

COM/CITEL RES. 191 (XV-05)¹

BLUE BOOK “TELECOMMUNICATION POLICIES FOR THE AMERICAS”

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

HAVING SEEN:

Resolutions CITEL/RES.41 (III)-02; COM/CITEL RES. 145 (XII-02); COM/CITEL RES. 163 (XIII-03); deciding the update of the Blue Book: Telecommunication Policies for the Americas,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That CITEL, by means of Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 145 (XII-02), established a Coordination for Updating the Blue Book and that Mr. Rodrigo Robles of the Administration of Guatemala was designated for this purpose;
- b) That, with support from ITU-D, the first drafts that were circulated among the Administrations for their comments were drawn up, and an expert who collaborated on the initial phase of the update process was hired;
- c) That, at the XIII Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) (December 16-19, 2003, El Calafate, Argentina), the expert hired by ITU made a presentation on the progress in drawing up the first draft of the new version of the Blue Book;
- d) That, on August 14, 2003, in Washington, D. C., United States, the First Regional Dialogue took place by videoconference and was attended by representatives of the Administrations at CITEL headquarters participating in the IX Meeting of the Steering Committee and six other Administrations by distance (videoconference and audioconference), for the purpose of permitting the exchange of ideas on the update of the Blue Book and the priority topics that should be incorporated into this new edition;
- e) That, on May 27, 2004, in Washington, D.C., United States, the Second Regional Dialogue was held by videoconference and was attended by the Administrations at CITEL headquarters participating in the X Meeting of the Steering Committee and four other Administrations by distance (videoconference), as well as ITU representatives for the purpose of examining the first draft of the Blue Book;
- f) That, at this X Meeting of the Steering Committee, the new table of contents and structure for the Blue Book was adopted, and it was agreed that contributions would be made to the contents of the Update of the Blue Book, using the discussion group “AZUL” of CITEL’s Electronic Forum and by means of specific contributions to the chapters;
- g) That after the texts were received, the Third Draft was presented at the meeting of the Drafting Group (September 29-October 1, 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina), where a wide-ranging debate of each chapter, paragraph by paragraph, took place, at the end of which the attending Delegations reached a consensus on a text as the Fourth Draft, which was subsequently referred to the Administrations of the Member States for their comments;

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h) That, at the XIV Meeting of COM/CITEL (November 30-December 3, 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina), discussions once again took place and Decision COM/CITEL DEC.42 (XIV-04) was adopted, recognizing the progress in organizing the texts, although it was necessary to check alignment of the texts in English and Spanish, and a new working calendar was established and rapporteurs and co-rapporteurs were designated for each chapter, and

i) That, in the week of May 23-27, 2005 (Washington, D.C, United States), the text presented at the XV Meeting of COM/CITEL was discussed and agreed upon,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

a) That the text of the preamble to the third version of the Blue Book: “Telecommunication Policies for the Americas” indicates that:

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- a) The Blue Book is a reference tool to provide the countries of the Americas region with objective descriptions of and information regarding telecommunication policies and regulatory matters, including difficulties and opportunities of the development of new telecommunication technologies.
- b) Descriptions of the situation of policy and regulation in some countries of the region as described in this version of the Blue Book do not reflect the situation prevailing in all countries of the Americas.
- c) The texts contained in Chapter 4 to 11 represent the general view of the Member States of CITEL. However, some descriptions and views contained in Chapters 1-3 do not reflect the policies, regulations, or situation of telecommunications in every country of the region. Therefore, those texts are not based on a consensus view.

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b) That the texts for the Update of the Blue Book have been widely discussed, with contributions and participation of the Administrations,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve, in the context of its preamble, the text of the third version of the Blue Book “Telecommunication Policies for the Americas” included in document COM/CITEL/doc.973/05 rev.6.

2. To request the Chair of COM/CITEL to send a note to the regional office of ITU expressing CITEL’s appreciation of its support for the present version of the Blue Book.

3. To request the Chair of COM/CITEL to send the third version of the Blue Book to the Administrations of the Member States of OAS, the Permanent Missions, the Secretary General of OAS, and subregional and international telecommunication organizations.

4. To request the Administrations to send the texts of the documents they wish to be included in the annexes of the third edition of the Blue Book by July 8, 2005, at the latest.

5. To request the establishment of a comprehensive evaluation mechanism to identify and qualify the results that Administrations in the region are deriving from the use of the Blue Book.

INSTRUCTS THE CITEL SECRETARIAT:

To implement the corresponding procedures for the publication of this Book.