

**POLICY AND REGULATORY ISSUES IN NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS (NGN)**

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

**RECOGNIZING:**

The important information exchanged at the ITU/CITEL Workshop on “Interconnection and Next Generation Networks (NGN): Addressing the Regulatory Challenges, held on September 11, 2006 in Buenos Aires, Argentina,

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:**

The convergence of telecommunication network technologies and services towards an IP packet-based core network and that this convergence has potentially significant implications for policy and regulatory approaches to ensure an efficient and effective evolution of this converged network, known as the Next Generation Networks (NGN),

**NOTING ALSO:**

That the telecommunications network is fast becoming a crucially important platform over which practically the whole economy operates, and which is vitally important to society as a whole for social interaction, commerce and recreational needs,

**RESOLVES:**

To instruct the Working Group on Policy and Regulatory Considerations to study the national challenges of Interconnection and Next Generation Networks (NGN) and include in its Work Plan a survey of regulatory experiences already in place in various regions to guide NGN evolution, and furthermore to create a Technical Notebook describing these practices, as a living document, with on-going updates as more and more countries formulate their regulatory and policy approaches to the NGN.

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<sup>1</sup> Document CCP.I-TEL/doc. 897/06 rev.1