

**PCC.I/RES.20 (II-03)<sup>1</sup>**

**CYBERSECURITY**

The II Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee: Telecommunications Standardization,

**RECOGNIZING:**

- a) That ensuring the safety and security of networked information systems (cybersecurity) is a priority item for our hemisphere;
- b) That ubiquitous and secure information networks play an important role for the critical infrastructure of all OAS Member States, their economies and their societies, and
- c) That the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (COM/CITEL) has identified building a culture of cybersecurity as an important objective for CITEL,

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:**

That security cannot be a responsibility left only to governments but that a broad partnership between governments and the private sector in the Americas is required,

**CONSIDERING:**

That the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism of the OAS (CICTE) is requesting the cooperation of CITEL to plan a Hemispheric Conference on Cybersecurity in July 2003,

**FURTHER CONSIDERING:**

That CITEL, through its partnering with the private sector on issues in its areas of responsibility, and through its Work Plan for advanced network issues, including cybersecurity, can make an important contribution to creating a culture of cybersecurity in the Americas,

**RESOLVES:**

- 1. To instruct the CITEL Secretariat to establish a communication channel with CICTE.
- 2. To further instruct the CITEL Secretariat, upon instruction from the PCC.I Chair in consultation with CITEL Member States, and the Chair of the Advanced Network Technologies Group to periodically communicate to CICTE on CITEL's progress in the area of cybersecurity.

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