

PCC.I/RES. 190 (XIX-11)¹

**SUBMISSION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO THE WORLD
TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY AND THE WORLD
CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The XVIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communications Technologies (PCC.I),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That it is advisable to adopt a procedure to carry out activities to establish inter-American proposals for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT);
- b) That procedures must be included to be followed at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) to modify an existing Inter-American Proposal (IAP);
- c) That procedures must also be included to be followed at the WTSA and WCIT to establish a new IAP on new matters and issues that may arise at a WTSA or a WCIT,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To adopt the procedure described in the Annex hereto for the submission and modification of inter-American proposals to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT).
- 2. To derogate the Resolution PCC.I/ RES. 184 (XVIII-11).

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 190 (XIX-11)

PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION, APPROVAL, AND MODIFICATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY AND THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

1. OBJECTIVE

To establish the procedure that is to be followed for any document developed within Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications (PCC.I) for submission to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and the World Conference on International Telecommunications of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP). IAPs will

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be developed separately for WTSA and for WCIT. IAPs developed for one event cannot and will not be used for the other.

To establish the procedure that shall be followed to modify an IAP during a WTSA/WCIT.

To establish a procedure for the preparation of new IAPs with the Member States of CITEL attending the WTSA/WCIT for new matters and issues that may arise during the WTSA/WCIT.

In using this procedure, every effort shall be made to reach consensus among the Administrations of CITEL.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this procedure, the following definitions are established:

- a. R-WTSA/WCIT: Rapporteurship on the Preparation for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and the World Conference on International Telecommunications, of the Working Group on Policy and Regulation of PCC.I.
- b. PROPOSAL: a proposal submitted for discussion with a view to it becoming a DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL and, subsequently, and INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.
- c. DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DRAFT IAP): A PROPOSAL that, after being considered and discussed by the Member States, has the support of more than 1 (one) Administration.
- d. INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP): A PROPOSAL or DRAFT IAP for which the R-WTSA/WCIT has concluded its considerations and discussion, and that has the support of at least six (6) Administrations and is not opposed by more than 50% (fifty percent) of the number of supports obtained.
- e. LIMIT MEETING: The penultimate meeting of the R-WTSA/WCIT held prior to the WTSA/WCIT, which is to be held to comply with the rules and procedures of the ITU.
- f. FINAL MEETING: The last meeting of the R-WTSA/WCIT prior to the WTSA/WCIT.

A. PREPARATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS PRIOR TO THE WTSA/WCIT

A1. STEPS

The steps in the procedure for the submission and approval of INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to be submitted to the WTSA/WCIT of the ITU are as follows:

Step 1. Evaluation of the supports for and oppositions to a PROPOSAL or DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL

At the LIMIT MEETING or the FINAL MEETING, as applicable, the following items will be defined by the R-WTSA/WCIT:

- a. the list of the IAPs;
- b. the list of PROPOSALS and DRAFT IAPs which, despite the efforts made, have not become IAPs.
- c. the date the IAPs are to be sent to the ITU.

Step 2. Circulation of the PROPOSALS, DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, AND INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The Secretariat will distribute the PROPOSALS, DRAFT IAPs, and IAPS still being considered, to all Member States of CITEL, by no later than two (2) weeks following the close of the LIMIT MEETING.

In the circular, the Secretariat will indicate that the Administrations have four (4) weeks in which to reply.

Step 3. Sending INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to the ITU

The Secretariat of CITEL will send the IAPs to the ITU in accordance with its rules and procedures.

A2. SUPPORT

The Administrations wishing to support a PROPOSAL, a DRAFT IAP, or IAP under consideration shall do so either verbally or in writing at meetings of the R-WTSA/WCIT or as a reply to the corresponding circular from the Secretariat of CITEL.

A3. OPPOSITION

The Administrations opposing a DRAFT IAP or an IAP shall indicate clearly the reasons for their oppositions.

The Administrations wishing to oppose a DRAFT IAP or an IAP that has been circulated prior to the LIMIT MEETING or FINAL MEETING, as applicable, shall do so at a meeting of the R-WTSA/WCIT or plenary meeting of PCC.I, either verbally or in writing, in response to A1 Step 2.

Additionally, if an Administration chooses to oppose a specific INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL at the WTSA/WCIT, that Administration shall make every effort to notify its intention to the R-WTSA/WCIT.

