PCC.II/RES. 90 (XXI-13) [1]

INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCES

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

CONSIDERING:

a)   That evaluation of practical experiences gained in the years in which the current procedure for preparing joint proposals to the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) has been in force shows that it can be improved;

b)   That it has been deemed advisable to change the current procedure for preparing and submitting joint documents to the ITU-R;

c)   That it is necessary to include procedures to be followed at a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) to modify an existing Inter-American Proposal (IAP);

d)   That it is necessary to include procedures to be followed at WRC to establish a new IAP regarding future agenda items;

e)   That it is necessary to include procedures to be followed when necessary at WRC to establish a CITEL position in response to WRC agenda item issues,

RESOLVES:

1.   To adopt the procedure attached in the Annex for preparing and adopting Inter-American Proposals (IAP) to a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC).

2.   To revoke Resolution PCC.II/RES. 64 (XV -10).

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.II/RES. 90 (XXI-13)

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1.   OBJECTIVES

a.   To establish the procedure to be followed for any written proposal developed in the PCC.II to be submitted to a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) as an Inter-American Proposal (IAP).

b.   To establish the procedure to be followed to modify an IAP during a WRC.

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c. To establish a procedure to develop a new IAP with respect to future agenda items with the OAS/CITEL Member States that are present at the WRC.

d. To establish a procedure to be followed, when necessary at a WRC, for developing a CITEL position in response to WRC agenda item issues.

e. To encourage OAS/CITEL Member States to participate in the LIMIT and FINAL MEETINGS given their importance in development of IAPs.

In using these procedures, every effort should be made to reach consensus among OAS/CITEL Member States.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this procedure, the terms set forth are defined as follows:

a. WG-WRC: PCC.II Working Group responsible for the preparation of CITEL´s documents for World Radiocommunication Conferences.

b. PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL (PP): a proposal that one OAS/CITEL Member State presents to PCC.II to be discussed in the WG-WRC with the purpose of turning it into an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL for the WRC and that has not been supported by another Member State.

c. DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DIAP): PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL which has been supported by at least one other Member State.

d. INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP): DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL, for which the PCC.II has ended its consideration and discussion, and has met the criteria defined in STEP 4 of the development of an IAP.

e. MODIFIED INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP-MOD): INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL that has already been submitted to the WRC, that has been adapted to current circumstances and adopted by CITEL in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

f. INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL DEVELOPED AT A WRC (IAP-WRC): Proposal submitted in the course of the WRC, whose content deals with, and is the result of discussions on, the items of the agenda of future conferences and any position of the Region adopted in response to WRC issues which were not anticipated prior to the WRC.

g. LIMIT MEETING: penultimate meeting of the PCC.II before the WRC. This meeting is to be held at least five (5) months before the beginning of the WRC, so that WRC's document submission deadline can be met.

h. FINAL MEETING: last meeting of the PCC.II before the WRC. This meeting is to be held after the LIMIT MEETING and before the beginning of the WRC.

A. DEVELOPMENT OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS BEFORE THE WRC

A1. STEPS

The following steps comprise the procedure for the consolidation and adoption of an IAP.

Step 1. Presentation, discussion and consolidation of a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL in the WG-WRC

Administrations will submit their PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS to PCC.II. Administrations will introduce and discuss their proposals in the WG-WRC meetings with a view to consolidating their PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS into DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS that relate to the same subject and eventually to develop the texts before the last WG-WRC plenary of the LIMIT MEETING.

Step 2. Evaluation of the support and opposition to PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS in the WG-WRC

After the Chair of the WG-WRC or of one of the Sub Working Groups determines that the treatment and preparation of texts of PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS has been completed, he or she will evaluate such support as the OAS/CITEL Member States may have for each of the PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS with a view to creating a DIAP for presentation to the Member States for their consideration, in accordance with the procedures set out in Steps 3 to 7 below.

If a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL meets the corresponding support criteria, then it is converted into a DIAP at that time. The PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS that do not achieve the status of a DIAP shall remain PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS until they satisfy those criteria.

PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS will be considered or developed during the FINAL MEETING only if it is based on text resulting from a Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) which took place between the LIMIT MEETING and the FINAL MEETING, or PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS related to future WRC agenda items.

Step 3. Circulation of DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS during one or more rounds of consultation

The CITEL Secretariat will make the DIAPs available to all OAS/CITEL Member States, for consideration no more than two (2) weeks after the closing of the corresponding meetings of the PCC.II, up to and including the LIMIT MEETING, in which these DIAPs have been considered.

The CITEL Secretariat will request OAS/CITEL Member States to submit their support or opposition. The CITEL Secretariat will reflect such support or opposition in the updated document for the following PCC.II meeting.

