

COM/CITEL RES. 171 (XIII-03) ¹

PREPARATION OF A REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDATES OF THE THIRD SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

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

HAVING SEEN:

The strategic importance of the Summit of the Americas that offers an opportunity to propose plans of action for the promotion of telecommunications development in the countries,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That CITEL is the OAS body specializing in the issue of telecommunications where government and private sector meet to propose sectoral policies;
- b) The importance of the telecommunications sector as a basis for economic and social development of Member States; and
- c) That the Fourth Summit of the Americas to be held in Argentina in 2005 is the appropriate platform to propose directives to the Governments of the Americas in matters of telecommunications,

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) That among the mandates of the Third Summit of the Americas for telecommunications we may highlight the request to "...telecommunications authorities and our regulatory bodies working with regional and subregional agencies and organizations to develop and implement the next Summit of the Americas, a cooperative and collaborative program to support a connectivity agenda for the Hemisphere"; and
- b) That based on this mandate, the Administrations have been requested to report on their connectivity experiences or initiatives,

RESOLVES:

1. To evaluate the connectivity initiatives in the region to be submitted at the Fourth Summit of the Americas.
2. To request the Chair of the COM/CITEL to present a preliminary report containing this information to the 2004 Steering Committee meeting.
3. To urge the Administrations to send the information under *resolves 1* to the Chair of the COM/CITEL together with a list of priority issues they wish to include in the Plan of Action of the Fourth Summit of the Americas.
4. To include the revision of a draft of the telecommunication Plan of Action for the Fourth Summit of the Americas in the agenda of the XIV meeting of the COM/CITEL, bearing in mind the convenience of having a Plan of Action serving as a guideline for the development of the telecommunication sector in the hemisphere following pertinent consultations with the Secretariat for the Summit of the Americas process.

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TO INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To follow up on the preparatory work for the Fourth Summit of the Americas with the Secretariat for the Summit of the Americas process and present a report to the Steering Committee.