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**REGIONAL BROADBAND FORUM IN SUPPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
CONNECT AMERICAS SUMMIT**

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Connect Americas Summit will be held from July 17 to 19, 2012, in Panama City, Panama. It is one of five regional Summits organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as part of the Connect the World initiative;
- b) That the objective of that initiative is to mobilize human, financial, and technical resources to implement the outcomes of the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and regional initiatives adopted by the Member States at the 2010 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC);
- c) That one of the regional initiatives for the Americas agreed in the Hyderabad Action Plan is broadband access in urban and rural areas; and
- d) That the Strategic Plan of CITEL for 2010-2014 establishes among its strategic goals to promote and coordinate activities, initiatives, projects, and programs of interest to the region related to the development of telecommunications/ICTs; and to step up cooperation and coordination with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other organizations in order to optimize the use of scarce human and financial resources,

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Meeting of Organizations and/or Agencies to Promote Telecommunications/ICT Development, held in the framework of the XIX Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICT, identified possible strategic partners in the area of connectivity and access for the implementation of the important regional initiative,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold a Broadband Forum on April, 2012, in Mexico City, Mexico in order to develop a regional assessment of the needs of the region in the area of connectivity and access, with the aim of better results of the Connect Americas 2012.
2. To establish an Ad Hoc Group to prepare the Broadband Forum, with participation by representatives of the four subregions of the Americas: North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

INSTRUCTS:

1. The Executive Secretary:
 - a. To provide the support necessary for the holding of the Forum and its preparations.

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- b. To send a circular letter to Member states in order to identify, as soon as possible, the focal points of each sub-region that will compose the Ad Hoc Group to prepare the Broadband Forum.
2. The Ad Hoc Group, in coordination with the Secretariat and the host country, based on the actions and objectives set forth in the description of the proposal, to carry out the preparations for the Forum.