

COM/CITEL RES. 15 (III-95)

**STRENGTHENING OF TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT
IN THE REGION**

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

HAVING SEEN:

The need to strengthen the development of regional telecommunications through an adequate and efficient utilization of the available regional and extra-regional resources;

The possibilities to support development offered to the region by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) through the BDT and its Regional Office;

CONSIDERING:

That the activity program of the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs), Joint Working Groups, and Working Groups of CITEL include many actions in the field of telecommunication development;

That in Resolution COM/CITEL RES.2 (II-94), the Second Meeting of COM/CITEL established a Working Group on Regional Telecommunication Development (GTD), as a coordination body within CITEL and as a link with the Development Sector of ITU;

NOTING:

The efforts made by the GTD to comply with the mandate received;

That in 1995 and 1996, through the BDT, the ITU has held, and will hold, meetings and has prepared, and will prepare, works on development;

That, independently of CITEL, the Organization of American States (OAS) is performing activities having an impact on telecommunication development;

That presently CITEL has not adequate information available on these OAS activities, and that obtaining such information would contribute to CITEL's compliance with its mandate to coordinate telecommunication development in the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. That PCCs, Joint Working Groups, and Working Groups should continue performing the tasks related to telecommunication development, as included in their work programs;

2. That in 1996 the GTD should basically undertake the following tasks:
 - a. To study the Buenos Aires Action Plan of the Development Sector of the ITU and the questions of the 2 Study Groups of the ITU-D in order to identify the main interest areas for the countries of CITELE. This study should take into account the results obtained by the ITU in these areas from January 1995 to March 1996.
 - b. To compile information on the relevant activities performed by the OAS having an impact on telecommunication development. This task should be first focused on the OAS activities which are not presently related to CITELE, and, in the second place, on CITELE activities.
 - c. To create a short document with the following elements:
 - i. a summary of the information compiled under Items a. and b., and
 - ii. an objective discussion on how CITELE might coordinate development activities with and without the GTD;
 - d. The document identified under item c. should be distributed to the Chairman of COM/CITELE and to the chairpersons of PCCs, Joint Groups, and Working Groups two months prior to the 1996 COM/CITELE Meeting;
3. That the 1996 COM/CITELE Meeting should review and discuss the document created by the GTD. Such meeting should evaluate compliance with the duties assigned to the GTD under this Resolution and contemplate the possibility of channelling due compliance with such tasks to this or any other CITELE group;
4. That the GTD should perform its tasks in 1996 by mail, telephone conference, fax, and EDP devices. The GTD will not hold any meeting in 1996, but the Chairman of the GTD may request the chairpersons of PCCs to allow the GTD to hold a short meeting at any of the PCCs meetings, provided such meeting implies no additional costs for the PCCs or CITELE.