

**PCC.I/RES. 24 (III-03)<sup>1</sup>**

**BOOK ON THE TELEMEDICINE IN AMERICA**

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

**HAVING SEEN:**

- a) That during the Second Summit of the Americas the Heads of States and Government, they emphasized on the fact that “countries should point out existent and emergent issues through a larger usage of the communication technology and the surveillance on “health”, and that the Third Summit of the Americas recently held in Quebec, Canada, gave special importance to Telemedicine;
- b) That the Summit also remarked "There are no doubts about the fact that the accelerated development of information technology will revolutionize our approach on health. The association in the telecommunication area will generate networks that will allow us to exchange information between countries and the use of telemedicine to increase access to some services”;
- c) The importance on highlighting and specifying the objectives addressed in the Summit of the Americas, as the results of the next World Summit of the Information Society which will be soon held in the City of Geneva, Switzerland;
- d) That by Resolution PCC.I/RES.133 (XV-01) it was decided to write the Book on Telemedicine in the Americas which should establish aspects, policies and strategies for its development within the region;
- e) That by resolution COM/CITEL/RES. 121 (X-01), COMCITEL adhered to this project, and,
- f) That the ITU/BDT has accepted to jointly participate in this project;
- g) That the Pan-American Health Organization has actively collaborated in writing the book by providing valuable information and coordinating the specific subjects of their interest, thus helping to set the contents of the different versions of the book;
- h) That the AHCIET has participated in writing the Book in the framework of the agreement with CITEL and has also contributed to printing it;
- i) That all the work was coordinated by the former Chair of the Working Group on Basic and Universal Services (WG-SBUT) and the current General Coordinator of the Book, by verifying the advance together with the Chair of the PCC.I and the Executive Secretary of CITEL, and
- j) That the terms of reference of such book and the compilation of information by means of two surveys have been approved by the Resolution PCC.I/RES. 151 (XVI-02),

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<sup>1</sup> CCP.I-TEL/doc.300/03

## **CONSIDERING:**

- a) That the ITU actively participated in this project by assigning an expert, providing valuable information and economic collaboration to publish the Book;
- b) That as a result of the collaboration provided by the Chair of PCC.I and the Secretariat of CITEL to the tasks developed by the WG-SBUT, two experts were hired to collaborate in seeking information and in writing the Book related to the countries of the Andean Community and related to the Caribbean countries; a multimedia expert was also hired;
- c) That through its' General Secretariat, AHCIET provided documental information on Latin-American countries based on the work and publications that have been carried out there so far and based on the requirements formulated;
- d) That regarding the required information in the questionnaire of resolution PCC.I/RES. 151 (XVI-02) thirteen Administrations have submitted their replies;
- e) That contact with public and private organizations, related to health and capable of providing technical and/or financial aid, has been established, inviting them to participate in the development/edition of the Book;
- f) That in compliance with the Plan of Action established, the Coordinator of the Book submitted documents CCP.I-TEL/doc.298/03 and CCP.I TEL/doc.299/03;
- g) That the Pan-American Health Organization besides all of its important contributions for the completion of this work suggested to name the Book as "Tele-health in the Americas", and,
- h) That it has been established within the framework of the agreement signed between the PAHO and CITEL: That once the work on the book has been concluded, a commission of experts from PAHO and CITEL will carry out a final revision of the book,

## **RESOLVES:**

1. To receive documents CCP.I-TEL/doc.298/03 and CCP.I TEL/doc.299/03 that make up the book "Telehealth in the Americas".
2. To set a period of 20 continuous days for the Administrations to confirm with the data on their respective countries.
3. To send the two versions of the Book to the PAHO for it to be analyzed and for recommendations within the framework of the memorandum of agreement established by the General Secretariat of the OAS and the PAHO.
4. To send this resolution and the final version of the Book to COM/CITEL asking for their approval.
5. To invite the Chair of PCC.I and the CITEL General Coordinator of the Book to write the preface of the Book.
6. To invite ITU/BDT and the PAHO to prepare a preface of the Book.

7. To print a hard copy of the book in two languages and to record the digital version in the original working languages.

8. To distribute the Book among the Administrations, the Associate Members and the Telecommunications and Health Organizations.

**INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

1. To carry out the corresponding actions to ensure the compliance with resolves 2, 7 and 8.

2. To prepare out the invitations mentioned in resolves 5 and 6 and to incorporate the abovementioned prefaces to the Book.

3. To prepare the corresponding translations so as to publish the hard copy of the Book in English and in Spanish within the estimated budget.

**INSTRUCTS THE GENERAL COORDINATOR OF THE BOOK:**

To consolidate the final version of the book which will be considered by COM/CITEL.