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FINAL REPORT

XXVI MEETING OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) was held in Washington DC, United States of America, November 13 to 14, 2012.

I. AGENDA ¹

- 1 Adoption of agenda and schedule.
- 2 Establishment of meeting committees:
 - 2.1 Committee for Drafting the Final Report.
 - 2.2 Committee for Preparing the Operations Plan.
- 3 Report by the Chair of COM/CITEL.
- 4 Reports from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees.
- 5 Reports from the COM/CITEL Working Groups
 - 5.1 Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources
 - 5.2 Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITEL
 - 5.3. Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the ITU Council
 - 5.4 Conference Preparatory Working Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings.
- 6 Approval of the annual report on the activities of CITEL.
- 7 Reports on the Sixth Summit of the Americas
- 8 2012 CITEL financial report
- 9 Approval of the 2013 Operations Plan (activities, budget, and meeting scheduling for 2013).
- 10 Joint CITEL/ITU activities in the region.
- 11 Proposed amendments of the CITEL Statute and Regulations.
- 12 Study of OAS General Assembly resolutions affecting CITEL.
- 13 Report on the situation of CITEL's cooperation agreements.
- 14 Report of the Steering Committee.
- 15 Date, agenda, and venue of the next meeting.
- 16 Other business.
17. Adoption of the Final Report.

¹ COM/CITEL/doc. 1481/12

II. AUTHORITIES OF THE MEETING

Chair:	Mr. Héctor Olavarría (Mexico)
Alternate Chair:	Mr. Jorge Rodríguez (Mexico)
Vice-Chair:	Ms. Judith Santos (Dominican Republic)
Executive Secretary:	Mr. Clovis Baptista (OAS)
Drafting Group:	
Chair:	Mr. Jorge Rodríguez (Mexico) Secretariat of CITEL

III. RESOLUTIONS

COM/CITEL RES. 245 (XXVI-12) ²

PROGRAM FOR CITEL TELECOMMUNICATION COURSES FOR 2013

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) The report of the Human Development Coordination on the results achieved by the 2012 CITEL training program;
- b) That it is essential to constantly update training for telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) staff, bearing in mind the sector's ever-changing environment;
- c) That, for 2013, there is no information on budget resources from the OAS Regular Fund for scholarships, which will be decided upon at the Special Assembly of the OAS on November 15, 2012;
- d) That training needs from the Member States for 2013 are still being surveyed,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To empower the Human Development Coordination to draw up an initial program of CITEL courses for 2013, based on priority training needs and the budget for scholarships, which shall be circulated among the Member States for their consideration and adoption.
- 2. To establish that, if the Human Development Department of the Organization of American States (OAS) invites CITEL to participate in the Professional Development Scholarship Program competitive bidding for 2013, the General Coordination would participate in those cases where the institutes are interested in sharing the corresponding scholarship costs.

² COM/CITEL/doc. 1504/12

3. To thank the OAS Human Development Department for its ongoing and excellent support in disseminating CITEL course offers, highlighting the importance for Member States of telecommunication/information technology training programs and its recognized contribution to sustainable development and poverty abatement.

4. To thank the Centre of Excellence of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the Americas Region for all the support and cooperation provided to CITEL for delivering the courses.

5. To establish that the conditions for delivering the courses, unless otherwise specifically indicated in *resolves* 1, shall be as follows:

- There shall be no more than 35 students in each online course.
- The maximum registration fee for all online courses with CITEL scholarship shall be US\$200.
- 10% of the total amount earned from registering the participants benefiting from CITEL/OAS scholarships for online courses provided via the ITU Centre of Excellence platform shall be deposited into an account that shall be used as budget for the reserve fund (seed fund) for the course program of the following years and whose authorization for use would be via the Human Development Coordination.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

1. To send a note to the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to thank and highlight the important coordination work done with the ITU Regional Office for the Americas and Caribbean through the Center of Excellence for the Americas Region. In this note, a request shall be made to uphold the financial and human resources that the Centre of Excellence for the Americas Region needs to continue the successful work done up until now by the two institutions in the Americas.

