

COM/CITEL RES. 192 (XV-05)¹

DRAFT TEXT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE FOURTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

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

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) The Fourth Summit of the Americas, to be held in Mar del Plata, Argentine Republic, November 4-5, 2005, whose theme will be “Creating Jobs to Confront Poverty and Strengthen Democratic Governance”; and
- b) That in Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 185 (XIV-04), an Ad Hoc Group was established to prepare the contribution to the Fourth Summit of the Americas requested by the OAS Summits of the Americas Secretariat, in consultation and based on exchange of content with all Member States,

RECOGNIZING:

That the Summit of the Americas, as highest-level political forum, is that authority that formulates public policy mandates for the adoption of the OAS,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the draft telecommunication text for the Fourth Summit of the Americas included in the Annex.
2. To forward this draft telecommunication text to the OAS Summits of the Americas Secretariat.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 192 (XV-05)

To press ahead with the implementation of the information society in the Americas striving to raise their standard of living by making full use of individuals' expertise through work. To that end, we will promote the elimination of barriers that prevent access to the labor markets in our countries.

It is important to profit from the introduction of new broadcasting technologies to continue to promote universal inclusion of the citizens of the Americas in a new digital society, recognizing people's basic need for information and communication, especially as regards television and sound broadcasting, taking into account support for research and development initiatives, education of the public regarding the new digital technologies.

To promote in the CITEL framework technical recommendations that support governments in the development of telecommunications, and promote application of technologies and socio-economic,

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industrial, and cultural development through use of the radio spectrum across the region in an efficient and harmonized manner.

To promote technical cooperation to allow every country to have the possibility to gain the expertise and develop and extend their technological and industrial capacity and strengthen partnerships among government, industry and telecommunication operators, and sector workers.

To improve the conditions required for connectivity, with respect to both availability and costs, so that citizens have the tools they need to take advantage of the job opportunities that the information society affords and at the same time enhance their qualifications in order to attain more satisfactory working conditions.

To facilitate and promote connectivity in the Americas and the Information Society, promote the availability of a broadband infrastructure, with a variety of systems and reduced connectivity costs, as essential elements in promoting mass access to information networks.

In the regulation of services, Administrations should take into account the social impact of broadcasting, as broadcasting services throughout the Americas are extremely widespread and reach essentially all individuals.

To facilitate the timely and orderly introduction of next generation networks and assess the impact of their implementation.