

PCC.II/RES. 89 (XXI-13)¹

SUPPORT FOR BUDGET CONTINUITY OF OAS REGULAR FUND FOR CITEL ACTIVITIES

The XXI Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting (PCC.II),

CONSIDERING:

a) That CITEL as a high-level specialized advisory body of the Organization of American States (OAS) and leader in the region regarding all aspects having to do with telecommunications, as well as information and communication technologies (ICTs), is representing the aspirations and cultural diversity of the various regional stakeholders in the world, in order to achieve the region's integral incorporation into the Information and Knowledge Society;

b) That one of the strategic goals set in CITEL's Strategic Plan is to represent and defend CITEL's interests at regional and international forums, especially the interests of the Member States that are having trouble being represented worldwide, aimed at defining future consensus-based positions in said forums;

c) That the United Nations Millennium Summit was held in 2000, at which time the member countries agreed to set eight goals to be achieved by the year 2015;

a) That, for the promotion of training, technical cooperation and transfer of technology via the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Centre of Excellence for the Americas Region, the CITEL Regional Training Centers, and the organizations with which CITEL has Cooperation Agreements, it is necessary to have an adequate budget;

e) The 2012 CITEL Annual Report took into consideration the budgetary constraints of the OAS and submitted Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 249 (XXVI-12) on "Securing financial sustainability for CITEL during 2013 and beyond;"

f) That, based on Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 249 (XXVI-12), the XXI Meeting of PCC.II held on April 8-12, 2013 in Cali, Colombia, an Ad hoc Group was established "to examine the CITEL's future direction from the perspective of PCC.II, together with possible alternatives for structural changes to CITEL and the corresponding modifications of its Statute, and to present a report with recommendations as to those possibilities and proposals to COM/CITEL so that they may be considered at the next CITEL Assembly;"

g) That the 2012 CITEL Annual Report sets forth the main activities under way and future work to be done as a result of the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) and the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) held in 2012 and toward preparing for the WRC-15, establishing the work structure on the basis of the 35 items on the agenda;

h) That Resolution COM/CITEL RES 247 (XXVI-12) adopted by COM/CITEL in December 2012, deals with "Preparations for the Sixth Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly" scheduled for February 2014 in the Dominican Republic,

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- a) That CITELE, as indicated in the final proceedings and reports of the various meetings of PCC.II, as a result of the WRC-12, has started activities of the various working groups where much time and resources have been invested to achieve the goals proposed for WRC-15;
- b) That the CITELE Steering Committee held two meetings in 2012, the XVII meeting on February 15, 2012 and the XVIII meeting on September 6, 2012, which examined, as their main agenda items, the issue of the situation of the post of the CITELE Executive Secretary and the uncertainty weighing on the yearly budget allocations to CITELE from the OAS Regular Fund;
- c) That at the Radiocommunication Assembly (AR) and the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) the development of the works involves the need to work at a regional representation level; therefore, the role of CITELE gains particular relevance;
- d) That some Administrations have taken the initiative of communicating to their Ministries of Foreign Affairs the beginning of contacts with their Permanent Missions to the OAS to secure the financial support needed to continue CITELE activities and to hold the Sixth CITELE Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage all Member Administrations to request their respective Permanent Missions to the OAS to propose that budget resources from the Regular Fund continue to be allocated to CITELE and to allocate the necessary fund for holding the Sixth Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly scheduled for 10th – 13th February, 2014 based on the spirit of Resolution AG/RES.1224 (XXIII-O/93), pursuant to Article 52 of the Organization's Charter.
2. To request the Chair of PCC.II to channel the present Resolution through the corresponding channels so that the Administrations and the XXVII Meeting of the COM/CITELE can be apprised of it.