2. To ensure the widest possible dissemination of these courses.

COM/CITEL RES. 246 (XXVI-12)³

DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE OF THE XXVII MEETING OF COM/CITEL

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the XXVII Meeting of COM/CITEL on December 2-3, 2013 in Mexico.
2. To approve the draft agenda for the XXVII Meeting of COM/CITEL annexed hereto.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 246 (XXVI-12)

DRAFT AGENDA

³ COM/CITEL/doc. 1519/12 rev.1

- 6 Adoption of agenda and schedule.
- 7 Establishment of meeting committees:
 - 2.1 Committee for Drafting the Final Report.
 - 2.2 Committee for Preparing the Operations Plan.
- 8 Report by the Chair of COM/CITEL.
- 9 Reports from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees.
- 10 Reports from the COM/CITEL Working Groups:
 - 5.1 Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources
 - 5.2 Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITEL
 - 5.3. Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the ITU Council
 - 5.4 Conference Preparatory Working Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings.
- 6 Preparation for the VI Assembly of CITEL.
- 7 Approval of the annual report on the activities of CITEL.
- 8 2013 CITEL financial report.
- 9 Approval of the 2014 Operations Plan (activities, budget, and meeting scheduling for 2014).
- 10 Joint CITEL/ITU activities in the region.
- 11 Proposed amendments of the CITEL Statute and Regulations.
- 12 Study of OAS General Assembly resolutions affecting CITEL.
- 13 Report on the situation of CITEL's cooperation agreements.
- 14 Report of the Steering Committee.
- 15 Date, agenda, and venue of the next meeting.
- 16 Other business.
17. Adoption of the Final Report.

COM/CITEL RES. 247 (XXVI-12)⁴

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITEL ASSEMBLY

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

HAVING SEEN:

- a) That Article 6 of the Statutes of CITEL provides that “CITEL shall hold a Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly every four years, in the place as determined by the CITEL Assembly in accordance with the principle of rotation set forth in the Regulations”;
- b) That Article 5 of the Regulations of CITEL provides that the regular meeting of the Assembly should try to be held on the first quarter of the year,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the objectives of CITEL are, among others, to promote the extension of the benefits of new telecommunication technologies to all the peoples in the Americas and to harmonize the efforts of the Member States and Associate Members towards the accomplishment of these objectives;
- b) That CITEL is in an ideal position and has the necessary experience to serve as forum for coordination, celebration of debates and harmonization of regional telecommunication strategies and policies as well as to the exchange of information on the issue;
- c) That the CITEL Assembly has provided high-level participants with a place to discuss global and cross-sector issues, thus contributing to the progress of telecommunications in the Americas,

AWARE:

- a) That the telecommunications environment is undergoing continuous changes due to several aspects and, in particular, to technological progress, regulatory changes, convergence of platforms and services, growing demands from users and increasing needs;
- b) That the need for Member States and Associate Members to closely collaborate in CITEL in a proactive, cooperative and professional manner, mindful of their corresponding functions and objectives, to promote the continuous evolution of telecommunications taking into account the needs of the region;
- c) That CITEL is in charge of promoting regional dialogue about the most relevant challenges in terms of telecommunications,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Sixth Regular CITEL Assembly during the first quarter of 2014 in the Dominican Republic.
2. To approve the Draft Agenda of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly attached as an Annex to the present Resolution.

