

**COM/CITEL RES. 56 (V-97)**

**THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GII IN THE AMERICAS**

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

**CONSIDERING:**

That the countries of the Americas Region consider the evolution of the global information infrastructure to be of priority interest;

That there is a need to disseminate information on the nature and development of the GII applied specifically within the context of the Americas Region;

That, in recognition of the current activities and studies which are being undertaken in PCC.I, it would be useful for the Chairman of PCC.I to ensure that such information is distributed in an expeditious manner to the Member States of CITEL and to the Permanent Missions of the OAS in the form of a "*White Paper*" on the GII;

**RESOLVES:**

- 1) To request the Chairman of PCC.I to initiate a study on developments related to the GII in the Americas in the form of a *White Paper*;
- 2) To invite the Chairman of PCC.I to identify the appropriate working groups of the Committee, as well as other appropriate Working Groups of the PCCs, to assist in the development of the study and to report the results, in its initial draft form, to the meeting of COM/CITEL in 1998 and to submit a final version to the CITEL Steering Committee at its 1999 session.
- 3) To invite the Chairman of PCC.I through the Executive Secretary to consult closely with the ITU Regional Office with a view towards ensuring that work currently being undertaken on the GII in the ITU is taken into account.