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SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

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

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

a)   That one of the main telecommunication objectives stated by the worldwide community is to narrow the digital divide;

b)   That our region is not oblivious to this fact and that this necessity was notified to the World Telecommunication Development Conference;

c)   That one of the regional initiatives approved in Resolution 17 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) is to enhance broadband access and uptake in urban and rural areas;

d)   That, lately, most Latin-American countries have adopted the strategic decision to implement plans fostering broadband access in their territories;

e)   That, in turn, several Member States have non-profit cooperative organizations working as telecommunication services providers in areas and cities neglected due to the economic factors of the market;

f)   That as last mile service providers, it is necessary to provide these cooperative organizations with capacities so as to be considered strategic actors in the provision of connectivity in rural areas,

CONSIDERING:

a)   That the role of cooperative organizations has taken on significance worldwide and their necessity and promotion of activities have been recognized at international level;

b)   That the General Assembly of the United Nations has declared 2012 "International Year of Cooperatives" and has also encouraged Member States to pay special attention to the role and contribution of cooperatives;

c)   That, in turn, the General Secretary was requested to continue providing support, in collaboration with the competent organizations of the United Nations and other international organizations, to the Member States in their efforts to create a proper environment for the development of cooperatives, providing assistance to develop human resources, offering technical support and training, and fostering an exchange of experiences and best practices by means of conferences, practical courses, and seminars at regional and national levels,

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RECOGNIZING:

a)   That due to the continuous evolution observed in the scope of telecommunications and the proper nature of these cooperative entities, it is necessary to give them the necessary tools to develop capabilities and to adapt themselves to the new requirements of the service provision;

b)   That it corresponds to the Member States to work in order to show the results expected by the Regional Initiatives in specific actions;

c)   That the assistance of the Telecommunication Development Bureau on of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is considered crucial due to its technical expertise, and its experience in providing training for the creation of capabilities which has been developed and valued by the whole international community;

d)   That it is necessary to coordinate actions and efforts with the aforementioned Office in order to generate synergy which results in tangible products for the purpose of reducing the digital gap and of proposing digital inclusion,

RESOLVES:

1.   To create a Technical Assistance programme for non profit cooperative entities which provide telecommunication services in areas that are not properly considered or vulnerable of the Americas Region, in the framework of Regional Initiatives adopted by the last World Telecommunication Development Conference.

2.   To establish that in the layout of the training that will be offered it shall be contemplated the definition of matters such as recipients, actors involved, objectives proposed, process of implementation, results expected and the term of the project, among others.

3.   To draft an advancement report in the next meeting of this PCC.I.

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To send this Resolution to the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union in order to ask for collaboration for the layout and the starting up of said program.