⁴ COM/CITEL/doc. 1517/12

URGES:

The Administrations of the Member States of the OAS and the Associate Members of CITEL to ensure the participation of the highest authorities in the field of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) in their delegations to the Assembly pursuant to the Statutes and Regulation of CITEL.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEL:

To implement the actions required to fulfill this Resolution.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 247 (XXVI-12)**DRAFT GENERAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organization of the Assembly.
 - 2.1 Order of precedence.
 - 2.2 Establishment of the working committees.
 - 2.3 Composition of the credential, style, and drafting committees.
3. Election of the Chair and of the two Vice-Chairs of the Assembly.
4. Report of the Chair of COM/CITEL.
5. Reports of the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - 5.1 PCC.I: Telecommunications/ICTs.
 - 5.2 PCC.II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting.
6. Strategic Plan of CITEL.
7. Proposed amendments to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL.
8. Establishment of the Permanent Consultative Committees: assignment, purpose, and specific mandate.
9. Designation of the Member State to serve as Vice-Chair of COM/CITEL.
10. Election of the Member States of COM/CITEL.
11. Election of the Member States to chair the Permanent Consultative Committees.
12. Establishment of the Plan of Operations of CITEL for 2014-2018 and the corresponding program-budget.
13. Coordination with other regional and international organizations.
14. Announcement of the XXVIII and XXIX Meetings of COM/CITEL.

15. CITEL preparations for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14).
16. Other business.
17. Adoption of the final report.

COM/CITEL RES. 248 (XXVI-12)⁵

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN FOR 2013

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) The program-budget and draft calendar of meetings considered at the sessions of the Meeting of COM/CITEL; and
- b) The information on the situation of Associate Members presented by the Secretariat of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the calendar of meetings for 2013 contained in Annex 1 hereto.
2. To approve the draft program-budget for 2013 attached hereto as Annex 2.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to inform the Member States of any change in the circumstances affecting the budget for 2013 approved.

⁵ COM/CITEL/doc. 1520/12 rev.2

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 248 (XXVI-12)

PRELIMINARY CALENDAR OF CITEL 2013

Meeting	Date	Place
Seminar on fixed and mobile satellite services	7 April 2013	[TBD]
XXI Meeting of PCC.II	8-12 April 2013	[TBD]
XXII Meeting of PCC.I	20-24 May 2013	Argentina
XXX Meeting of the Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the Council of the ITU	11-21 June 2013	Geneva, Switzerland
2012 session of the ITU Council	11-21 June 2013	Geneva, Switzerland
XVIII Meeting of the Steering Committee (STE)	July 2013	Videoconference or by Internet
XXII Meeting of PCC.II	9-13 September 2013	[TBD]
XXIII Meeting of PCC.I	7-11 October 2013	[TBD]
XXVII Meeting of COM/CITEL	2-3 December 2013	Mexico

 ITU Meetings

Note to the calendar: To address important preparations for the ITU World Telecommunications Development Conference and Plenipotentiary Conference, short meetings of the COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings will likely be held in association with the PCC.I meeting (May 2013) and the ITU Regional Preparatory Meeting for the WTDC (August 2013), as well as the COM/CITEL meeting (December 2013), in order to consider potential inter-american proposals (IAPs) and CITEL positions for these conferences.

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 248 (XXVI-12)

CITEL DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2013

(Amounts in US\$)

		REGULAR FUND	SPECIFIC FUNDS			TOTAL
		OAS RF	SF PCC.I	SF PCC.II	VC	
<u>INCOME</u>						
OAS Regular Fund (Personnel)		449,400				449,400
OAS Regular Fund (Non-personnel)		82,500				82,500
Specific Funds Balance PCC.I - January 1, 2013						0
Specific Funds Income of the PCC.I			118,500			118,500
Specific Funds Balance PCC.II - January 1, 2013						0
Specific Funds Income of the PCC.II				187,500		187,500
Voluntary Contributions						0
TOTAL INCOME		531,900	118,500	187,500		837,900
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
<u>CITEL Secretariat</u>						
Staff Salaries : US\$692,644 (5 permanent posts)						
Salaries for 3 staff	Paid by the Regular Fund	449,400				449,400
Staff Salary (50% for 2 staff)	[Contrib. SF PCC.I]		101,297			101,297
Staff Salary (50% for 2 staff)	[Contrib. SF PCC.II]			101,297		101,297
Administrative Expenditures (see attached table)		58,000				58,000
Total Secretariat's Expenditures		507,400	101,297	101,297		709,994
<u>CITEL Meetings</u>						
XXII PCC.I Meeting			8,601			8,601
XXIII PCC.I Meeting			8,602			8,602
XXI PCC.II Meeting				43,101		43,101
XXII Meeting PCC.II				43,102		43,102
XXVII COM/CITEL Meeting		17,000				17,000
Total Meeting Expenditures		17,000	17,203	86,203		120,406
<u>Other expenditures</u>						
Scholarships		7,500				7,500
Total - Other expenditures		7,500		0	0	7,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		531,900	118,500	187,500	0	837,900
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENDITURES		0	0	0	0	0

