

PCC.II RES. 84 (XIX-12) ¹

**PROJECT “NON-IONIZING RADIATION (NIR) AND HEALTH PROTECTION” SUBMITTED
AT THE “CONNECT AMERICAS” SUMMIT**

The XIX Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting (PCC.II),

HAVING SEEN:

- a) That the “Connect Americas” Summit, one of the five Regional Summits organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as part of the Connect the World Initiative, which purpose is to mobilize human, financial, and technical resources to implement the connectivity goals established by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the regional initiatives adopted by Member States, at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), will take place from 17 to 19 July, 2012 in the city of Panama;
- b) That the XXV Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEI (COM/CITEI) adopted Decision COM/CITEI DEC.79 (XXV-11) “Connect Americas Summit” and instructed Secretariat of CITEI to collaborate closely with ITU’s Regional Office in the organization of the Connect the Americas Summit and requested the Chairman of the Working Group on Development of PCC.I to collaborate closely with Secretariat of CITEI in the preparatory process of said Summit;
- c) That the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICT, through the Working Group on Development, has made significant progress in the preparations for the “Connect Americas” Summit, through the identification of potential strategic partners to take care of regional priorities,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Rapporteurship on Technical and Regulatory Aspects relative to the Effects of Non-Ionizing Radiations (NIR) of the PCC.II, through its Rapporteur, has actively participated together with the ITU in the development of the “Non-Ionizing Radiations (NIR) and Health Protection” Project for the Latin American Region, which, if it is effectively achieved, will benefit various countries of the region;
- b) That this Project will be submitted by ITU at the “Connect Americas” Summit with the aim of obtaining financing for its implementation;
- c) That the apprehension of the general population with regard to radiation and the lack of understanding on this subject by authorities outside of the telecommunications realm are still causing serious difficulties in obtaining authorizations for the deployment of infrastructure for wireless telecommunication services;
- d) That it is extremely important to make progress in the resolution of this issue so as to implement said Project;
- e) That due to the difficulties in deploying wireless networks that prevent the development of telecommunications, and the consequent social inclusion, and overcoming of the digital divide, the

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PCC.II has decided to support this Project and has instructed the Executive Secretary to formally communicate with the ITU that the PCC.II wishes to participate as a strategic partner in said Project.

f) That this Project is in full agreement with the proposals of said Rapporteurship and with the Recommendations of the PCC.II on this issue;

g) That the support of the PCC.II is also relevant to promote this Project,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

a) That the Project will be effectively carried out only if the necessary funding is obtained;

b) That the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has previously financed projects related to the telecommunication development in our Region;

c) That both CITELE and the IDB are part of the Inter-American System,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the participation of the PCC.II of CITELE as a strategic partner in the Project “non-ionizing radiation (NIR) and health protection” submitted by ITU at the “Connect Americas” Summit.

2. To request the IDB for the financing support necessary for the implementation of the Project within the framework of IDB’s non-refundable financing programs.

3. To invite Member States and potential beneficiaries of the Project to communicate, both with the ITU and the IDB, their intention to participate in the same.

4. To invite Member States and Associate Members to actively collaborate in the identification of stakeholders to join the Project, in providing funding and submitting contributions in kind.

REQUESTS:

1. The Rapporteur on Technical and Regulatory Aspects related to NIR, in coordination with the Chairman of PCC.II and with Secretariat of CITELE, to inform the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the “Connect Americas” Summit, the special interest that PCC.II has in this Project.

2. To the Secretariat of CITELE:

a) To formally inform the ITU the intention of PCC.II to participate as a strategic partner in the “non-ionizing radiation (NIR) and health protection” Project

b) To formally request the IDB financing support for the Project.

c) To make the invitations referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the *resolves*.

d) To provide the necessary support to achieve what is stated in the *resolves*.