

**COM/CITEL RES. 170 (XIII-03) <sup>1</sup>**

**FOLLOW-UP OF OPERATIONS OF THE OAS GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

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

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That the Executive Secretary reported to COM/CITEL on the results of the Study of the Operations of the OAS General Secretariat (hereinafter “Study of Operations”) recently carried out by the Deloitte & Touche company for the OAS Permanent Council, at the request of the OAS General Assembly;
- b) That the Study of Operations suggests the adoption of amendments to the structure of the General Secretariat, which amendments, should they be adopted, may limit the technical independence and efficiency of the CITEL Secretariat, which is presently under the administrative authority of the Secretary General’s Office; and
- c) That the Study of Operations is unlikely to have an immediate impact on fiscal year 2004, but during that year the OAS Permanent Council will analyze it and evaluate the benefits of its implementation, in whole or in part, for the following years,

**RESOLVES:**

- 1. To request the Chair of COM/CITEL, with the support of the Executive Secretary, to provide follow-up of the progress of the discussions on the Study of Operations within the Permanent Council, and to report on this to the Administrations and the next ordinary meeting of the COM/CITEL.
- 2. To request the Chair of COM/CITEL to address a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Council, with copy to the OAS Secretary General, expressing CITEL’s interest in the reform process as well as CITEL’s concern about any reforms considered which may limit the efficiency and technical independence of the CITEL Secretariat.

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