Projection of Administrative Expenses for 2013 (US\$)

Budget		58,000	
Expenses			
	Documents		2,000
	Equipment		2,000
	Supplies		1,400
	Postage		300
	Phone, Fax		1,500
	Server Maintenance		4,500
	LAN-Internet		4,400
	LAN-Printer		500
	Translation Costs (*)		25,000
	Courier/S&H charges		500
	AD&D Insurance		300
	Webex		600
	Software licenses (annual payment)		13,000
	VPN		2,000
	Other		-
Total			58,000

(*)

Annual Report	4,500
Secretariat	20,500
	25,000

PCC.I DRAFT BUDGET - 2013

(US\$)

		REGULAR FUND	SPECIFIC FUNDS		TOTAL
		OAS RF	SF PCC.I	VC	
<u>INCOME</u>					
OAS Regular Fund (Non-personnel)					0
Balance PCC.I Specific Fund - 1 January 2013					0
Income - PCC.I Specific Fund			118,500		118,500
Voluntary contributions					
TOTAL INCOME		0	118,500		118,500
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CITEL Secretariat					
Staff salaries: US\$					
Staff Salaries (50% for 2)	[Contrib. SF PCC.I]		101,297		101,297
Total Secretariat expenses		0	101,297		101,297
<u>CITEL Meetings</u>					
XXII PCC.I Meeting			8,601		8,601
XXIII PCC.I Meeting			8,602		8,602
Total meeting costs		0	17,203		17,203
<u>Other expenditures</u>					
					0
Total other expenses		0			0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		0	118,500		118,500
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENDITURES =		0	0		0

PCC.II DRAFT BUDGET – 2013

(US\$)

	REGULAR FUND	SPECIFIC FUND		TOTAL
	OAS RF	SF PCC.II	VC	
<u>INCOME</u>				
OAS Regular Fund (Non-personnel)				
Balance PCC.II Specific Fund - 1 January 2013				0
Income - PCC.II Specific Fund		187,500		187,500
Voluntary contributions				0
TOTAL INCOME	0	187,500	0	187,500
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
CITEL Secretariat				
Staff Salaries: US\$				
Staff Salary (50% for 2) [Contrib. SF PCC.II]		101,297		101,297
Total Secretariat expenses	0	101,297	0	101,297
<u>CITEL Meetings</u>				
XXI PCC.II Meeting		43,101		43,101
XXII PCC.II Meeting		43,102		43,102
Total meeting costs	0	86,203		86,203
<u>Other expenditures</u>				
				0
Total other expenses	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	187,500	0	187,500
INCOME - EXPENDITURES =	0	0	0	0

COM/CITEL RES. 249 (XXVI-12)⁶

SECURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY FOR CITEL DURING 2013 AND BEYOND