Step 4. Evaluation of the support and opposition of the DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

During the WG-WRC meetings the support and opposition to each of the DIAPs will be evaluated.

If a DIAP has been supported by at least six (6) OAS/CITEL Member States and is not opposed by more than 50% (fifty percent) of the number of supports obtained, it will be converted to an IAP.

Step 5.   Circulation of the INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

No more than two (2) weeks after the closing of the LIMIT MEETING and the FINAL MEETING the Secretariat will make available the IAPs to all OAS/CITEL Member States.

OAS/CITEL Member States wishing to add their support to IAPs may do so following the procedure in section A2 below.

Step 6.   DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS that did not become INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS at the FINAL MEETING

OAS/CITEL Member States can submit their support or opposition to DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS on future WRC agenda items during a two weeks period after the FINAL MEETING to the CITEL Secretariat.

At the end of the two (2) weeks period, the DIAP that meets the approval criteria defined in Step 4 will then become an IAP and be submitted to the WRC by the CITEL Secretariat.

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS on other agenda items that did not become IAPs at the FINAL MEETING will no longer be considered.

Step 7.   Sending INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to the ITU

At the LIMIT MEETING, the PCC.II, in a plenary session will approve a Resolution to define:

a.   the list of IAPs;

b.   the list of DIAPs that, despite the efforts done, have not yet become IAPs;

c.   the date IAPs are to be sent to the ITU.

At the FINAL MEETING, the PCC.II, in a plenary session will approve a Resolution to define:

a.   the list of IAPs;

b.   the list of DIAPs on future WRC agenda items that, despite the efforts done, have not yet become IAPs;

c.   the date IAPs are to be sent to the ITU.

The Secretariat of CITEL will send the IAPs to the ITU in the time frame set by the PCC.II, following ITU rules and procedures.

A2.   SUPPORT

OAS/CITEL Member States wishing to support a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL being considered in the WG-WRC must do so during a session of the WG-WRC or a session of the appropriate sub working group of the WG-WRC either orally or in writing.

OAS/CITEL Member States wishing to support a DIAP being considered by PCC.II, must do so during a PCC.II plenary session, a session of the WG-WRC, or in accordance with Step 3 or 6 above, either orally during the meeting or in writing at meetings or between meetings, as applicable.

OAS/CITEL Member States wishing to support an IAP may do so:

a.   during a PCC.II plenary session, including the FINAL MEETING, either orally or in writing;

b.   between PCC.II meetings by sending written notice (letter, fax or e-mail) to the Secretariat of CITEL, before the FINAL MEETING;

c.   after the FINAL MEETING and before the start of the WRC, by sending written notice (letter, fax or e-mail) to the Secretariat of CITEL;

d.   directly through their delegation participating in the WRC.

The Secretariat will give the ITU the names to be added in the form of a "corrigendum" to the document of the IAP.

A3.   OPPOSITION

It is understood that OAS/CITEL Member States which oppose a DIAP shall indicate clearly the reasons of their oppositions.

OAS/CITEL Member States wishing to oppose a DIAP being considered by PCC.II must do so during a PCC.II plenary session, a session of the WG-WRC, or in accordance with Step 3 or 6 above, either orally during the meeting, or in writing at meetings or between meetings, as applicable.

A4.   GENERAL PROVISIONS

A4.1.   Obtaining support

The OAS/CITEL Member State that originally submitted a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL shall undertake the task of coordinating and encouraging its support, in order that it becomes a DIAP and an IAP afterwards.

A4.2.   Format for DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The heading of each DIAP, being considered in the PCC.II, must include the following elements in the order indicated below:

a.   the names of the OAS/CITEL Member States that expressed their support (these names will be typed in bold, in order to facilitate the management of supports)

b.   the names of the OAS/CITEL Member States that have expressed their opposition.

A4.3. Electronic Forum

The CITEL's Electronic Forum will include:

a.   all the DIAPs being considered, identifying the supports and oppositions received;

b.   all the IAPs, identifying the supports and oppositions received;

c.   date of the LIMIT MEETING; and

d.   date of the FINAL MEETING.

A4.4. Contact points

Communications with the OAS/CITEL Member States should be channeled through the contact points identified to CITEL in accordance with Article 24 of the Statute and Article 84 of the Regulations of CITEL.

A4.5. Superposition of competence

If the topic being considered involves areas of competence of other CITEL bodies, their opinions thereof must be obtained before the process is completed.

A4.6. Attitudes of OAS/CITEL Member States during the WRC

It is understood that if a OAS/CITEL Member State chooses to oppose a specific IAP or CITEL position at the WRC, that OAS/CITEL Member State will make every effort to inform the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the WG-WRC and the OAS/CITEL Member States supporting that IAP or CITEL position of their intention before expressing formally such opposition in any WRC session.

