

PCC.I/RES. 38 (III-03) ¹

**PREPARATION OF A STUDY ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE
WITHIN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND
TARIFF PRINCIPLES**

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

HAVING SEEN:

- a) That resolution number PCC.I/RES.5 (I-02) by means of which it was approved as a mandate of the PCC.I Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles, to promote the coordination and exchange of information between Member States in relation to tariffs and economic aspects and to develop analysis related to economic aspects and tariff principles of telecommunication services. These activities shall take into account the relevant recommendations and the studies being carried out at ITU-T;
- b) That resolution PCC.I/RES.5 (I-02) in which it was approved as item d) of the work plan of the PCC.I Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles, to create economic models for the implementation of social fund raising and its further use, and,
- c) Document CCP.I-TEL/doc.104/03 rev. 5, titled “Working Plans of PCC.I Working Groups”, which defines, among other issues, the structure of the Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles, including as Question 1 the Economic Aspects of the fixed telecommunication networks in the Americas unbundling particularly the topic on the calculation of the cost of the Universal Service and the Universal Access and minimization of costs,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- a) That the universal access / service still represents a priority matter in the policy agenda for the countries in the region of the Americas;
- b) That the universal service involves several aspects, among them the economic ones, and,
- c) That the policies for universal services contained, in some cases, in the expansion goals of the enterprises or in the duties for the operators have been implemented in the countries, and that the creation of policies on universal services are being currently developed within a competitive environment,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the creation of a study on economic aspects of universal service, which shall be developed within the Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles, under the Coordination of the Vice chair of Mexico.

¹ CCP.I-TEL/doc.326/03 rev.1

2. To approve the objective, main topics, and work plan for the study mentioned under resolve 1, included in the Annex to this resolution.
3. To take into account as input for development of the aforementioned study, among others, the Book of Universal Service of the Americas, which was created within CITEL.
4. To provide feedback for the works developed on the update of Blue Book within the activities of CITEL.

ANNEX TO PCC.I/RES. 38 (III-03)

Object:

To identify the current status of the main **economic aspects** that are being developed around the universal service in the countries of the Americas in order to provide the elements for its development.

Main topics:

1. Establishment of the Universal Service Fund
 - 1.1 Definitions of the universal service.
 - 1.2 Delimitation of geographic areas.
 - 1.3 Legal framework under which the Universal Service Fund is operating.
 - 1.4 Fund raising for the Universal Service Fund
 - 1.5 Management of the resources of the Universal Service Fund.
 - 1.6 Analysis of the service demand in the selected geographical areas.
 - 1.7 Analysis of the offer for the provision of the service.
2. Comparative analysis
 - 2.1 Addressing the topic by the different International Organisms.
 - 2.2 Experiences in other countries.
 - 2.3 Results obtained.
3. Conclusions

Work plan:

ACTIONS	2003				2004			
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✓ Establishment of the Working Group ✓ Establishment of objectives and main topics to be developed.								
✓ Data collection (questionnaires and/or surveys)								

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Submittal of the case of the United States of America. ✓ Submittal of the experience of other countries or international organisms. 								
Initial analysis of the data collected								
Research of information from other international organisms								
Collection of results to prepare conclusions								