

SEMINAR ON BRIDGING THE STANDARDIZATION DIVIDE

The X 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 technological convergence in information and communication technologies (ICT) have created major standardization challenges for all stakeholders, particularly in fields such as Next Generation Networks (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 World Telecommunication Development Conference adopted Resolution 47 (Doha, 2006), requesting that actions are taken to improve knowledge and effective application of ITU-T and ITU-R Recommendations in developing countries, as well as Resolution 37 (Rev. Doha, 2006) recognizing the need to create digital opportunities in developing countries;
- d) That recently, the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union adopted Resolution 123 (Rev Antalya, 2006) “Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed Countries” where the Secretary General and the Directors of the three Offices were requested to work on these issues, particularly together with the competent regional organization;
- e) That the Geneva Plan of Action and the Tunisia Agenda for the Information Society of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) insist on the efforts needed to reduce the digital divide and the development gaps,

NOTING:

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

CONSIDERING:

That a Seminar would be invaluable at this time to explore the various dimensions of the standardization divide, to identify strategies to address these gaps, to identify potential roles and responsibilities of government and telecommunication regulatory bodies in promoting standardized solutions and better understanding of the technologies inherent in standards, and to contribute to a better understanding of the economic and competitive advantages of deploying networks and systems based on international standards,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold a Seminar on "Bridging the Standardization Divide" the day before the XI PCC.I meeting, the Seminar being hosted and jointly organized by the ITU and PCC.I. The attached Annex provides one possible outline of such a Seminar for initial planning purposes.
2. To designate Mr. Oscar Avellaneda of the Administration of Canada as the Coordinator for PCC.I.
3. That this Seminar shall be held without using CITEL's financial resources.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 105 (X-07)

DRAFT AGENDA

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9.00 – 10.00 OPENING REMARKS AND SETTING THE SCENE

- Welcome from Administration.
- Welcome from the Director of the Telecommunications Standardization Bureau (TSB).
- Dimensions of the Standardization Divide – Seminar Chair.

10.00 – 10.30 COFFEE

10.30 – 12.00 STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT AND HOT TOPICS

- Organizations involved: ITU-T, IETF, JTC 1, Forums and Consortia.
- NGN, Cybersecurity, VoIP, Multimedia, IPTV.

12.00 – 13.30 LUNCH

13.30 – 15.00 REPRESENTATION AND EDUCATION

- Strategies for representation and participation in standards development.
- Strategies for developing understanding of key standards technologies.
- Economic and competitive aspects of standards deployment.

15.00 – 15.30 COFFEE

15.30 – 17.00 ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS AND REGULATORS

- Strategies and guidelines for standards in procurement.

- Promotion of standards for key points of interconnection.
- Adoption of standards in regulations.

17.00 – 17.30 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Action items and next steps.
- Coordination and collaboration with other Regions.