

**COM/CITEL RES. 166 (XIII-03) <sup>1</sup>**

**BOOK ON TELE-HEALTH IN THE AMERICAS**

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

**HAVING SEEN:**

- a) That in the Second Summit of the Americas of Heads of State and Government it was emphasized that countries must identify existing and emerging issues through a wider use of communication technology and “health” surveillance, and that the Third Summit of the Americas held in Quebec, Canada, gave special significance to Tele-Medicine;
- b) That the Summit also underscored the fact that the rapid development of information technology will undoubtedly revolutionize our approach to health. Partnership in the field of telecommunications will generate networks that will allow the exchange of information among countries and access to some services through the use of Tele-Medicine;
- c) That under Resolution PCC.I/RES.133 (XV-01) it was decided to create the “Book on Tele-Medicine in the Americas”, to establish, among other things, policies and strategies for its’ development in the region;
- d) That in the meeting held in Buenos Aires on December 2002, COMCITEL joined the project for the Book; and
- e) That the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), aside from its important contributions to this project, proposed to entitle the book “Tele-Health in the Americas”,

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That, as per Resolution PCC.I/RES. 24 (III-03), the PCC.I decided to receive documents PCC.I-TEL/doc298/03 and PCC.I-TEL/doc299/03 that make up the book “Tele-Health in the Americas”;
- b) That the period of 20 calendar days provided for by this resolution for Administrations to confirm data on their respective countries has elapsed;
- c) That the Book has been sent in its two versions for review and recommendations by PAHO in the framework of the memorandum of understanding established by the OAS General Secretariat and the PAHO, and that the result of this review has been included in the final version of the Book;
- d) That the prologues provided for by Resolution PCC.I/RES. 24 (III-03) have been received from the authorities and included in paper and multimedia format; and
- e) That the English and Spanish versions have been received and included in the printed format,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To approve the Book on Tele-Health in the Americas.

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2. To publish a printed version in two languages and to edit a digital version in the original language of the papers.
3. To distribute the publication to the Administrations, associate members and Telecommunications and Health Organizations.