

PCC.I/RES. 193 (XIX-11)¹

**SEMINAR ON REGIONAL APPROACHES TO
MOBILE-TO-MOBILE TERMINATION RATES (MTR-MTM)**

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

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That the Rapporteurship on “Economic aspects of telecommunications/ICTs” resolved to establish a Study Question to assess the status of Mobile termination rates – Mobile to Mobile (hereinafter MTR-MTM) in the Region; identify and assess the cost models and methodologies used in the Region for the purposes of settings MTR-MTM, where applicable, study the competitive impact of MTR-MTM in the Region, and identify best practices for regulation and opportunities for harmonized approaches, where applicable;”²
- b) That under Resolution PCC.I/ RES. 178 (XVII-10), the work on the Study Question included: (i) preparing an introductory background document on MTR-MTM; (ii) preparing and circulating a questionnaire eliciting information from Member States regarding their approaches towards MTR-MTM regulation and the rates currently in force in each country; and (iii) developing a Report, based in part on the responses to the Questionnaire on MTR-MTM, identifying the critical regulatory and economic issues associated with setting MTR-MTM; and
- c) That all tasks identified in *Recognizing* b) have been accomplished.

RECOGNIZING FURTHER:

- a) That pursuant to the mandate of the Study Question, and having received answers to the Questionnaire from various Member States, the United States, as Co-coordinator, submitted a comprehensive “Report based on the Responses to the Questionnaire on MTR-MTM;”³
- b) That the Report recognizes that significant differences exist between Member States in their approaches to MTR-MTM regulation; and
- c) That a Work Plan was agreed upon in order to identify barriers or reasons that may inhibit or restrict initiatives to implement the different approaches to MTR-MTM regulation and the need for their establishment, based on the different types of interconnection models in the region.

CONSIDERING:

- a) That Member States are noting different models of MTR-MTM regulation and, therefore, it is deemed advisable to share experiences of regulatory developments within the Region;

¹ CCP.I-TIC/doc.2450/11 rev.1

² PCC.I/RES. 178 (XVII-10) “Development of a study on mobile termination rates (MTR-MTM) in the region.”

³ CCP.I-TIC/doc.2344/11 “Report based on the Responses to the Questionnaire on MTR-MTM.”

- b) That a Seminar highlighting the different approaches towards MTR-MTM regulation would be particularly helpful;
- c) That such a Seminar could be used to gather information from key regional stakeholders on MTR-MTM policies;
- d) That this activity is of interest to the Rapporteurship on “Economic aspects of telecommunications/ICTs,”; and
- e) That this proposed collaboration will positively contribute to the Working Group on Policy and Regulations,

RESOLVES:

To hold a half-day Seminar on “MTR-MTM Approaches in the Americas” during the XX PCC.I meeting, jointly offered and organized by the United States of America as the Co-coordinator of the Study Question. The attached Annex offers a description of the topics to be addressed in the Seminar.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 193 (XIX-11)

TOPICS FOR SEMINAR

- a) Background on MTR-MTM in the Region (current status of the mobile market, current levels of MTR, comparisons to other regions)
- b) Steps being taken in international markets regarding MTR-MTM policies in the European Union and other regions
- c) Different types of MTM-MTM interconnection models in the Region (e.g., models for determining costs and prices related to MTR-MTM, free agreement among the parties)
- d) Perspectives from sub-regional regulators, the case of ECTEL: its experience in adopting harmonized approaches toward MTR-MTM in the Caribbean
- e) Industry stakeholders’ perspective on MTR-MTM (operators, and operator associations)