

**COM/CITEL RES. 200 (XVI-05) <sup>1</sup>**

**PARTICIPATION OF ENTITIES OTHER THAN CITEL MEMBER STATES IN CITEL MEETINGS**

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

**HAVING SEEN:**

The Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Scope of Participation of Non-Member States of CITEL, document COM/CITEL/doc.1030/05 rev.1,

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That by Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 184 (XIV-04), COM/CITEL, created an Ad Hoc Group on the Scope of Participation of Non-Member States of CITEL and charged it with reporting back to COM/CITEL, with recommendations, at its next Regular Meeting;
- b) That the Report of the Group, which it finalized during the present meeting of COM/CITEL, points out a number of typographical and translation errors in the Regulations, particularly in the English text, which require correction;
- c) That the Report concludes that although several inconsistencies and minor ambiguities are evident within the texts of CITEL's Regulations regarding the participation of Observers and Associate Members at CITEL's meetings, a total overhaul of the Regulations is not necessary, but that several minor modifications, which are recommended by the Group (Attachment 1 hereto) would remove the ambiguities and facilitate an application of the Regulations on participation consistent with CITEL's objectives, and
- d) That the report also recommended that future changes in the Regulations, if undertaken by CITEL, should simplify the present rules by conforming them to a series of general principles governing the participation of non-Member State actors in CITEL's meetings (Attachment 2, hereto), but that before those principles are formally approved by COMCITEL, the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees should be consulted,

**RESOLVES:**

- 1. To instruct the Executive Secretary to correct the typographical and translation errors mentioned in the Report, and to publish the corrected text on CITEL's webpage.
- 2. To adopt and place into force, pending the CITEL Assembly's approval, the substantive amendments to the CITEL Regulations set out in Attachment 1 hereto.
- 3. To send a copy of the Report to the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees and request that they transmit to the Executive Secretary prior to June 30, 2006, their observations on the General Principles set out in Attachment 2 hereto, together with their recommendations for any modifications to current Regulations and practices governing the participation of all entities, other than CITEL Member States in the activities of their respective Committees.

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<sup>1</sup> COM/CITEL/doc. 1056/05

4. To ask the Executive Secretary, together with the Legal Advisor, based on the observations received from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees, to prepare for COMCITEL's consideration at its next Regular Meeting, any modifications to CITEL's Regulations they consider necessary for the implementation of the General Principles set out in Attachment 2 hereto.

## **ATTACHMENT 1 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 200 (XVI-05)**

### **MODIFICATIONS TO CITEL's REGULATIONS**

In the modified provisions that follow, the text in ~~strikeout~~ is hereby eliminated; the text in *italics* is the new added text.

**A. Amend Section 5 of Article 77, for the purpose of affording Associate Members the same participatory rights currently enjoyed by Observers in COM/CITEL meetings, so that it states:**

#### **ARTICLE 77**

5. Observers in the categories stipulated in Articles 13, 14, 15, ~~and 16,~~ *and 17* may attend COM/CITEL meetings as observers on the same conditions as those established in the Regulations for their participation in the CITEL Assembly meetings.

**B. Amend Article 46, for the purpose of clarifying that only CITEL Member States may present proposals – all of which must be written -- so that it states:**

#### **ARTICLE 46**

##### **Proposals and Amendments**

##### **Proposals**

1. Proposals must be presented in writing to the Secretariat *by the Member State delegations* no later than the day before the session at which they are to be discussed or submitted to a vote, in order to be distributed in the CITEL working languages to participating Member States before deliberation of them begins. However, if no Member State objects, the Chairman of the body that is required to deal with the matter may authorize discussion of a proposal that was not distributed in time.

2. The delegation that presents a proposal shall indicate the working committee that should study it, unless the proposal is one that is required to be submitted to a plenary session for discussion. In case of doubt, the Chairman of the Assembly shall decide.

**C. Amend Articles 49, 50, 51, and 52, for the purpose of clarifying that only CITEL Member States may raise points of order, so that they state:**

#### **ARTICLE 49**

##### **Points of Order**

During the discussion of a matter, any delegation may raise a point of order, which shall be decided upon immediately by the Chairman. Any representative *of a delegation* may appeal the decision of the Chairman, in which case the appeal shall be put to a vote. When raising a point of order, the representative may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

## **ARTICLE 50**

### **Suspension of Discussion**

The Chairman or any representative *of a delegation* may make a motion that discussion be suspended. Only two *such* representatives may speak briefly in favor of such a motion and two against it, after which it shall be immediately put to a vote.

## **ARTICLE 51**

### **Closing Discussion**

1. Any representative *of a delegation* may make a motion that debate be closed when he/she considers that a topic has been discussed sufficiently. This motion may be opposed by two representatives *of delegations*, after which it shall be declared approved if it receives the vote of two-thirds of the delegations present at the session. The Chairman may limit the time allowed to speakers under this Article.

2. The Chairman may close the debate if he/she considers that it has become repetitive, or if it no longer addresses the issue at hand. In which case, the Chairman shall take into consideration the issues which have up to then obtained consensus and establish the way in which the meeting shall proceed. Two delegations may speak briefly against such a decision, after which it shall be declared approved if it receives the vote of two-thirds of the delegations present at the session.

## **ARTICLE 52**

### **Suspension or Adjournment of a Session**

During the discussion of any topic, a representative *of a delegation* may make a motion that the session be suspended or adjourned. Such motions shall be put to a vote immediately, without discussion. The Chairman may limit the length of the remarks of the representative who proposes suspension or adjournment of the session.

## **ATTACHMENT 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 200 (XVI-05)**

### **General Principles**

The Ad Hoc Group agreed on the following general principles that should be applied to the participation of Observers, including Associate Members. These general principles may lead to future modifications of the texts to simplify the provisions governing participation of Observers.

For the purposes of these general principles, three categories of participants are considered: Member States, Associate Members, and Observers.

CITEL Member States will have more rights of participation than Associate Members.

No Observer shall have greater rights than any Active Associate Member.

Active Associate Members shall be considered Observers at COM/CITEL and CITEL Assembly meetings.

Active Associate Members of a PCC may fully participate in all the activities of that PCC with voice but without vote.

Active Associate Members may submit documents of an informational nature to meetings of their PCC.

At the request or with the permission of the presiding officer, Observers may contribute verbally or by submitting information documents.

A Member State may object to the contribution of an Associate Member or an Observer pursuant to a point of order under Article 46 of the CITEL Regulations.

Observers from other regional organizations, as much as possible, should be given fully reciprocal rights as CITEL is given, when attending that organizations' meetings.