

**FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS OF THE OAS PROGRAM-BUDGET
FOR CITEL IN 2013**

The XX Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting (PCC.II),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Organization of American States (OAS) Program-Budget for 2013 submitted by the OAS Secretary General to the Organization's Permanent Council this past August 22, 2012 does not envisage the allocation of financial resources from the OAS Regular Fund to CITEL;
- b) That CITEL was established by the OAS General Assembly in 1994 as the only entity of the Inter-American System whose mission is to facilitate and promote the comprehensive and sustainable development of telecommunications/ICTs in the Americas;
- c) That CITEL constitutes the main regional coordination mechanism for reaching a consensus and agreeing upon the inter-American positions that the region takes to various world forums such as the World Radiocommunication Conferences and the World Conferences on International Telecommunications of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), forums where the future of telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the world are discussed and negotiated;
- d) That CITEL needs to continue benefiting from the support of resources from the OAS's Regular Fund to fully fulfill its mandates and duties;
- e) That it is crucial for the sector to uphold CITEL's intergovernmental character to guarantee that its decisions are taken for the region's public interest,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That Resolution CITEL/RES. 24 (II-98), adopted by the CITEL Assembly in March 1998, and according to what indicates Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 65 (VII-98), highlighted the need to ensure that the cumulative total of Associate Members of the Permanent Consultative Committees fees in any given fiscal year is not used as a pretext for lowering the proportional share for CITEL from the Regular Fund of the OAS at the annual meetings of the General Assembly,

CONSIDERING FURTHER:

- a) That the above-mentioned Draft Program-Budget is currently being reviewed, in the framework of the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs of the Permanent Council of the OAS (CAAP);
- b) That the final version of the above-mentioned Program-Budget shall be adopted at a Special Session of the General Assembly of the OAS scheduled for November 15, 2012;

¹ CCP.II-RADIO/doc.3126 /12 rev.1

c) That CITEL requires a minimum contribution of US\$561,000 from the Regular Fund of the OAS in 2013 to fully carry out its duties (reference document CCP.II-RADIO/doc. 3125/12),

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Administrations of OAS Member States to contact their respective Foreign Affairs Ministries/Permanent Missions to the OAS as quickly as possible to stress both the importance of CITEL's activities and the need to make sure that enough financial resources are allocated to CITEL from the OAS Regular Budget for 2013 for these activities.

2. To request the Chair of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting (PCC.II) to submit this Resolution to the XXVI Meeting of COM/CITEL, to be held in Washington, D.C., on November 13-14, 2012.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEL:

To immediately convey the present Resolution to the Administrations and the Associate Members of PCC.II, along with document CCP.II-RADIO/doc. 3125/12.