

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

**DECIDES:**

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| <b>COM/CITEL DEC. 60 (XIX-07)</b> <sup>1</sup> | <p>1. To conduct, during 2008, a detailed feasibility study showing the possibilities of implementing the proposals contained in document COM/CITEL/doc. 1144/07 rev.1 “Proposal of new activities for CITEL” proposed by the Chair of the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas, in the understanding that it is the expression of two basic ideas and that they require greater detail.</p> <p>The feasibility study shall include not only detailed objectives and the actions necessary to attain them, but also human and monetary resources, funding sources, and project sustainability over time.</p> <p>Project execution is to be subject to the results of the aforementioned study.</p> <p>2. An Ad Hoc Group of COM/CITEL will be established to implement the aforementioned feasibility study by means of distance work and virtual meetings. Said group consists of the Administrations of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela.</p> <p>3. This activity will not use the CITEL operations budget for 2008.</p> <p>4. The Chair of the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas will coordinate the work involved in executing the feasibility study, which should be submitted for consideration at the upcoming XX meeting of COM/CITEL.</p> <p>5. To urge the Administrations of the Member States to assist in the search for additional resources in order to finance these projects.</p> |
| <b>COM/CITEL DEC. 61 (XIX-07)</b> <sup>2</sup> | <p>To accept the draft submitted of the Report on the Situation of the information and communication technologies (ICT) in the Americas Region (document COM/CITEL/doc.1154/07 cor.1) in recognition of the worthy effort made, and to implement the following work plan so that it will be finished on time for submission to the XXXVIII Assembly of the OAS:</p> <p>1. The work team that prepared the first version will continue its investigation and attempt to cover the points that have not yet been developed.</p>  |

<sup>1</sup> COM/CITEL/doc.1182/07 rev.3

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|   | <p>2. The Member States of CITEL will be requested to deliver their contributions to the Secretariat of CITEL no later than January 18, 2008.</p> <p>3. The team that prepared this draft will incorporate the information suggested and will submit a revised version no later than mid-February of 2008, for submission to the XXXVIII Assembly of the OAS.</p>   |
| COM/CITEL DEC. 62 (XIX-07) <sup>3</sup> | <p>1. To send to the OAS 2008 General Assembly the attached draft Resolution highlighting the important activities carried out by CITEL in 2007.</p> <p>2. To attach this draft Resolution to the Annual Report to be submitted by CITEL to the OAS General Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OAS/RES. YYY (XXXVIII-O/08)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CITEL AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA INTO THE GLOBAL INFORMATION SOCIETY</b></p> <p>THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,</p> <p><b>HAVING SEEN</b> the Annual Report of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL);</p> <p><b>CONSIDERING:</b></p> <p>That the mission of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is to facilitate and promote the harmonious and comprehensive development of telecommunications, including information and communication technologies in the Americas, and to coordinate the efforts of Member States and the private sector, ensuring the achievement of those goals for the good of society;</p> <p>That CITEL plays an important role in facilitating the study of the changing environment of international telecommunications, providing relevant and timely information regarding telecommunication technologies,</p> <p><b>BEARING IN MIND:</b></p> <p>The important role that telecommunications and</p> |

