

COM/CITEL RES. 163 (XIII-03) ¹

UPDATE OF THE BLUE BOOK: TELECOMMUNICATION POLICIES FOR THE AMERICAS

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the first edition of the Blue Book “Telecommunications Policies for the Americas” was published in 1996, as a result of a joint effort of the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union and CITEL, and that afterwards, a second edition of the Blue Book was prepared in 2000;
- b) That the Blue Book is a tool for countries of the region to consider its eventual use in the Telecommunication and Information Sector management and development processes; and
- c) That in view of the fast pace of the Telecommunications environment, and the technological advancements and trends of the sector, periodical updating of the Blue Book becomes an essential condition for the preservation of its being in force,

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) That CITEL’s Permanent Consultative Committees and Working Groups, in the development of its’ tasks and as a result of their work, impact directly or indirectly on the policies and regulations of telecommunications of Member States of the Region;
- b) That CITEL maintains Cooperation Agreements with International, Regional and Sub regional Organizations, that influence on the definitions and changes of policies and regulations in Telecommunications in the Region; and
- c) That the Administrations of CITEL’s Member States are always concerned on the updating and improvement of their policies and regulations based on the technological changes and new services implementation,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To adopt the work Program included in Annex for the updating of the Blue Book, so that new versions are published on a timely fashion and in order to guarantee the validity of the included data and information.
- 2. To urge CITEL’s Administrations to permanently contribute to the timely updating of the Blue Book, as well as the approach to, and innovations in, its presentation and contents.
- 3. To instruct the CITEL’s Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees and Working Groups to include in their work plans, the analysis of the regulatory principles and additional recommendations that might result in possible contributions add to the content of the Blue Book.

TO INSTRUCT THE CITEL’S SECRETARIAT:

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To contact the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) of the World Bank to request to provide a series of videoconference on Telecommunication policies, since this is a priority issue for the countries of the region.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES.163(XIII-03)

Work program for the Review of the Blue Book

- a) To receive contributions for the content of the Blue Book. The deadline shall be 15 February 2004.
- b) To prepare the first draft of the new Blue Book and circulate it for the comments of CITEL Member States, at least one month ahead of the 2004 CITEL Steering Committee meeting.
- c) During the 2004 Steering Committee meeting, to review the first draft and to hold a videoconference to get additional contributions from countries that are not present at the meeting.
- d) To prepare and circulate the final version of the new Blue Book at least a month ahead of the COM/CITEL's XIV meeting.
- e) To adopt the new Blue Book during COM/CITEL's XIV meeting.
- f) To adopt a permanent update and review program of the Blue Book during the COM/CITEL's XIV meeting.