipotentiary Conference and the 2002 World Telecommunications Development Conference of the ITU, to be held in August in Washington, D.C. Subsequently, the President of the Ad Hoc Working Group will send PCC.III Members a report on the results of the August meeting and will request additional comments, which he will include in his report to the XIX Meeting of PCC.III.
6. To instruct the Executive Secretary to distribute this decision to the Member States.

