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**FOLLOW-UP OF THE MEETING OF SENIOR
TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICIALS**

The Fourth Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) decided to entrust the Executive Secretary of CITEL with submitting the Draft Resolution on the Follow-up of the Meeting of Senior Telecommunication Officials to the OAS General Assembly through the corresponding channels (Annex).

ANNEX

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action for the Americas prepared by CITEL in compliance with the mandate of the Summit of the Americas and adopted during the Meeting of Senior Telecommunication Officials that was held in Washington, DC, USA, on 25-26 September 1996,

CONSIDERING:

That, in December 1994 Heads of State of 34 countries in the Americas met at Miami at the "Summit of the Americas" and adopted a Plan of Action whereunder their governments:

· Via the OAS Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), and in coordination with the sub-regional telecommunications organizations, undertook to develop and carry out a work program to:

- Evaluate regulatory, technical and legal means to promote liberalization, common standards, interoperability of networks and compatible use of the radio spectrum.
- Examine ways to promote greater consistency of the certification processes for telecommunications equipment among member countries.
- Develop regional guidelines for the provision of international value-added network services.
- Support a meeting by 1996, coordinated by CITEL of Senior Telecommunications Officials to conduct further discussions of the above actions.

That the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegations of the OAS Member States, Meeting on the occasion of the XXV Regular Session of the General Assembly, adopted its Declaration of Montrouis,

"A NEW VISION OF THE OAS", and in relation to CITEL declared as follows:

27. *“Their commitment to promoting investment in information, communication, and telecommunication infrastructure, requesting the Secretary General to promote access for our countries' institutions to information networks, and to support and propose policies for strengthening the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) so that it may fulfill the mission entrusted to it in the Plan of Action of the Summit of the Americas.”*

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action for the Americas;
2. To recommend to the Administrative and Budget Committee of the Permanent Council to identify, within the existing assignments the resources needed for follow-up of the activities recommended by the ministers, as an assistance for the fulfillment of its objectives and commitments.
3. To request CITEL that it continues to include, in its report to the General Assembly, a summary of the follow up of the Summit of the Americas and on the development of activities in response to the decisions adopted by the Meeting of Senior Telecommunication Officials.