

SITUATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES OF THE AMERICAS

The IV Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunication Standardization,

WHEREAS:

In most CITEL Member States, the indigenous population, to a high degree, is a low income rural and urban population,

CONSIDERING:

a) That Resolution PCC.I/RES. 2 (I-02) establishes that considering the new mandates received from the III Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) for PCC.I, Telecommunication Standardization, all tasks pertaining to the “Approval of the Questionnaire for Preparing a Comprehensive Study on the Status of Telecommunications of Indigenous Peoples in America” must be completed, setting the III Meeting of PCC.I as a deadline;

b) That in accordance with the aforementioned Resolution number PCC.I/RES. 2 (I-02), by means of document number CCP.I-TEL/doc. 273/03, the report of the Group of Rapporteurs for preparing a Comprehensive Study on the Status of Telecommunications of Indigenous Peoples in America was presented to the Plenary of the III Meeting of PCC.I, showing the current status of telecommunications in indigenous communities of different countries; and

c) That during the presentation of the aforementioned document CCP.I-TEL/doc. 273/03 several Administrations showed interest in expanding the information that was provided by the countries, for preparing a Comprehensive Study on the Status of Telecommunications of Indigenous Peoples in America,

ACKNOWLEDGING:

a) That the Discussion Group on the development of indigenous communities is in operation (DECOMIND); and.

b) That Decision COM/CITEL RES. 33 (XIII-03) establishes that the Discussion Group on Indigenous Communities will remain in effect, until the next Steering Committee Meeting, so that new contributions may be received,

¹ CCP.I-TEL/doc.431/04

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- a) That the information provided by the countries that answered the survey was truly valuable for carrying out the above-mentioned study; and
- b) That it is possible to obtain additional data to complement the study in question,

RESOLVES:

1. To consider complete the Comprehensive Study on the Status of Telecommunications of Indigenous Peoples in America, based on the new mandates received from the III Assembly of CITEL for the PCC.I, Telecommunication Standardization.
2. To submit the Report of the Group of Rapporteurs for preparing a Comprehensive Study on the Status of Telecommunications of Indigenous Peoples in America to COM/CITEL, in conformity with the provisions of Resolution PCC.I/RES. 2 (I-02).
3. To include the report of the Group of Rapporteurs in the above-mentioned Discussion Group, as a contribution to the report to be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.
4. To ask the Chair of PCC.I, Telecommunication Standardization, to draw to the attention of the Chair of COM/CITEL and the CITEL Member Administrations regarding the importance of COM/CITEL continuing with studies of indigenous communities.