

COM/CITEL/ RES. 181 (XIV-04)¹

THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON CITEL OF OAS RESTRUCTURING

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) COM/CITEL REC.1(IV-96) entitled “Support to CITEL through the Permanent Missions” which highlights, *inter alia*, the inadequacy of the budget allocation to CITEL to fulfill the objectives of the work plan of the organization, including activities associated with the Consultative Committees; and
- b) COM/CITEL REC.5 (VII-98) entitled “Actions aimed at strengthening CITEL’s financial base” which focuses on the critical need to develop, on an annual basis, a balanced budget to ensure CITEL’s financial stability,

CONSIDERING ALSO:

- a) The instruction of the incoming Secretary General to the 34th General Assembly of the OAS in June, 2004 to draw up a plan for the restructuring of the General Secretariat, and to submit it to the Permanent Council no later than 31 January 2005;
- b) The Executive Order 04-01 corr.1 entitled “Reorganization of the General Secretariat” issued on 15 September, 2004; and
- c) The creation of a new Office of the CITEL Secretariat under the Department of Integral Development as part of the reorganization of the General Secretariat of the OAS,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) The practice under the current structure of the OAS program-budget which permits CITEL to receive funds from the OAS Regular Fund and manage spending in compliance with the budgetary allocations included in the CITEL Operations Plan approved on a yearly basis by COM/CITEL;
- b) The uncertainty concerning the way in which the planning and execution of the CITEL program-budget is to be managed with respect to the appropriation of funds from the OAS Regular Fund to CITEL under the new restructuring arrangements; and
- c) The continuous reduction in the budgetary appropriation from the OAS Regular Fund for CITEL since 2001,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That the allocations of the Regular Fund are insufficient to fund the activities for the different CITEL Committees,

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RESOLVES:

To urge the OAS Permanent Council to plan a special session to examine the implications of the Executive Order on the financial stability and viability of CITEL under the new OAS structural arrangements.

INVITES:

The Permanent Missions of the Member States of the OAS to support CITEL in its efforts to secure a fair and equitable share of the financial resources available through the Regular Fund of the OAS.