COM/CITEL RES. 260 (XXIX-14) [1]

**WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)**

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

HAVING SEEN:

a)   The Declaration of Santo Domingo, adopted at the VI Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL (Santo Domingo, 2014), in which is reaffirmed the support to CITEL as the leading intergovernmental organization of the OAS in all matters relating to telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICT);

b)   That the strategic targets of the Strategic Plan of CITEL for 2014-2018 include promoting cooperation and coordination of activities, initiatives, projects, and programs with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other international, regional, and subregional organizations and entities;

c)   The importance of the existence of an authority, in framework of COM/CITEL, to address and coordinate matters within the purview of the Council of the ITU,

RECALLING:

Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 73 (VII-98), by which is created the Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);

BEARING IN MIND:

a)`   The outcomes of CITEL's active participation in the ITU, in both the Plenipotentiary Conferences and the Assemblies and/or Conferences of the Sectors of Radiocommunications, Development, and Telecommunication Standardization, through the presentation of inter-American proposals (IAPs);

b)   The strategic advisability of having a Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the ITU Council, since in that forum are presented and discussed matters of vital importance to the proper operation and development of the organization that must subsequently be taken into account in achieving *Bearing in mind* a),

RESOLVES:

1.   To maintain the Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the ITU Council, open to all Member States of CITEL, to address matters and activities of the ITU Council.

2.   To designate the administration of Argentina as Chair and the administration of Brazil as Vice Chair.

3.   To establish the following mandate:

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- To report to the Member States of CITEL on matters addressed by the Council of the ITU to identify those of genuine importance for the objectives and activities of CITEL and its Member States, including the decisions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

- To coordinate the strategy to be developed within the Council and its subordinate Groups and Working Parties, always taking into account the specific characteristics and concerns of the subregions.

- To establish defined processes for coordination prior to and during the sessions of the ITU Council that include the Member States of the Council and those participating as Observers.

- To hold at least one meeting of CITEL at ITU headquarters prior to the start of the annual session of the Council, and others as items are addressed, notwithstanding the budgetary constraints of CITEL;

- To establish priorities among matters to be addressed in accordance with their importance and/or urgency;

- To coordinate with the Permanent Consultative Committees as to how matters and activities of the Council that relate to matters within the purview of those Committees are to be addressed in order to:

  o Achieve results from the work done within the PCCs;
  o Ensure that the Working Group reports to the Chairs of the PCCs on the decisions taken by the Council that relate to matters within the purview of its respective Committees.

- For the implementation of this mandate, to utilize between attendance-based meetings available electronic media (videoconferences, electronic mail, online community, etc.).

4.   To request the Secretariat of CITEL to give the attention necessary for due implementation of the mandate established in *resolves* 2, taking into account the budgetary constraints of the organization.

5.   To rescind Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 73 (VII-98).