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TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO THE SERVICE OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That in document COM/CITEL/doc.466/99, submitted by ITU concerning Telecommunications to the service of Humanitarian Assistance, the following problems, among others, are standardized:
 - i) Regulatory barriers that hinder the timely operation of the telecommunications systems when emergency arises;
 - ii) Difficulty in the allotment of frequencies and operations licenses when emergency arises;
 - iii) Collection of taxes to the telecommunications equipment that are imported for humanitarian purposes;
- b) That the amateur radio users are an important support in telecommunications when an emergency hinders the usage of the regular systems.
- c) That GMPCS systems are also being used for providing humanitarian assistance during emergency situations

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States to sign, ratify and apply the Convention of Tampere of June, 1998.
2. To request the telecommunication administrations of the Member States to seek the appropriate mechanisms to solve the problems described in the above CONSIDERING items.
3. To urge the Member States to sign, ratify and apply the International Amateur Radio Users Permit developed by CITEL and approved by the General Assembly of OAS.
4. To include the issue on Telecommunications to the Service of Humanitarian Assistance in the documents for study at the next General Assembly of OAS, as well as at the III Summit of the Americas.

¹ Reference Document: COM/CITEL/doc. 504/99