

**COM/CITEL RES. 165 (XIII-03)<sup>1</sup>**

**CITEL ACTIONS ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

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

**HAVING SEEN:**

a) The Millennium Declaration adopted by the 54th regular session of the United Nations General Assembly of September 8, 2000, in which the Member States expressed, inter alia, their decision “to ensure that the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communication technologies are available to all”; and

a) The Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003,

**BEARING IN MIND:**

a) That the CITEL has been making numerous efforts to streamline telecommunication infrastructure and to enhance access to telecommunication services by means of policies promoting universal access, the creation of capabilities in the area of human resource development to support connectivity and the creation of a cyber security culture to protect telecommunication infrastructure; and

b) That CITEL Member States, in compliance with the mandates of the III Summit of the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quebec, adopted the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito,

**CONSIDERING:**

a) That during the First Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, the representatives of the peoples of the world meeting there adopted a Declaration of Principles that reflects the consensus attained regarding principles and values to build an information society where individuals, communities and peoples may develop their full potential in the promotion of a sustainable development and improved quality of life; and

b) That a Plan of Action was then adopted that envisages actions, policies and objectives at the international, regional and sub-regional level to overcome the digital divide and ensure harmonious, equitable and fair development for everyone,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To instruct the Chair of COM/CITEL to spare no effort to work in coordination with the Member States to contribute to the achievement and implementation of the objectives, principles and actions set forth in the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action approved in the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, in conformance with the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito.

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2. To request the Chair of COM/CITEL to prepare an Annual Report on progress made towards meeting the objectives set forth in the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action of Geneva at a regional, sub-regional and national level, to be submitted to the Permanent Executive Committee regular meetings for consideration.