

**COM/CITEL RES. 59 (V-97)**

**EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE  
STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF CITEL**

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

**CONSIDERING:**

That, pursuant to COM/CITEL RES.40 (IV-96), an ad hoc Working Group was established on the Structure and Functioning of CITEL in preparation for the 1998 CITEL Assembly under the chairmanship of Mr. Ferdinando Maglione of Brazil *to examine the existing structure of CITEL with a view toward enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the work.*

The ad hoc Working Group formed Task 1 to review the current structure of CITEL and to propose improvements or changes if required. For that purpose, the Ad-Hoc Working Group solicited contributions from the Member States and Associate Members of CITEL on this topic.

That, at the August 13, 1997, meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group in Washington, D.C., the group received contributions from several Member States, addressing procedural and structural changes.

The complex nature of topics to be considered, and the difficulty in the decision making process to achieve any substantial measure in time for the second Regular CITEL Assembly to be held in March 1998, and

**RECOGNIZING:**

The urgent need to address the working methods and procedural changes.

That changes in structure should take into account:

- changes in the ITU work program which may arise from the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference.
- privatization and deregulation in the region.

**RESOLVES:**

- 1) To receive the report of the Chairman of the ad hoc Working Group on “Structure and Functioning of CITEL in preparation of the 1998 CITEL Assembly” and thank him for the efforts of the Group in progressing this work.
- 2) To extend the duration and mandate of the ad hoc Working Group established in Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 40 (IV-96), with instructions to give special priority to the following tasks to be accomplished in accordance with the schedule provided in this Resolution:
  - a) Complete the work on procedural changes;
  - b) Look at the current structure of CITEL and assess options that could improve the quality and efficiency of CITEL’s work overall, and that of the PCCs and Working Groups. For this purpose, the Group should:
    - (i) Consider changes in the CITEL structure carefully and only if such changes serve to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the PCCs and Working Groups.
    - (ii) Ensure that changes in the CITEL’s Structure (if any recommended) are evaluated as they compare with the existing structure. Only options that clearly provide “better than existing” results should be considered further.
- 3) To request the ad hoc Working Group to consider all documents contributed by CITEL Members on the

subject matter of its mandate.

4) To complete the above mentioned tasks within the following schedule:

**March'98 - (CITEL Regular Assembly)**

- a) Complete the initial draft of changes proposed in the following documents:
  - (i) Guidelines of the Working Methods and Procedures of the PCCs .
  - (ii) Statutes and Regulations.
- b) Initiate work, discussion, and consideration of proposals on structural changes of CITEL.

**May'98 – (Teleconference call)**

- a) Finalize draft of the following documents:
  - (i) Guidelines of the Working Methods and Procedures of the PCCs .
  - (ii) Statutes and Regulations.
- b) Continue the work, discussion and consideration of proposals on structural changes of CITEL.

**August'98 – (Steering Committee)**

Conclusion of Final Report on:

- (i) Guidelines of the Working Methods and Procedures of the PCCs .
- (ii) Statutes and Regulations for distribution to CITEL Members.

**November'98 – (Teleconference call)**

Continue discussion on Structure of CITEL (taking into account the outcome of ITU Plenipotentiary Conference).

**December'98 – (COM/CITEL)**

- a) Approval by COM/CITEL of Guidelines of Working Methods and Procedures for PCCs.
- b) Continue discussion on Structure of CITEL;
- c) Evaluation by COM/CITEL upon the recommendation of the ad hoc Working Group on the need of continuing or not its work regarding changes in structure of CITEL.
- d) As a result of that evaluation, decision of COM/CITEL to consider if the work regarding structure changes is completed.

**December'99 – (COM/CITEL)**

- a) Final consideration by COM/CITEL of any proposed changes in the CITEL's Statutes and Regulations and
- b) Convocation of a Special CITEL Assembly for adoption of amendments to CITEL's Statutes and Regulations, including approval of any proposed structural changes, proposed by COM/CITEL.

*Note:* Amendments to CITEL Statutes must be finally approved by the OAS General Assembly, following the procedures within the OAS.