<sup>3</sup> COM/CITEL/doc.1188/07

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|  | <p>information technologies play in the economic and social development of all countries and the provision of universal, sustainable, and uniform access to information;</p> <p>The initiatives developed within the framework of the implementation of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quito for the reduction of the digital divide in the region;</p> <p>The persistence of the digital divide, despite the substantial growth and expansion of telecommunication services, and the hemispheric priority of the elimination of this divide;</p> <p>The increased efficiency and economy that new telecommunication technologies make possible, and the challenges they pose for the public and private sectors;</p> <p>The need of countries that are vulnerable to natural disasters for reliable telecommunication systems,</p> <p><b>RECOGNIZING:</b></p> <p>The success of CITEL at the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference, where it submitted 468 inter-American proposals and established numerous joint positions on the issues discussed;</p> <p>The other achievements of CITEL during 2007, which are highlighted in its annual report and include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approval of recommendations that promote network inter-operability, the timely adoption of advanced technologies, the protection of critical infrastructure, and regional spectrum harmonization;</li> <li>- Twenty-six professional development courses in cooperation with the ITU, which involved the granting of over 300 scholarships for professional telecommunications training,;</li> <li>- An agreement with the ITU for the regional project “Reducing the Digital Divide and Advancing the information Society;</li> <li>- The organization of seminars on priority issues, including the following: bridging the standardization divide; fraud in the use of telecommunication systems; the use of telecommunications in disaster-relief operations; and technical and regulatory aspects of the effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic emissions,</li> </ul> <p><b>CONSIDERING:</b></p> |
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|  | <p>That the Regular Fund assigned to CITEL no longer suffices to cover the minimum expenses incurred by the Secretariat. Consequently, specific funds allocated to the Permanent Consultative Committees, per regulations, have been used to cover these costs;</p> <p><b>RESOLVES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To congratulate CITEL for its achievements in 2007, particularly with regard to the progress made in the implementation of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, which seeks to create an inclusive Information Society.</li> <li>2. To support CITEL in all aspects of telecommunications.</li> </ol>  |
|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. To encourage OAS Member States to continue adopting the measures required to adapt to current trends in the development of telecommunications infrastructure and information technologies.</li> <li>4. To encourage Member States to continue implementing the commitments adopted at the Summits of the Americas with regard to telecommunications and information technologies, and to continue promoting and disseminating CITEL recommendations within their respective Administrations.</li> <li>5. To encourage CITEL and OAS Member States to continue facilitating the development of inter-American proposals, positions, and common views at the 2008 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the 2010 World Telecommunication Development Conference, the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference, the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference, and other equally important events sponsored by the International Telecommunication Union.</li> <li>6. To invite Member States to join the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations, the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP), and its Protocol of Amendment.</li> <li>7. To instruct CITEL to continue assisting Member States in the development of strategies to facilitate access to telecommunications infrastructure – particularly in rural areas – as well as the creation of an effective policy and regulatory framework for telecommunications and the assessment of cost models for the provision of accessible and sustainable services to all social strata of the population.</li> </ol> |

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|   | <p>8. To urge OAS Member States to increase horizontal cooperation, as well as the exchange of information, experiences, and best practices with regard to telecommunications and information technologies.</p> <p>9. To instruct the Secretary General for a sufficient increase in the 2010 CITEI budget to cover the basic additional costs incurred by the Secretariat.</p> <p>10. To request the submission by CITEI of a follow-up report at the thirty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly.</p>   |
| COM/CITEI DEC. 63 (XIX-07) <sup>4</sup> | <p>1. To send to the OAS 2008 General Assembly the attached draft Resolution to meet with the request in <i>resolves</i> 4c) of Resolution AG/RES. 2259 (XXXVII-O/07) of the OAS General Assembly.</p> <p>2. To attach this draft Resolution to the Annual Report to be submitted by CITEI to the OAS General Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AG/RES. YYY (XXXVIII-O/08)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,</p> <p><b>HAVING SEEN</b> the Report on the Situation of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) submitted by CITEI;</p> <p><b>CONSIDERING:</b></p> <p>That the OAS General Assembly by resolution AG/RES. 2259 (XXXVII-O/07), “Strengthening hemispheric cooperation in the framework of CITEI efforts to promote telecommunication development in the region”, requested CITEI to submit an annual report to the General Assembly including concrete proposals on how best to improve the status of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the countries of the region, for wide dissemination among Member States, the private sector, and other interested groups;</p> <p><b>RESOLVES:</b></p> <p>To adopt the Report on the Situation of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) submitted by CITEI.</p> |

<sup>4</sup> COM/CITEI/doc.1189/07

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| <p><b>COM/CITEL DEC. 64 (XIX-07)</b> <sup>5</sup></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To hold a joint event between the International Telecommunication Union and CITEL to promote the association between Member States and the private sector for the purpose of better telecommunication development in the region of the Americas.</li> <li>2. This meeting would be held on April 21, 2008, in Washington, D.C., the United States, and all corresponding costs will be the responsibility of ITU.</li> <li>3. To instruct the CITEL's Secretariat with disseminating information about this event among all Member States and members of the PCC.I and PCC.II.</li> </ol> |
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<sup>5</sup> COM/CITEL/doc.1183/07 rev.1