

COM/CITEL RES. 2 (II-94)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

HAVING SEEN:

The interest of CITEL to participate with its full capability in the telecommunications development process.

The results of the World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC) included in the Buenos Aires Declaration and in the corresponding Action Plan.

The resolutions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-94).

The agreement to strengthen Inter-American cooperation in favor of the Region integral development (XX Extraordinary Session of OAS General Assembly).

CONSIDERING:

The PCCs activity program which includes several actions in the telecommunications development area.

The report of the Ad Hoc Group, established in the resolution of the First CITEL Assembly, that suggests the establishment of a Working Group in order to orient and coordinate the Commission's participation in this process.

The valuable exchange of views on this issue that took place in this COM/CITEL meeting.

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a COM/CITEL Working Group on Regional Telecommunications Development as a coordination body within CITEL and as a link with the ITU development sector and the regional telecommunications organizations.

2. To appoint Chile as host country of the Group; the Chilean Administration should designate the Chairman of the Group and request the creation of a supporting office.

3. To give the Group the following mandate:

3.1 To propose the COM/CITEL Chairman all the actions related to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Commission (Art. 3 of the Statutes), especially those included in sub-paragraphs a), b), c) and e) since they are closely related to the telecommunications development.

3.2 To coordinate with the various CITEL bodies the programs and activities to

be performed by CITELE in order to support the development of regional telecommunications, particularly taking into consideration the need for a close cooperation with regional telecommunications organizations and, most especially, to make an appropriate utilization of ITU assistance and support through the BDT and the Regional Office to the countries in the region.

4. For the fulfillment of its mandate, the Group should mainly take into account:
 - 4.1 The issues included in WTDC resolutions 2 and 3 which constitute a very appropriate guideline to be considered by the Group and used in its working methods through their adaptation to Regional needs.
 - 4.2 The fact that the fulfillment of its mandate is closely related to the achievement of an average telephone density adequate to development requirements. In this connection, the policies applied in those countries that have notoriously increased their telephone density as a result of competition in both national and international telecommunications, must be observed with special attention.
 - 4.3 The report submitted by the COM/CITELE Ad Hoc Group on Telecommunications Development, approved by the II Meeting of COM/CITELE.