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STRENGTHENING OF THE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM OF CITEL

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

HAVING SEEN:

The Report on Coordination Activities and Request for Budgetary Allocation to support training courses submitted by the Coordinator of Regional Centers (CRC);

The document prepared by the Department of Fellowships proposing alternatives for financing for the launch of a CITEL Training Program in 1995 and recommending an increase in the 1996-1997 Program-Budget, Regular Fund, for the CITEL Fellowships Project of the said Department,

CONSIDERING:

That in order to achieve the Objectives and Functions of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission as provided for in article 3 of the Statutes, the adoption of a Training Program geared towards the human resources required for these Objectives and Functions is necessary;

That the Organization needs to foster horizontal cooperation among Member states as an expression of hemispheric solidarity and in recognition of the interdependence that exists among our peoples;

That Regional Training Centers in the field of telecommunications exist in the following Member states: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay, Suriname, and the United States, and are in need of additional financial resources to be able to mobilize the potential which their institutional resources offer;

That measures need to be adopted to maximize the potential for horizontal cooperation offered by the Regional Training Centers in the area of training;

That greater use of the Regional Training Centers means greater possibilities for expanding training among Member States while at the same time promoting subregional integration among them;

RESOLVES:

1. To devise a CITEL Training Program to promote and enhance the training of human resources required to attain the Objectives and Functions of CITEL. Such a program must be geared towards achieving optimum use of the Regional Training Centers through courses and an exchange of institutional experience at subregional level by offering to that effect fellowships and internships. It should also promote hemispheric solidarity through horizontal cooperation among Member States and be part of the efforts undertaken by Member States to achieve regional and

subregional integration.

2. To request approval from the Secretary General of the Organization of American States for the transfer of funds from the 1992-1993 Program-Budget, Regular Fund, not used by the Department of Fellowships, to the CITEF Fellowships Project, in the amount of US\$ 199,400.00, to launch the CITEF Training Program in 1995.

3. Further, to request the Secretary General of the Organization to include an item, in the amount of US\$ 500,000 for each year of the biennium, when preparing the Organization's Program-Budget for 1996-1997, in relation to the Department of Fellowships, with the aim of strengthening the CITEF Fellowships Project being carried out by that Department in coordination with the Executive Secretariat of CITEF.

4. To entrust the CITEF Coordination with Regional Centers, in collaboration with the Regional Telecommunications Training Centers and based in an equitable geographical distribution among the Members States of the Organization, to send, as soon as possible to the Executive Secretary the following information:

- a. Regional Centers that will participate;
- b. Details of each course per regional center;
- c. Minimum requirements for the candidates for fellowships;
- d. Number of fellowships by course and by regional center.

5. To entrust the Executive Secretariat of CITEF that in collaboration with the Fellowships Department of the OAS, and based on the information before mentioned, execute this project in accordance with the OAS rules.

6. To request that the Executive Secretariat of CITEF and the Department of Fellowships coordinate the presentation of the corresponding reports on the execution and evaluation of any training activities developed by CITEF through this program.