

COM/CITEL DEC. 84 (XXVI-11)¹

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)

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

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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 CITELE to present proposals and contributions for the meetings of CITELE 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 CITELE to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on the implementation of this resolution.