A4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A4.1. Negotiating supports

The Administration or Administrations originally submitting a PROPOSAL shall have responsibility for coordinating and promoting its support so that it becomes a DRAFT IAP and, subsequently, an IAP.

A4.2. Coordination of IAPs

The Rapporteur of R-WTSA/WCIT shall make every possible effort to coordinate all PROPOSALS AND DRAFT IAPs so that conflicting IAPs are not generated.

A4.3. Format of DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The heading of each DRAFT IAP being considered within the R-WTSA/WCIT shall include the following elements, in the order indicated below:

- a. the names of any CITEL Administrations that have indicated their support.
- b. in square brackets, the names of any CITEL Administrations that have not yet indicated their position;
- c. the names of any CITEL Administrations that have indicated their opposition.

A4.4. Points of contact

Communications with the Administrations shall be channeled through the points of contact identified to the R-WTSA/WCIT.

A4.5. Internal activity of Administrations

Administrations are encouraged to plan their national activities so as to be prepared to indicate their support for a PROPOSAL or DRAFT IAP or their opposition to the latter as soon as possible or at the FINAL MEETING.

B: REVISION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AFTER THE START OF A WTSA/WCIT

During a WTSA/WCIT, it may be necessary to consider modifications to an IAP in accordance with any deliberations that may have taken place either at the Assembly or Conference, as applicable, regarding specific agenda items.

When this is the case, the Member States of CITEL attending the WTSA/WCIT and that originally supported the IAP shall review the matter to decide whether a proposed modification is applicable. If any of those Member States of CITEL do not support the proposed modification, the IAP will remain unchanged.

If said Member States of CITEL agree to propose a modification, it shall be submitted to the R-WTSA/WCIT for its consideration, and, if none of the Member States present at the corresponding meeting of said Rapporteurship express their opposition, then the modification will be deemed approved. However, if, at the meeting of the R-WTSA/WCIT, any Member State of CITEL indicates its opposition, then the modified IAP will be approved only if no more than 25% of the Member States present at said meeting oppose the modified IAP.

In the case of a modified IAP, only the names of the Member States of CITEL attending the meeting and supporting the modified IAP shall be listed in the heading. Member States of CITEL not attending the meeting of R-WTSA/WCIT shall be informed by the Secretariat of CITEL of the modified IAP once it has been approved.

Any Member State of CITEL that wishes to add its name to the modified IAP shall contact the Secretariat of CITEL in order to follow the procedure established with the ITU.

A modified IAP rescinds, replaces, and eliminates the corresponding original IAP.

C. NEW INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AT THE WTSA/WCIT.

The following shall be considered new IAP PROPOSALS at a WTSA/WCIT:

- (i) New proposals for agenda items for future conferences;
- (ii) Matters related to items on the agenda of the WTSA/WCIT not envisaged prior to those conferences.

This possibility shall not be used as an alternative to the previously established procedures for developing an IAP, nor shall they be considered previously considered specific proposals.

Since the WTSA/WCIT is a dynamic process, matters may arise regarding items on their agendas that were not envisaged prior to said Assembly and/or Conference and for which a regional position may be required. Examples are proposals of other regional organizations for future agenda items regarding which CITEL must indicate its support, opposition, or neutrality. It may still be useful to establish positions of CITEL regarding other matters.

Once a need to prepare a new IAP has been identified (including the establishment of a position of CITEL), the spokesperson with responsibility shall distribute the proposed text to the participants in the Rapporteurship on WTSA/WCIT through the Secretariat and shall call for a debate among the Member States of CITEL present at the Assembly and/or Conference. The IAP shall be considered approved, provided 50% or more Member States of CITEL present at the Conference oppose it.

In the case of an IAP, only the names of the Member States of CITEL present at the meeting of the Rapporteurship for the preparation of WTSA and WCIT and supporting the new IAP will be listed in the heading. The Member States of CITEL not attending the meeting of R-WTSA/WCIT will be informed by the Secretariat of CITEL of the new IAP once it has been approved.

The Member States of CITEL wishing to add their names will contact the Secretariat of CITEL.

D. APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

The provisions of this procedure shall be applied and interpreted within the framework of Resolution COM/CITEL RES.226 (XXI-09).

Any matter not for which this procedure does not provide shall be resolved in a plenary meeting of PCC.I, following the relevant consultations with the Rapporteur of the R-WTSA/WCIT.