

COM/CITEL/DEC. 76 (XXIV-10) ¹

REMITTAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CITEL TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The XXIV Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee CITEL (COM/CITEL)

DECIDES:

1. To send to the OAS 2011 General Assembly the attached draft Resolution.
2. To attach this draft Resolution to the 2010 Annual Report to be submitted by CITEL to the OAS General Assembly.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary to take the required actions for implementing the mandate of this Decision.

ANNEX TO DECISION COM/CITEL/DEC. 76 (XXIV-10)

DRAFT RESOLUTION

AG/RES. XXXX (XLI-O/11)

**INCREASING ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH STRENGTHENING OF THE INTER-
AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that broad access to telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs) is essential for promoting sustainable development, poverty alleviation, and job creation,

BEARING IN MIND resolution AG/RES. 2545 (XL-O/10), “Promotion by the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) of Cooperation for the Development and Dissemination of Information and Communication Technologies in the Americas,” which “urges CITEL to continue coordinating efforts to harmonize, develop, and improve telecommunication/ICTs and to continue to provide a platform where policymakers, regulators, private sector representatives, researchers, academics, and other interested parties can exchange views, experiences, and best practices in this area that contribute to promoting the inclusion of the countries of the region in the Information and Knowledge-based Society;”

EMPHASIZING that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Development Conference 2010 included “among the high priorities of ITU, support for initiatives under the *Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas*, recommending the use of mechanisms to help to achieve the

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necessary results for each country and region, and promote the exchange of information on progress in connectivity globally,”

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That the harmonious and balanced development of telecommunications infrastructure is beneficial for both developed and developing countries;
- b) That it is necessary to coordinate and harmonize efforts to develop telecommunications infrastructure at the national and regional level;
- c) That there is a need to promote training programs at the national and regional level by which to generate expertise on new telecommunication technologies and the corresponding policy and strategy matters;

RESOLVES:

- 1. To renew its call on CITEL to continue to collaborate closely with member states in order to exchange best practices on policy, technologies, and national strategies on telecommunication/ICT's and to promote even more vigorously the use of all appropriate media to serve rural, isolated, and underserved areas;
- 2. To instruct CITEL to continue to promote human capacity building in the region in different aspects of the telecommunication/ICT sector, allocating the necessary budget funds for that purpose.
- 3. To urge member states to identify ways and means to support CITEL in fulfilling its mandates, including mechanisms to encourage their greater participation;
- 4. To instruct the Secretary General to continue to support Citel, in order to facilitate the comprehensive fulfillment of its mandates.