A4.7. National activities

OAS/CITEL Member States are encouraged to schedule their national preparatory activity in such a way as to be prepared to state support for or opposition to DIAPs as early as possible, or by the conclusion of the LIMIT MEETING.

A4.8. Support or opposition in square brackets

A OAS/CITEL Member State wishing to express their provisional support or opposition may do so using square brackets. However, this support or opposition is not considered for the development of a DIAP or IAP.

At the end of the FINAL MEETING any names of the OAS/CITEL Member States in square brackets will be removed.

A4.9. Conflict

In the case where discussions during the FINAL MEETING result in DIAP or IAP that conflict, support for one proposal will be considered as opposition to the other and the resulting proposals will be evaluated using procedures established in Step 4.

An OAS/CITEL Member State supporting, at the same time, both of the DIAP or IAP in this case will not be counted towards the approval of an IAP.

B.   MODIFICATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL DURING A WRC (IAP-MOD)

During a WRC, it may become necessary to consider modifications to the text of an IAP based on discussions held during the WRC with respect to specific agenda items.

When that is the case, the OAS/CITEL Member States present at the Conference and that originally supported the IAP will discuss the matter to decide whether a proposal for modification is applicable. If any of those OAS/CITEL Member States do not support the proposal for modification, the IAP remains unchanged.

If those OAS/CITEL Member States agree to propose the modification, it shall be submitted to the consideration of the WG-WRC, and if none of the OAS/CITEL Member States present at the meeting of that group expresses its opposition, then it is approved and shall be forwarded to the WRC by the CITEL Secretariat. However, in case there is opposition by an OAS/CITEL Member State that has not originally supported the IAP during the WG-WRC meeting, the IAP-MOD is only approved if not opposed by more than 25% of OAS/CITEL Member States present at that meeting.

In the case of an IAP-MOD, only the names of the OAS/CITEL Member States present at the meeting and supporting the modified IAP will be listed on the heading. OAS/CITEL Member States not in attendance of the WG-WRC meeting or the WRC will be informed by the CITEL Secretariat of the modified IAP once it is approved at the meeting.

Any OAS/CITEL Member States desiring to have their names added to the IAP-MOD will contact the Secretariat of CITEL for them to follow the established procedure with ITU.
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An IAP-MOD rescinds, supersedes and extinguishes the corresponding original IAP.

C.   NEW INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS DURING A WRC (IAP-WRC)

Given that the WRC is a dynamic process, some issues might arise from the agenda items that would not have been foreseen before the WRC and that might require an IAP.

Proposals for new IAPs will not be considered during a WRC with the exceptions specified below, bearing in mind that this option must not be used as an alternative to the procedures previously established to draft an IAP, nor can specific proposals that were previously considered be submitted:

> i)   Proposals for future WRC agenda items based on the treatment of current WRC issues
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> In the course of the treatment of the various agenda items for the WRC, it might be relevant to develop an IAP-WRC for the purpose of including items on the agenda of future Conferences based on discussions for these various agenda items.
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> Regarding the IAPs already submitted to the WRC on future WRC agenda items, it might be necessary to consolidate and prioritize them based on the number of supports and oppositions of OAS/CITEL Member States for each IAP.

ii)   WRC agenda item issues which were not anticipated prior to the WRC.

This would include proposals from other regional organizations for future WRC agenda items for which CITEL is required to state a position of support, opposition or neutrality. Establishing a CITEL position on other issues may also be beneficial.

Upon the identification of the need to develop a new IAP (including the establishment of a CITEL position), the responsible spokesperson will circulate the proposed text to WG-WRC participants by the electronic means decided at the time, and will also set the maximum period during which the views of the OAS/CITEL Member States may be accepted.

In the case of an IAP-WRC, only the names of the Member States present at the WG-WRC meeting and supporting the new IAP will be listed on the heading. Those OAS/CITEL Member States not in attendance shall be informed by the CITEL Secretariat of the IAP-WRC once it is approved. OAS/CITEL Member States wishing to have their names added shall contact the CITEL Secretariat either orally or in writing.

The IAP will be considered approved if not opposed by more than two (2) OAS/CITEL Member States present at the WRC.

When the IAP-WRC has been approved, the spokesperson of OAS/CITEL shall proceed in accordance with the functions assigned him by Resolution PCC.II/RES. 65 (XV-10)

D.   APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

The provisions of this procedure must be applied and interpreted in accordance with Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 226 (XXI- 09).

Any topic that is not covered in this procedure must be resolved in a plenary session of PCC.II after the respective consultation with the Chair of WG-WRC.