

PCC.I/RES. 123 (XI-07) ¹

**REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION
STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY 2008**

The XI Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the membership of the Standardization Sector of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU-T), especially from developing countries, has faced serious difficulties in participating and contributing effectively for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies (WTSA);
- b) That the international telecommunication community has recognized in both WTSA-04 and the Plenipotentiary Conference 2006 (PP-06) the gap between developing and developed countries, and the difficulties in reaching equal participation in relevant discussions on standards brought before the Union;
- c) That regional discussions are of utmost importance to achieve global agreements and increase the opportunity of participation to all countries,

RECALLING:

- a) That article 18, No. 114 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) provides that the World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies shall be convened every four years;
- b) That the next WTSA will take place from October 21st to 30th 2008;
- c) That Resolution 43 (Florianópolis, 2004) of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) considers that the consolidation of views at regional level, together with the opportunity for interregional discussions prior to the WTSA, has eased the task of reaching a consensus during the assembly, and that the coordination of preparations at regional level is consequently of great benefit to the Member States,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That Resolution 123 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference instructs the Secretary-General and the Bureau Directors to work closely with each other in pursuing initiatives that assist in bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;
- b) That Resolution 17 (Florianópolis, 2004) of the ITU-T highlights the multifarious difficulties encountered by the developing countries in ensuring their effective and efficient participation in the work of ITU-T, and resolves to request the Director of Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) to cooperate with the ITU regional offices, including the possibility of holding ITU-T meeting in the regions;
- c) That Resolution 44 (Florianópolis, 2004) of the ITU-T takes into account that the development of standards could benefit the telecommunication industry and both developing and developed countries, and

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proposes an action plan aimed at bridging the standardization gap between developed and developing countries to be implemented to the extent feasible without delay,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) to organize the WTSA-08 Americas Preparatory Meeting in accordance with Resolution 43 (Florianópolis, 2004);
2. To propose that the WTSA-08 Americas Preparatory Meeting takes place from May 19th to 23rd 2008 in compliance with timeframe established in Resolution 43 (Florianópolis, 2004), i.e. not earlier than six months prior to the Assembly;

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEL:

1. To take appropriate actions in order to consult with the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) and the Regional Office for the Americas of the ITU on the organization of the WTSA-08 Americas regional Preparatory Meeting in accordance with resolves 1 and 2.
2. To inform all Member States the outcome of the consultation made to the TSB Director at the earliest convenience.