

**WORKSHOP ON THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, MITIGATION AND RESPONSE**

The XXIV Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

**CONSIDERING:**

a) The successful Workshop held by the Working Group on Development in the XIX Meeting of the PCC.I on August 29, 2011 on “The Use of the Telecommunications for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation.”;

b) The high priority and importance placed on emergency communications at the Sixth World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, with several outcomes that reflect CITEL Inter-American Proposals on this issue, including:

- Resolution 34 “The Role of telecommunications/information and communication technology in disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response” was updated to place greater priority on the need for ongoing, enhanced consideration of preparedness and resilience activities, as well as increased regional cooperation.
- The Programme/Objective on Emergency Telecommunications was updated to guide the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) support for Members in disaster preparedness and early warning.
- Question 22-1/2 on Emergency Telecommunications was continued, encouraging the development of an online Toolkit and additional best practices and guidelines to support the implementation of telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for disaster management.
- The Americas regional initiative on Emergency Telecommunications was adopted.

**RECOGNIZING:**

In conformity with outcomes from WTDC-14 and the Americas regional Initiative, that the Administrations consider it of great interest to continue to hold seminars on emergency communications within the framework of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ Information and Communications Technologies,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To hold a joint one day Workshop in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on “Emergency Telecommunications ” prior to the XXVI\_ PCC.I Meeting
2. To hold this workshop without cost to CITEL.

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3. To nominate Mr. Joseph Burton of the United States of America (e-mail: [BurtonKJ@State.gov](mailto:BurtonKJ@State.gov)) as Coordinator to plan and conduct such a workshop in coordination with the PCC.I Chairman.
4. To request the Coordinator to work with CITEL Administrations to finalize the agenda (please see the Annex) using virtual meetings for submission to the XXV PCCI meeting.

## **ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 224 (XXIV)**

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

- a) Experiences and lessons learned from countries of the Americas affected in the recent disasters.
- b) Early Warning/Alerting technologies for disaster risk reduction, emerging technologies and lessons learned.
- c) Telecommunication Networks: Building resilience and protecting communications systems in times of crisis.
- d) Prioritizing the protection, restoration and use of communications networks in emergency situations.
- e) Ensuring two way communications with affected populations , including persons with disabilities and specific needs.
- f) Creating or updating a National Emergency Communications Plan.
- g) Building tools/a toolkit for communications network preparedness, mitigation, restoration and response.
- h) Improving regional preparedness and cooperation: identifying a plan of action.