

DECIDES:

<p>COM/CITEL DEC. 56 (XVIII-06)¹</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the proposals in documents COM/CITEL/doc.1080/06 cor.1, COM/CITEL/doc.1081/06 rev.1, COM/CITEL/doc.1084/06, COM/CITEL/doc.1090/06 and COM/CITEL/doc.1094/06 rev.1, submitted to the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas.2. To approve that the relation between CITEL and ITU, regarding connectivity issues, be channeled through the chair of the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas, so that the chair may interact with Administrations, acting as their spokesperson in the various initiatives in this area, introduced by the ITU in the region.3. To integrate the Regional Project CITEL – ITU – “REDUCING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND ADVANCING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY” with the projects approved by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (areas of Connectivity and Broadband).4. To request the Administrations of Brazil, Colombia and Mexico to jointly prepare a regional strategic analysis of the value chains of connectivity, including, among others, the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ LAN Infrastructure: PCs, software, etc. ;○ Access networks;○ Transport: satellite, terrestrial FO, underwater FO;○ Interconnection to NAPs and Tier-1s;○ Ownership: ICT Literacy, development of local contents;○ Strategies for the monitoring.<p style="text-align: center;">This study will also be submitted in the X meeting of CCP.I.</p>5. To request the Administration of Canada to include the impact assessment topics defined in the report of the ad hoc group of the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas, in the report it is preparing for PCC.I.6. To instruct the CITEL Secretariat to prepare a comprehensive management model for connectivity projects
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¹ COM/CITEL/doc. 1132/06 rev.1

	<p>including, among other elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Documents to be submitted by the Administrations of Canada, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico at the next PCC.I (mentioned above);○ Studies by Regulatel and ECLAC (e-LAC), with which the Secretariat will make the pertinent agreements. <p>This Management model must include, among other essential elements, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Guidebook for the preparation of connectivity projects;○ Processes to identify the most suitable funding sources for projects, based on their special characteristics;○ Assessment of the expected impact. <p>7. To approve that CITEI, when so requested, provides the monitoring for the countries in the preparation of project models and their presentation to potential investors. Likewise, if so requested, it may take charge of the project's management during its implementation. The cost of this management will be covered by the project and included in its costing.</p>
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