

**SEMINAR ON BRIDGING THE STANDARDIZATION DIVIDE**

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

**RECOGNIZING:**

- a) That Telecommunication standardization has evolved as a result of the interconnection challenges between and among operators and the subsequent proliferation of equipment by manufacturers;
- b) That new technologies and convergence in information and communication technologies (ICT) have created major standardization challenges for all stakeholders, particularly in fields such as NGN, multimedia, Voice over IP (VoIP), IPTV, and so on;
- c) That in addition to the standardization implications of these new “disruptive technologies”, regulation and technical developmental issues must also be taken into account,

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:**

- a) That the Strategic Plan for the International Telecommunication Union for the period 2008-2011 commissions the ITU-T to provide support and assistance to the members, particularly developing countries, regarding standardization, information and communication network infrastructure and applications, especially aiming at reducing the digital divide, providing training, as well as producing the relevant educational materials for capacity building;
- b) That the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly adopted Resolutions 44, 53, 54, as well as Resolution 17, in order to help reduce the gap between developing and developed countries regarding standardization;
- c) That the CITEL PCC.I standards coordination process has focused its efforts to reduce the standardization divide through information sharing in workshops on technologies and standards, the archived material in the NGN Technical Notebook, the creation of Standards Coordination Documents (CSD) and PCC.I approval of resolutions endorsing standards for the Americas region,

**NOTING:**

That the International Telecommunication Union’s Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is the preeminent body for globally accepted standards for telecommunications,

**RESOLVES:**

To instruct PCC.I Working Group Chairs to ensure that proper account is taken of the material presented in the Seminar on Bridging the Standardization Divide when developing their work projects and that the appropriate aspects are addressed in their on-going Work Plans.

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