

**COM/CITEL RES. 179 (XIV-04)<sup>1</sup>**

**REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE WTDC-06**

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

**HAVING SEEN:**

Letter DM-185 dated on July 20, 2004 sent by the Director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) as regards the organization of the Regional Preparatory Meetings for the World Telecommunication Development Conference for 2006 (WTDC-06),

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Americas Region will be held in Lima, Peru, August 9 to 11, 2005;
- b) That letter DM-185 highlights the importance of regional activities for the preparation of WTDC-06, considered essential for the success of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, which results shall define BDT's future Action Plan;
- c) That Regional Telecommunication Organizations are requested to participate in regional activities for the preparation of WTDC-06 and specifically, to work in close collaboration with ITU Regional Offices to identify regional initiatives and projects, including other needs or priorities; and also to submit proposals on the way the ITU Regional Offices may efficiently contribute to the implementation of regional initiatives; and
- d) That the Conference Preparatory Working Group is in charge of coordinating the regional preparations for the WTDC-06 and specifically, for the Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-06 to be held in Lima, Peru, in August 2006,

**CONSIDERING ALSO:**

That the preparations for the Regional Preparatory Meeting and the World Telecommunication Development Conference are clearly linked to the preparations for the Plenipotentiary Conference in order to ensure that priorities are established reflecting regional needs and interests in light of the financial constraints of ITU,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:**

That among the mandates of the Conference Preparatory Working Group is the preparation of Inter-American proposals (IAP) and common positions for World Conferences,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To instruct the Conference Preparatory Working Group to establish a discussion group in the CITEL Electronic Forum to facilitate preparations for the Regional Preparatory Meeting and, in particular, the consultations concerning the regional initiatives and priorities for the WTDC.

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2. To instruct the Conference Preparatory Working Group to work in close collaboration with the ITU Regional Office for the Americas in consulting the Member States to identify regional initiatives and projects, as well as other needs or priorities arising from the draft agenda of the WTDC, to be considered in the above referenced events.

**CALLS UPON:**

The International Telecommunication Union, in particular the ITU Regional Office and its Area Offices, to work closely with the Conference Preparatory Working Group to facilitate consultations with Member States, sub-regional and other relevant organizations to assist the preparatory process of the Americas Region for the World Telecommunication Development Conference,

**REQUESTS MEMBER STATES:**

To identify experts to participate in the Conference Preparatory Working Group's discussion group referenced above and to act as focal points for the ITU's consultations concerning regional initiatives and priorities for the Regional Preparatory Meeting and for the development of Inter-American Proposals for the World Telecommunication Development Conference.