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That CITEL's Secretariat Personnel financed by the OAS Regular Fund are CITEL's Executive Secretary at the P-5 level; a Senior Specialist at the P-4 level; and a Secretary at the G-6 level;
- b) That the 2013 Program-Budget Resolution scheduled for approval by a Special Session of the OAS General Assembly meeting on November 15, 2012, assigns an allocation of US\$531.9 thousand from the OAS Regular Fund to CITEL, which may not be sufficient to cover the full cost of CITEL's Regular Fund financed personnel together with the administrative costs necessary to sustain CITEL's essential activities;
- c) That in response to Member State concerns that the amount assigned to CITEL under the 2013 Program Budget likely to be approved by a Special Meeting of the OAS General Assembly on November 15, 2012, may not cover the full cost of CITEL's Regular Fund financed personnel, the Director of the OAS General Secretariat's Department of Planning and Evaluation informed this meeting of COM/CITEL that: (i) an account existed within that proposed Budget to finance shortfalls in the funding of Regular Fund financed personnel; and (ii) shortfalls could also be covered by within and between Regular Fund Chapter transfers, pursuant to the applicable General Standards;
- d) That Article 29 of the CITEL Statute requires the General Secretariat to establish among CITEL's specific funds the Supplementary Fund for Support of General Operations to be funded by CITEL Member States voluntary contributions and a Supplementary Fund for the Activities of the Permanent Consultative Committees, to be funded by voluntary contributions from CITEL Member States and by fees from Associate Members, as determined by CITEL Regulations;
- e) That several Members have expressed concern over the financial sustainability of COM/CITEL in light of possible future reductions in OAS Regular Fund financing, and they have suggested that a special Ad Hoc group of interested Member States be formed to study the financial sustainability of CITEL and make the corresponding recommendations to COM/CITEL and CITEL's next Assembly;
- f) That the reality of reduced budgetary allocations makes it incumbent upon the membership in consultation with the Secretariat of CITEL, to identify the priorities for CITEL activities in the future,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to explore with the appropriate authorities within the OAS General Secretariat the availability of the mechanisms suggested by the Director of the Department of Planning and Evaluation at this meeting for covering budgetary shortfalls, in the event any such shortfalls arise in the execution of CITEL's 2013 Regular Fund Budget.

⁶ COM/CITEL/doc. 1521/12 rev.1

2. To urge the Members to contribute additional resources each year to CITEL's Supplementary Fund for Support of General Operations, which may be used, in part, to cover any shortfall in CITEL's essential administrative costs.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to determine the percentage of each line-item of CITEL administrative costs currently covered by the Regular Fund, if any, that can be legitimately allocated to the Permanent Consultative Committees and to so inform the Steering Committee at its next meeting.
4. To instruct CITEL's Steering Committee to meet quarterly to review CITEL's budget execution during the 2013 fiscal period and to take the necessary measures, including the adjustment and reprogramming of CITEL's Budget, to assure that shortfalls are covered or otherwise avoided.
5. To request COM/CITEL's Chair to establish a Ad Hoc Group to examine CITEL's future direction, together with possible alternatives for structural changes to CITEL and the corresponding modifications of its Statute, and to present a report with recommendations as to those possibilities and proposals to COM/CITEL so that they may be considered at the next CITEL Assembly.

IV. DECISIONS

COM/CITEL/DEC. 83 (XXVI-12) ⁷

CREATION OF A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FOR THE PREPARATION OF WTDC-14 AND PP-14

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

DECIDES:

1. To request the Secretariat of CITEL to create a virtual community for the preparation of the World Telecommunication Development Conference of 2014 (WTDC-14) and the Plenipotentiary Conference of 2014 (PP-2014).
2. To appoint the Coordinators of the Working Group to coordinate this virtual community.
3. To request the Member States to actively participate in the virtual community.

COM/CITEL DEC. 84 (XXVI-11) ⁸

FORWARDING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CITEL TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

DECIDES:

1. To forward the attached draft resolution to the OAS General Assembly at its regular session of 2013.
2. To attach this draft resolution to the Annual Report for 2012 to be presented by CITEL to the OAS General Assembly.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to take the steps necessary to implement the mandate contained in this decision.

