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**RESPONSE BY CITEL TO THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS IN 2000 AND
PREPARATION FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CITEL ASSEMBLY**

The Ninth meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

The significant achievements made in response to the mandate received from the Summit of the Americas,

RESOLVES:

To present the attached draft resolution to the General Assembly of the OAS.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the mandate received from the Summit of the Americas;

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is the agency of the Organization that deals with telecommunications in the Americas, and
- b) The importance of telecommunications to all countries of the Hemisphere; and that CITEL is performing an exceedingly important task in following up on the telecommunications initiatives of the Summits of the Americas, in which the following activities are especially noteworthy:
 - i. Initiation of the implementation of the Inter-American Mutual Recognition Agreement (IMRA) for Assessing the Conformity of Telecommunications Equipment;
 - ii. Progress in developing and promoting the use of coordinated standards documents in the Member States so as to promote the interconnectivity and the interoperability of telecommunication networks and services;
 - iii. Publication of the book Universal Service in the Americas, which analyzes the strategies and programs developed by the Member States to promote universal telecommunications service in the Hemisphere for all segments of the population;
 - iv. Publication of the Blue Book on Telecommunications Policies for the Americas, which serves as a guide to the countries of the region in managing and reforming the communications and information sector;
 - v. Organization of seminars for the benefit of Member States on topics such as third-generation wireless services and telecommunications networks that use Internet protocol;
 - vi. Coordination of positions for the presentation of common proposals to the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference and the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly;
 - vii. Various activities to ensure coordinated use of the spectrum in the region, in particular the establishment of a frequency allocation database and a database on policies, guidelines, administrative procedures, standards, and tariffs in effect in the Member States, and
 - viii. Development of the draft telecommunications section of the Action Plan for the Third Summit of the Americas,

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) That, at the second regular meeting of the CITELE Assembly, held in Quito in March 1998, the Argentine Republic was selected as the venue for the third regular meeting, and
- b) That the CITELE Assembly, comprised of the highest telecommunications authorities of the CITELE Member States, is the appropriate forum for the exchange of views and expertise to guide decision-making on activities to fulfill the objectives and mandates assigned, in particular with respect to the Summit of the Americas mandate,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of and commend CITELE's significant progress in fulfilling the telecommunications mandates of the Summits of the Americas.
2. To request the Secretary General to use his good offices with the Member State governments to ensure that the highest governmental authorities in telecommunications participate in the third regular meeting of the CITELE Assembly, which is to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2002.
3. To urge the OAS Member State governments and the permanent observers to participate in the third meeting of the CITELE Assembly, sponsored by the Government of Argentina.