

## **COM/CITEL RES.115 (IX-00)**

### **AD HOC GROUP FOR THE REVIEW OF CITEL**

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

#### **HAVING STUDIED:**

All types of background information on the changing environment of telecommunications and the need to respond appropriately at the regional level

#### **RECOGNIZING:**

- a) That CITEL must, as an OAS entity be capable of responding to the above, adapt quickly to the changes produced by that environment in order to fully meet the needs of its Member States and of the Members of the Sectors, and particularly to implement the directives of the Heads of State that are contained in the Action Plan of the Summit of the Americas, with the participation of sub-regional telecommunication agencies and efficient coordination with the ITU, and
- b) That the participation of the Associate Members in CITEL activities is important support for the Organization and it would be very beneficial to increase that participation in order to achieve CITEL's objectives,

#### **CONSIDERING:**

The need to strengthen CITEL as a preeminent regional agency for the development of telecommunications,

#### **RESOLVES:**

- 1. To create an *ad hoc* Group for the Review of CITEL, in which Member States and Associate Members may participate,
- 2. To establish the Terms of Reference in Annex for the study that is being entrusted to the Group.
- 3. To ask the Permanent Consultative Committees to carry out any consultations they consider appropriate in each committee in order to gather the opinions of Administrations and Associate Members that participating in them on issues that are to be studied within the framework of the objectives of the ad hoc Group for the Revision of CITEL, which will be taken into consideration in the matters within their jurisdiction.
- 4. To appoint the Administration of Argentina as the Chair of the ad hoc Group and the Administrations of Canadá, Colombia, Estados Unidos, Honduras, México and Uruguay as Vice Chairs.
- 5. To establish the following criteria for the operation the Working Group:
  - 5.1 The study should be supported by the Electronic Forum and means provided by telecommunications.

- 5.2 Meetings of the Group should be held during the meetings of the Permanent Consultative Committee meetings and the Steering Committee Meeting in consultation with their Chairs and the Executive Secretariat.
- 6. The Working Group:
  - 6.1 Should submit a progress Report on the study at the Steering Committee Meeting in 2001.
  - 6.2 Should submit its Final Report on the results of the study not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Tenth COM/CITEL Meeting so that the Executive Secretariat can distribute it to all the Member States and Associate Members, inviting them to give their opinions on the study.
  - 6.3 Should submit its Final Report on the results of the study, together with the opinions mentioned in the foregoing point, to the Tenth COM/CITEL Meeting no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting for analysis and, if appropriate, submission to the CITEL Assembly of 2002.

**INSTRUCTED THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

- 1. To invite the Member States and Associate Members to participate actively in the Working Group.
- 2. To take all necessary measures for the actions called for in points 5 and 6 in order to provide the necessary support to the Working Group.

## **ANNEX**

### **AD HOC GROUP FOR THE REVIEW OF CITEL**

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. To examine the Objectives, Structure, Functions, Management and Financing of CITEL, including the proposal to include an Annual Conference.
2. To examine the rights and obligations of Member States and Associate Members, including the contribution of the latter toward the payment of the expenses of Permanent Consultative Committees (PCC's) in which they participate.
3. To prepare drafts of amendments to CITEL's Statute and Regulations pursuant to the conclusions of items 1 and 2.