

SEMINAR ON THE INTERNET STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

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

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (“CITEL”) of the Organization of American States (“OAS”) and the Internet Society have entered into a Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”)² to cooperate with each other on matters of common interest within the scope of their general objectives;
- b) That specific areas for possible cooperation under the Agreement include Access and Multilingualism, Internet policy, Internet security and Internet and development. In particular:
 - i. Promoting access to Internet in OAS Member States, especially by communities that are currently deprived from access to Internet (Rural and Remote communities, Women, the Disabled, etc.);
 - ii. Promoting the increasing use of the languages of the OAS Member States on the Internet;
 - iii. Organizing joint activities to increase the awareness of policy makers on Internet policy issues;
 - iv. Organizing Internet policy discussions and debates; and
 - v. Assisting member countries to participate in worldwide Internet policy discussions;
- c) That the challenges of improving Internet access growth are multifaceted and interrelated, particularly in developing countries. They include, for example, access to technical skills and knowledge, the regulatory and policy environment for information and telecommunications services, and broader economic and market factors, language diversity, and the diffusion and reliability of basic infrastructures and services;
- d) That Internet is built on technical standards that allow devices, services, and applications to be interoperable across a wide and dispersed network of networks;
- e) That Internet depends on several types of technical standards, developed by a number of interdependent organizations working together;
- f) That increasing access to the Internet is a priority for CITEL,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER:

- a) That the Internet Society has served as the international organization for global coordination and cooperation on the Internet since 1992, promoting a broad array of activities focused on the Internet's development, availability, and associated technologies throughout the Americas and in other regions;

¹ CCP.I-TIC/doc.2375/11 rev.1

² From now on “Agreement”.

- b) That CITEL and the Internet Society have the shared goal of building the capacity of the OAS Member States to face the challenges and benefits of a global and technology-driven economy;
- c) That one of the objectives of CITEL's PCC.I is to serve as a telecommunication advisory body of CITEL with respect to new policy, regulatory, and economic matters arising as a result of the rapid evolution of telecommunications;
- d) That the format of the seminar proposed by the Internet Society is a one-half day program for high-level policy-makers and key regional stakeholders focussing on the global framework for Internet Standards;
- e) That the Seminar is designed to promote regional awareness of the global Internet standards framework and the diversity of standards organizations involved, understanding how standards contribute to global interoperability, and appreciation for the importance of collaboration amongst standards bodies;
- f) That this activity is of interest to the Rapporteurship on Internet Issues;
- g) That this proposed collaboration will positively contribute to the Working Group on Policy and Regulation,

NOTING:

That the topics suggested by the Internet Society for the seminar involve issues capable of generating a significant impact in the Americas and which are within CITEL's PCC.I mandate,

BEARING IN MIND:

That a Seminar examining the policy and technical issues concerning the Internet Standards Framework in the Americas is both relevant and timely,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold in 2012 a Seminar on "The Internet Standards Framework" the day before of one of the following PCC.I meetings in 2012, jointly offered and organized by the Internet Society and the PCC.I. The attached Annex offers a possible description of said Seminar in order to start planning it.
2. To appoint Mr. Andres Piazza from LACNIC as Coordinator representing the PCC.I.
3. That this Seminar will be held without using CITEL's financial resources.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 192 (XIX-11)

DRAFT AGENDA

- a) Introduction to Internet Standards
- b) Internet Standards Framework – what do the different standards groups do, how do they operate, what are the key issues driving their work and how do they collaborate with other standards organizations?
 - c) IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)
 - d) W3C (World Wide Web Consortium)
 - e) ITU (International Telecommunication Union)
 - f) IEEE
 - g) Identity / privacy standards group (TBD)