

COM/CITEL DEC. 80 (XXV-11) ¹

FORWARDING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CITEL TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The XXV 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 2012.
2. To attach this draft resolution to the Annual Report for 2011 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. 80 (XXV-11)

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
AG/RES. YYY (XLII-O/12)**

**UTILIZING TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
TO CREATE AN INFORMATION SOCIETY PROMOTING INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the telecommunication and information and communication technologies (ICT) environment has undergone major change as a result of rapid technological progress, market globalization, and the convergence of telecommunication, information, broadcasting, and IT services and technologies; and
- b) That ICT and their applications are essential to political, economic, social, and cultural development and are also an essential factor in poverty reduction, job creation, environmental protection, and natural disaster prevention and mitigation,

MINDFUL that CITEL continues to occupy an ideal position as the only regional forum for information exchange, coordination, debate, and harmonization of national, regional, and international telecommunication/ICT strategies and policies, and for information exchange on international telecommunication/ICT with a view to achieving access to telecommunications/ICT; and

REAFFIRMING the nature, objectives, and functions of CITEL, whose mission is “to facilitate and promote the integral and sustainable development of telecommunications/ICTs in the Americas based on the principles of universality, solidarity, transparency, equity, reciprocity, nondiscrimination,

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technological neutrality, and resource optimization, taking account of the environment and sustainable human development to benefit society in every country of the region”,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to promote and encourage the existence of appropriate telecommunications/ICT that contribute to sustainable development in the region, with special interest in underserved areas, sharing experiences and initiatives on telecommunications/ICT through seminars, workshops, and other hemispheric forums to encourage the dissemination of best practices and avoid duplication of effort.
2. To instruct CITEL to remain a forum for dialogue, coordination, and cooperation in the telecommunication area in the Hemisphere and to maintain a high level in providing technical assistance and capacity-building in the Member States, as appropriate and in accordance with the Plan of Operations for 2012, which includes activities in the following areas: preparation of inter-American proposals for the World Radiocommunication Conference, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, and the World Conference on International Telecommunications of the International Telecommunication Union; promotion and development of and debate on new services and technologies; and coordination, planning, and consensus-building among the Member States with regard to tariff and economic matters and harmonization of radio spectrum use, taking special account of the need to prevent and avoid harmful interference, and of protection against the electromagnetic non-ionizing emissions.
3. To encourage the promotion of nondiscriminatory access to telecommunication/ICT media, services, and applications, including applied research with a view to meeting the demand for modern telecommunication/ICT services and applications.
4. To instruct the General Secretariat of the OAS to continue to provide the Secretariat of CITEL, within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization of American States (OAS) and other resources, human and financial resources, as well as the support necessary to ensure continuity in the implementation of its mandates.
5. To instruct CITEL to continue conducting, organizing, or sponsoring the studies necessary to highlight the contribution of ICTs and their applications in integral development.