

COM/CITEL RES.189 (XV-05)¹

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITEL ASSEMBLY

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

HAVING SEEN:

- a) That Article 6 of the Statute of CITEL provides that “CITEL shall hold a Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly every four years, in the place as determined by the CITEL Assembly in accordance with the principle of rotation set forth in the Regulations”;
- b) That Article 5 of the Regulations of CITEL establishes that CITEL shall endeavor to schedule the Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly during the first quarter of the year, and
- c) That in Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 187 (XIV-04), COM/CITEL approved the draft agenda for the Fourth Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the telecommunication environment is undergoing constant change owing to different aspects, particularly, technological progress, regulatory changes, convergence of platforms and services, growing user demand, and greater needs;
- b) That there is an evident need for information exchange regarding telecommunication strategies and policies with a view to their better comprehension and to obtaining guidelines for harmonized development of telecommunication services in the Region, and
- c) That CITEL has responsibility for promoting regional dialogue regarding the most relevant challenges in the area of telecommunications,

RECOGNIZING:

That the Assembly of CITEL is an ideal occasion to serve as a forum to conduct dialogue among the different telecommunication players to establish the frameworks required by new telecommunication services and technologies and to examine any other general policy matter that may benefit from a general exchange of ideas, and

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UNDERSCORING:

That it is advisable for ministers of state and highest authorities with responsibility for telecommunication policy in each Administration to meet in order to, based on examination of the telecommunication environment, contribute their visions and policies for the future,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Fourth Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly February 20-23, 2006, in San José, Costa Rica.
2. To hold a Special Meeting of the Assembly comprised of representatives of governments and the private sector on the afternoon of February 20, 2006, to discuss matters of common interest in the area of telecommunication regulation, with a view to producing a series of recommendations intended to direct CITEL's future work, thereby contributing to the advancement of regional telecommunications.
3. To hold, on the morning of February 21, 2006, a roundtable of high authorities with responsibility for telecommunication policy in each Administration.
4. To instruct the Chair of COM/CITEL to, in coordination with the Vice Chair of COM/CITEL, the Chairs of the PCCs and the Chair of the WG on the Strategic Plan of CITEL, prepare draft agendas for the Assembly's Special Session and roundtable of high authorities, to include the speakers who will be invited to the Special Session and taking into account such suggestions as may be received from the Member States.

URGES:

The Administrations of the OAS Member States to ensure participation by the highest telecommunication authorities in their delegations to the Assembly.

INVITES THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF CITEL:

To participate in the Special Meeting of the Assembly.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To carry out such actions as are requested of him to ensure fulfillment of this Resolution.

ANNEX I TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 189 (XV-05)

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PREPARATIONS FOR A SPECIAL MEETING
AND A ROUNDTABLE OF MINISTERS OF STATE AND HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION
AUTHORITIES TO BE HELD DURING THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITEL
ASSEMBLY**

1. A pertinent topic of great interest to Member States in connection with their policies, strategies, and priorities is to be selected.
2. A draft schedule for the event is to be prepared by August 1, 2005.
3. Invitations to the speakers at the Special Meeting are to be issued by no later than mid-August 2005. The number of speakers will be limited.
4. A document introducing the meeting's topic of discussion, underscoring the key points to be addressed by the speakers, is to be prepared.
5. The director of the Special Meeting will present the corresponding report to the Assembly.
6. A draft declaration will be prepared for approval by the roundtable of ministers of state and high telecommunication authorities.