

**COM/CITEL/REC. 5 (VII-98)<sup>1</sup>**  
**ACTIONS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING**  
**CITEL'S FINANCIAL BASE**

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

**HAVING SEEN:**

- (a) The critical impact of the available resources for CITEL, from the Regular Fund of the OAS;
- (b) That there is a considerable lag in the payment of the contributions of the associate members in the period 1994-1998,

**CONSIDERING:**

- (a) That the contribution made by the associate members to each Permanent Consultative Committee is essential to continue with their respective activities and to ensure compliance with CITEL's objectives;
- (b) that it is strictly necessary to have a criterion of financial predictability for the design of a Strategic Plan that would enable its implementation.
- (c) that it is indispensable to develop annually a balanced budget to assure CITEL's financial stability.
- (d) that Article 84 of the CITEL Regulations establishes the conditions for the temporary suspension of the privileges of associate members when their quota contributions are overdue, and
- (e) that the means to consolidate the financial base of CITEL should be secured.

**RECOMMENDS:**

1. That the Administrations take the steps they deem advisable to encourage associate members to pay up their quota contributions.
2. That the Administrations report to the corresponding governmental agencies representing their countries before the OAS regarding all the activities being carried out by CITEL and the need to consolidate the resources of the Regular Fund for this Commission in an amount equivalent to the budget submitted by CITEL.

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<sup>1</sup> Document COM/CITEL/doc.409/98.