

COM/CITEL RES. 158 (XIII-03) ¹

**CITEL PREPARATIONS FOR THE ITU CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS WITHIN THE
MANDATE OF THE CITEL CONFERENCE PREPARATORY GROUP**

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) The resolution of the CITEL Assembly (CITEL/RES.46 (III-02)) to set up the Conference Preparatory Working Group (WGCP) to focus and enhance the contribution of CITEL to Worldwide Conferences and Meetings;
- b) The need to increase the participation of CITEL Member States in the work of CITEL, particularly in the preparations for the Plenipotentiary Conference and associated meetings of the International Telecommunication Union and the need to enhance the contribution of CITEL Member States to ITU; and
- c) That much of the ITU preparatory processes will take place electronically through correspondence groups and the need for CITEL Member States to be active contributors to this work,

RECOGNIZING:

That the mandate of the working groups created following decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference 2002 (PP-02) includes review of the three Sectors of the ITU and, in particular, their internal structures and working procedures, various management issues as well as the rights and obligations of the membership,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To bring to the attention of the Permanent Consultative Committees the work of the ITU Working Groups and the preparatory process of the WGCP to coordinate the development of CITEL positions and proposals.
- 2. To invite the PCCs to consider the issues associated with the Council Working Groups, particularly as they relate to the functioning of the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Development Sectors taking into account the questions identified in the Annex and to provide the views to the WGCP.

FURTHER RESOLVES:

To invite Member States of CITEL and associate members as appropriate:

- to register for and engage in the electronic work of the ITU working groups; and
- to undertake to advise the CITEL Secretariat of the principal contact points in the Member States for the ITU working groups.

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Questions which might be asked or which are being asked in other regions:

- Is it necessary or desirable for the internal structures of the three sectors to remain identical?
- Within the Radiocommunication Sector, should there be a streamlining of the groups and meetings convened to prepare for World Radiocommunication Conference in relation to the technical study work? Should there be a rationalization of the structures (e.g. Assembly, Special Committee on Regulatory and Procedural Matters, Conference Preparatory Meetings and Study Groups) to prevent duplication of work? Consideration of these matters as addressed by the Radiocommunication Assembly (June 2003) would be useful.
- For the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, can the technical standardization work be organized or conducted differently in order to meet the needs of the industry and preserve the ITU-T as a pre-eminent global standards development body?
- Can the functions of the WTSA be honed so that it remains both a globally inclusive forum for the ITU membership and yet allows the technical standards development work so important to Sector Members to progress dynamically?
- In the Development Sector, should the PP-02 decision to move to regional preparatory meetings for WTDCs be made permanent? Should the role and functions of Development Study Groups be examined in order to place a higher priority on program-delivery (e.g. Human Resources Development (HRD)) and project-execution work in the Bureau for Telecommunications Development?