ANNEX TO DECISION COM/CITEL/DEC. 84 (XXVI-12)

⁷ COM/CITEL/doc. 1518/12

⁸ COM/CITEL/doc.1505/12

DRAFT RESOLUTION

AG/RES. XXX (XLIII-O/13)

SUPPORT FROM CITEL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE SIXTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS AND THE HIGH-LEVEL WORLD CONFERENCES HELD IN 2012

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

That by resolution COM/CITEL RES. 242 (XXV-11), “Contribution by CITEL to the Sixth Summit of the Americas,” the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL invited the Member States of CITEL to forward to the National Coordinator of the Sixth Summit of the Americas documents arising from different meetings of CITEL that reflected the positive impact of telecommunications and information and communication technologies on matters of high importance to the region, such as social inclusion, citizen security, natural disaster prevention and mitigation, and the promotion of access to and use of technology;

The major efforts made by CITEL, as the regional telecommunication organization for the Americas, at the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) of the International Telecommunication Union in presenting over 200 inter-American proposals for revisions to the Radio Regulations, the international treaty governing the use of the radio spectrum and geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits;

That CITEL participated actively in the preparations for the “Connect the Americas” Summit (Panama City, Panama, July 17 to 19, 2012), whose overall objective was to mobilize the human, financial and technical resources required to implement the results of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS); and

That by decision of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I) at its third plenary session, 39 inter-American proposals were forwarded to the 2012 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 20 to 29, 2012), and 14 inter-American proposals to the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, December 3 to 14, 2012);

CONSIDERING:

That WRC-12 adopted resolutions of high impact in the areas of mobile broadband; the digital dividend; interference; and the coordination and notification of satellite networks, and that it developed the agenda for WRC-15, which includes items with high impact on the region, since the radio spectrum is a finite resource, but frequency requirements and the numerous radiocommunication applications are increasing, so that regulatory procedures must be evaluated on an ongoing basis to ensure that needs of Administrations are met;

That at the Sixth Summit of the Americas, mandates were adopted in the areas of “integration of physical infrastructure in the Americas”; “access to and use of information and communication technologies”; “poverty, inequality, and inequity”; disaster risk reduction and management”; and “citizen security and transnational organized crime,” which contain provisions directly related to the work of CITEL;

That WTSA-12 will determine the next study period of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, and that WCIT-12 will revise the current International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs), the binding global treaty that contains the principles governing international voice, data, and video traffic and lays the foundations for ongoing innovation and market growth; and

That in the first quarter of 2014, the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL is to be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and that that Assembly is the inter-American forum for the exchange of views and experiences by the highest telecommunication/ICT authorities of the Member States of CITEL, taking appropriate decisions to guide their activity, and that preparations for this Assembly are to begin in 2013; and

REAFFIRMING:

That, in its capacity as the leading multilateral forum of the Hemisphere, the OAS has an exceptional part to play in strengthening connectivity in the region in order to contribute to its socioeconomic development; and

That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) has a crucial part to play by establishing a reference point in the Americas with regard to the Information Society and that it has proven an effective mechanism for facilitating contributions by Member States to international conferences,

RESOLVES:

1. To invite the Member States to participate actively in the activities related to the preparations for WRC-15, the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL, to be held in 2014, the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference, and the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference, as applicable, so that they come to these conferences with a strong and consensus-based regional position.
2. To emphasize that the core competencies of CITEL in the field of ICT, such as assistance in bridging the digital divide; regional and international cooperation; radio spectrum management; and information dissemination, are of crucial importance in building the Information Society.
3. To invite the General Secretariat of the OAS to continue to provide CITEL with the support necessary to ensure continuity in the implementation of its mandates.
4. To encourage the Member States and associate members of CITEL to present proposals and contributions for the meetings of CITEL and, if possible, to provide voluntary financial contributions for efforts to promote the development, coordination, and implementation of strategies and projects, as applicable, to expand access to and the use of ICT.
5. To request CITEL to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on the implementation of this resolution.

V. LIST OF BASIC DOCUMENTS

Summary Minutes of the Inaugural Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1522/12
Summary Minutes of the First Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1522/12
Summary Minutes of the Second Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1522/12
Summary Minutes of the Third Plenary Session and Closing Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1522/12
List of Documents:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1479/12 rev.2
List of Participants:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1480/12 rev.1
Final Report for the Meeting:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1523/12