

**COM/CITEL RES. 53 (V-97)**

**COMMON PROPOSALS FOR THE WTDC-98**

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

**CONSIDERING:**

The report prepared by the Ad-Hoc Working Group on the preparations of CITEL to the Second World Telecommunication Development Conference, WTDC-98;

The Resolution PCC.III/RES. 47 (VI-96) that includes the procedure to submit common proposals to the WRC that has been adopted as the one to be followed till a general procedure to submit Common proposals of the region to international or regional fora is approved;

**RECOGNIZING:**

The benefits of submitting joint documents to the ITU-D.

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:**

That the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group has stressed the importance of the participation of the Rapporteurs of the items at the meeting of the WTDC;

**RESOLVES:**

- 1) To request the Executive Secretary of CITEL to distribute the annex to this resolution (including the priority issues identified and the draft proposals) and the detailed report contained in document COM/CITEL-240/97rev.2 , pointing out the importance of their support to the above mentioned proposals.
- 2) To request the member States to report their support to the proposals and to inform this to the Executive Secretary by February 15, 1998.
- 3) To request the Executive Secretary to send this Resolution to the Rapporteurs so as to encourage their presence during the WTDC-98.
- 4) To request the Executive Secretariat to submit the resulting common proposals (following the procedure contained in resolution PCC.III/RES. 47 (VI-96)) to the World Telecommunication Development Conference of the ITU in a timely way for it to be considered at this meeting.

## ANNEX

### ***PRIORITY ISSUES***

- Item 1. Formulation of plans for the development of telecommunications in rural and low-income urban areas.
- Item 2. Human resource development.
- Item 3. Management of the radio spectrum.
- Item 4. Methodology for the development of a complete interconnection.
- Item 5. Regional integration via project identification.
- Item 6. Methods for the implementation of GMPCS.
- Item 7. Use of telecommunications for the preservation of human life and public safety in the event of disasters.
- Item 8. Telecommunication support for the protection of environment.
- Item 9. Optimization of interaction mechanisms between the BDT and its Members.
- Item 10. Holding of a Regional Telecommunication Development Conference for the Americas.
- Item 11. Strengthening of the ITU-D regional presence in the Americas.

### ***PROPOSALS FOR THE WTDC-98***

IAP/ /1	To request ITU-D the creation of virtual regional fora facilitating the exchange of experiences among countries in connection with telecommunication development in rural areas and low-income urban areas.
IAP/ /2	<p>To request the ITU-D to identify a set of best practice guidelines for countries to take into consideration when developing policies, legislations, and/or regulations to address the critically important issues involving universal access/service and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify the goals, impacts and expected benefits of existing universal access/service policies;</li><li>• Identify the most common, as well as the most innovative, approaches both to raising and allocating funds for universal access/service programs or initiatives, describing the advantages and disadvantages of each approach;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the legislative and regulatory frameworks that have been used or are needed to adequately implement universal access/service programs or initiatives;</li> <li>• Identify guiding principles for raising, allocating and administering universal access/service programs, such as transparency, equitable distribution and access, competitively and technologically neutral allocation, and targeted to users;</li> <li>• Identify and analyze the relationship that universal access/service policies have on other key telecommunication issues that arise as countries transition to increased competition such as access charges, interconnection frameworks and agreements, accounting rates and tariff rebalancing.</li> </ul> <p>This task should be accomplished in close coordination between the ITU-D working groups.</p>
IAP/ /3	<p>To request the WTDC-98 to implement the following recommendations of the ITU-D Study Group 2 (specifically with reference to Question 4/2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for models to permit the comparison of technologies suited to rural and remote areas in order to encourage the determination of appropriate solutions;</li> <li>• The need for national rural telecommunication development initiatives as part of a planned, orderly, progressive, multi-year program which is managed on a commercial basis;</li> <li>• The promotion of the application of telecommunication facilities for developing various sectors of rural infrastructure and rural economy;</li> <li>• The establishment of appropriate regulatory structures as a means of encouraging the extension of telecommunication services to remote and rural areas; and</li> <li>• The need to take advantage of a wide range of innovative and entrepreneurial financial and promotional approaches, to minimize costs and maximize revenue in providing telecommunications to rural and remote areas.</li> </ul>
IAP/ /4	<p>That the ITU in coordination with regional organizations continue pilot project activities of community-based, access oriented communications facilities which build upon work initiated by the ITU such as the implementation of telecentres at all levels ranging from the simplest telephone call box to more sophisticated communications centers.</p>
IAP/ /5	<p>The ITU should develop a project to support research and the establishment of the Global Telecommunication University for Training and Development of Human Resources through the Virtual Classroom and the automation of Documentation and Information Centers in support of Distance Education and of Research.</p>
IAP/ /6	<p>To emphasize the importance of establishing Excellence Centers in the region.</p>
IAP/ /7	<p>That the ITU-D prepares and maintains updated Reports on the new technologies made available. These reports should be prepared by experts not committed to such systems and should include costs, areas of non-compatibility, markets gained and their participation.</p>
IAP/ /8	<p>The ITU-D is requested to develop a spectrum management program, improving available systems and taking into account the emerging needs on the management of</p>

	the spectrum, through the use of state-of-the-art programming techniques and the reduction of development and distribution time.
IAP/ /9	To create a temporal group that should prepare a study on interconnection to set down recommendations applicable by countries of the region on economic, regulatory and technical aspects and that should be ready for the first quarter of 1999.
IAP/ /10	To request the support of the ITU-D for the CITEL Working Group on GII to prepare a regional plan to develop an information infrastructure consisting of telecommunication, information technology, and broadcasting.
IAP/ /11	The ITU should assess the implications that Internet has for voice services and the strategic policies of operators/carriers and present the results.
IAP/ /12	To support the “Draft Convention on the Provision of Telecommunications Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations” and to request to the ITU its prompt implementation.
IAP/ /13	<p>To request the ITU-D to develop and implement a Global Telecommunication environment project organized around work programs concerned with such matters as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preparation and implementation of pilot projects;</li> <li>2. Organization at the regional level of seminars, workshops, training and research programs, exhibitions, etc.;</li> <li>3. Preparation of case studies.</li> </ol>
IAP/ /14	To urge the BDT to continue the consultations with such agencies as FAO, UNEP and UNESCO to establish a framework for cooperation in the field of protection of environment by means of telecommunication technologies and to identify and plan specific joint activities.
IAP/ /15	Optimize mechanisms of interaction between BDT and its Members to achieve a better understanding and participation.
IAP/ /16	To request ITU-D to hold a Regional Telecommunication Development Conference for the Americas in 1999.
IAP/ /17	To request ITU-D to strengthen its regional presence in the Americas.