

COM/CITEL RES. 8 (II-94)

CITEL RESPONSE TO THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

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

CONSIDERING:

That the Summit of the Americas was held in Miami, Florida, December 9-11, 1994;

And that at that Summit, the thirty-four Heads of State unanimously agreed that a country's information infrastructure is an essential component of political, economic, social and cultural development and that the information infrastructure development needs of the Americas are immense, and, that

In the Plan of Action adopted at the Summit, the OAS-Inter American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), in coordination with the sub-regional telecommunications organizations, was directed to develop and carry out a work plan to:

- Evaluate regulatory, technical and legal means to promote liberalization, common standards, interoperability of networks and compatible use of the radio spectrum.
- Examine ways to promote greater consistency of the certification processes for telecommunications equipment among Member countries.
- Develop regional guidelines for the provision of international value-added network services.
- Support a meeting by 1996, coordinated by CITEL, of senior telecommunications officials to conduct further discussions of the above actions.

RECOGNIZING:

The principles contained in the Buenos Aires Declaration as adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference of the ITU (Buenos Aires, 1994), and the Action Plan for the Global Development of Telecommunications set out in the Final Report of the Conference.

FURTHER RECOGNIZING:

That CITEL must actively cooperate and collaborate with the ITU and regional organizations in order to ensure that the implementation of the CITEL work programs evolve in the most effective and efficient manner possible in order to avoid duplication of efforts, optimize resources, and maximize results;

NOTING:

That the work programs of CITEL require specific directives to accelerate progress in order to

meet the expectations of the Heads of State.

RESOLVES:

1. To take immediate action in response to the mandate from the Summit of the Americas;
2. To accelerate development of the CITELE Strategic Plan (COM/CITEL Res. 3 (II-94) in order to establish priorities within the work programs of the PCCs that will best fulfill the directives given to CITELE in the Plan of Action adopted at the Summit of the Americas, December 1994;
3. To request the PCCs to revise their work programs, as appropriate, in order to provide maximum tangible results to the 1996 meeting of senior telecommunication officials;
4. To request that the PCCs include in their work programs the evaluation of regulatory, technical and legal means to promote liberalization of telecommunication services, the establishment of common standards, the interoperability of networks and compatible use of the radio spectrum:
 - 4.1. PCC.I will provide stable coordinated standards documents on Signaling System No. 7 in the first half of 1995; Personal Communications Systems (PCS/Wireless) and ISDN in 1995; and Intelligent Networks in the first half of 1996;
 - 4.2. PCC.III will provide a document on radio frequency aspects of PCS in 1995;
 - 4.3. PCC.II and PCC.III will accelerate their efforts in the joint Working Group regarding compatible use of the radio frequency spectrum;
 - 4.4. PCC.II and PCC.III will accelerate their efforts in the joint Working Groups on preparation for ITU conferences in view of the need to promote compatible use of the radio frequency spectrum;
5. To request that the PCCs include in their work programs the development of regional guidelines for the provision of international value-added network services;
6. To request the Chairmen of the PCCs, in reviewing their Work Program, to cooperate with the ITU in order to avoid duplication of efforts.

ENTRUSTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

That in consultation with the Chairmen of the PCCs, develop a template to gather information on current certification processes for telecommunication equipment among CITELE Member States, and that on the basis of the collected information, the Chairmen of the PCCs will take appropriate action on ways to promote great consistency of the certification processes for telecommunications equipment among CITELE Member countries;

To undertake the responsibility referred to CITELE to coordinate a meeting by 1996 of senior telecommunication officials.

FURTHER ENTRUSTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To inform the senior telecommunication officials in the CITELE Member countries, and request that they support the progress of work, including all efforts to dedicate resources to support the work programs of the PCCs.

INVITES MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

To actively participate in the CITELE activities in response to the Plan of Action adopted at the Summit of the Americas, December, 1994.