

**PCC.I/DEC. 153 (XXI-12)<sup>1</sup>**

**QUESTIONNAIRE TO COMPILE INFORMATION ON POLICIES OR ACTIONS TO IMPROVE THE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF ICT BY WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

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

**DECIDES:**

1. To instruct the Secretariat of CITEL, in coordination with the Chair of the Working Group on Development and the Rapporteurship on ICT for social inclusion, to request from the Member States information on women and children in ICTs, as indicated in the attached questionnaire.
2. To request the Member States to forward their replies to the questionnaire to the Secretariat of CITEL, with a copy to the Coordinator for compiling the information, Ms. María Victoria Sukenik ([msukenik@secom.gov.ar](mailto:msukenik@secom.gov.ar)) by October 26, 2012.
3. To analyze the received responses in coordination with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), an organization with which joint work is being undertaken on the issue.

**ANNEX TO DECISION PCC.I/DEC. 153 (XXI-12)**

Below is a questionnaire whose main aim is to compile information on policies, programs, and initiatives being implemented by telecommunication/ICT organizations in the OAS Member States to promote the empowerment of women and children. The replies to this questionnaire will be used as main input for preparing recommendations and resolutions to facilitate the systematization of existing policies, programs, and initiatives.

This document will be made available primarily to telecommunication/ICT organizations and national women's mechanisms, and is expected to contribute to promoting discussions and exchange in the countries in this area.

In addition to replying to the questionnaire using the form provided below, it is requested that relevant documents and photographs of different policies, programs, and initiatives be attached for inclusion in the final document prepared on this effort, and for dissemination through a space/forum that CITEL will make available to women and children.

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION COMPILATION**

Country	
Name of institution	
Name of person completing questionnaire	
Position	
Email	
Telephone	

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1. Does your ministry/secretariat have statistics on the use and ownership of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) that include the gender variable?

a) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please provide details.

Size and age ranges of female population

Educational level

Income level

b) No \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe reasons:

2. Does your ministry/secretariat have a law or laws, decree or decrees, policy or policies, or specific government actions to improve access to and use of ICT by women and children?

a. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Go to question 3

b. No \_\_\_\_\_ Go to question 4

3. If your country has a law or laws, decree or decrees, policy or policies, or specific government actions are in place to improve access to and use of ICT by women and children, please complete the table below. Please note that the information on each case should be provided on different rows. *If there is more than one case, add as many rows as needed.*

Law(s), decrees(s), policy(ies), program(s), government actions ( <u>verbatim title, and date of adoption</u> ). Please <u>include a link to a web page</u> .	Source	Objective(s)	Implementation time	How is it being implemented? Please indicate whether it has been evaluated, and the results	Observations

4. Does your ministry/secretariat have any strategy to promote access to and use of ICT by women and children in its programs, projects, and initiatives?

a) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Go to question 5

b) No \_\_\_\_\_ Go to question 6

5. Please describe the strategy or strategies now being implemented. *Use as much space as needed for your reply.*

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6. Please indicate the reasons why you think that a strategy has not been prepared in this area. *Use as much space as needed for your reply.*

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7. If policies or government actions exist, do they take account of digital inclusion for women with disabilities?

- c. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Go to question 8
- d. No \_\_\_\_\_ Go to question 9

8. Please describe the policies or government actions now being implemented. *Use as much space as needed for your reply.*

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8. Please provide for each policy/program/project/initiative the name, objective, start date and duration, most important achievements/outcomes, partnerships and participating entities, amount of financial resources, etc. *If there is more than one case, add as many rows as needed.*

Name of programs/projects/policies/initiatives	Start date and duration	Objectives(s)	Achievements/outcomes	Partnerships and participating entities	Amount of financial resources

9. Does your ministry/secretariat have any cooperative relations with your country's national mechanism for the advancement of women (lead entity on gender and policies for the advancement of women)

- a. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Go to (c) below.
- b. No \_\_\_\_\_ Go to (d) below.

e. Please describe the cooperation. *Use as much space as needed for your reply.*

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f. What factors do you consider to have prevented such cooperation? *Use as much space as needed for your reply*

10. Do you know of any existing network or networks, organization, and/or directory of women in the telecommunication/ICT area (government, civil society organizations, private sector) in your country?

11. Do you know of companies in the telecommunication/ICT sector in your country that promote access to and use of ICT by women and children?

12. In the academic area in your country, are there specialized degree courses in telecommunications/ICT? Do these courses promote the incorporation of women?