

**BEST PRACTICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ICTs AMONG INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
OF THE AMERICAS REGION**

The XIII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Action Plan and Declaration of Principles as well as the documents resulting from the Tunis Second Phase and the Strategy for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2005-2007) have pointed at the relevance of carrying out specific actions addressed to indigenous peoples to allow them to participate in the Information Society, respecting their cultural legacy and heritage. Actions include connectivity, participation in the development of policies to disseminate their language, and strengthening their participation in environmental protection through information and communications technologies (ICT) appropriation and use;
- b) That the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-2006) Doha Action Plan established different actions in the field of telecommunications development among indigenous communities, in particular through Resolution 11 which recommends to pay special attention to the needs of indigenous peoples in each Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) action line;
- c) That it is highly useful to have the experiences in the implementation of the above recommendations so that the best implementation practices may be clearly established, progress made in member countries and potential alliances established to achieve full implementation;
- d) That studies in the field were conducted before issuing the WSIS recommendations, the PCC.I Recommendation and the Doha Plan, and therefore an updated study is required bearing in mind the goals established, thus contributing to the development of ICTs among indigenous peoples according to regional priorities,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To identify, analyze and summarize the best practices for the development of ICTs among the Indigenous peoples of the Americas taking into account by the CITEL and other regional and international organizations recommendations.
- 2. To create an instrument that allows:
 - To guide and systematize the execution of ICT development programmes and projects among indigenous peoples and communities by clearly identifying the necessary elements for the technical and social sustainability and effectiveness of projects in line with the studied practices.
 - To identify priority needs for the region relative to indigenous peoples in connection with the abovementioned issues as pointed out by the Rapporteur Group on developing ICTs in areas and groups with unattended needs or with specific issues: Technology; Strengthening of

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capabilities; Regulatory framework; Self-sustainability and Participation; Content Development.

3. To instruct the Co-Rapporteur of the Group on developing ICTs in areas and groups with unattended needs or with specific issues and Coordinator of the Study Question on Indigenous Peoples and Communities Mr. Erick Huerta Velázquez from the Administration of Mexico, and Mrs. Laura Travascio from the Administration of Argentina, who, in turn, will act as Co-Coordinator of this study question, to organize the compilation and progress activities together with the Chair of the Working Group of Development in cooperation with the PCC.I Chairman and the CITEI Executive Secretary. Administrations actively engaged in this Study question (Argentina Canada, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela) as well as administrations interested in participating, should be explicitly consulted on the execution of such work.
4. To instruct the abovementioned coordinators to establish contacts together with the CITEI Executive Secretary in order to seek information and cooperation with ITU, OAS, ALTEC, IDB, eLAC, IDRC, Administrations and indigenous organizations in the region.
5. To determine and advance in the presentation of cooperation agreement proposals with the abovementioned organizations or others that may be identified in the process.
6. To present at the XV PCC.I Meeting the outcome of the work and the progress made on such work at the XIV Meeting.