

PCC.I/RES. 232 (XXV-14)¹

PRESENTATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY (WTSA), THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS (WCIT), AND THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTDC)

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That it is advisable to adopt a procedure to carry out activities to establish Inter-American Proposals for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT), and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC);
- b) That procedures must be included to be followed at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT), and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) to modify an existing Inter-American Proposal (IAP); and
- c) That procedures must also be included to be followed at the WTSA, WCIT, and WTDC to establish a new IAP on new matters and issues that may arise at said Assembly and Conferences,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the procedure described in the Annex hereto for the presentation and modification of Inter-American Proposals to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT), and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC).
2. To derogate Resolution PCC.I RES. 190 (XIX-11).

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ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 232 (XXV-14)

PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY (WTSA), THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS (WCIT), AND THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTDC)

1. OBJECTIVE

- To establish the procedure that is to be followed for any document developed in Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I) for submission to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT), and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) of the International Telecommunication Union as an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP). IAPs will be developed separately for WTSA, for WCIT, and for WTDC. IAPs developed for one event cannot and will not be used for another.
- To establish the procedure to be followed to modify an IAP during WTSA, WCIT and WTDC.
- To establish the procedure for the development of new IAPs on any new topics and issues that may arise during WTSA, WCIT and WTDC, with the Member States of CITELE that are present at said Assembly/Conferences.
- In using this procedure, every effort should be made to reach consensus among the CITELE administrations.

2. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are provided for purposes of this procedure:

- a. **RAPPORTEURSHIP:** Rapporteurship for the preparation and follow-up of WTSA, WCIT, and WTDC, of the Working Group on Policy and Regulation of PCC.I.
- b. **ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE:** The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT), and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- c. **PROPOSAL:** A submission for discussion with a view to it becoming a DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL and, subsequently, an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.
- d. **DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DRAFT IAP):** A PROPOSAL that, having been considered and discussed by the Member States, has the support of more than one (1) administration.
- e. **INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP):** A DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL, of which the Rapporteurship has completed its consideration and discussion and that has been supported by no fewer than six (6) administrations and is not opposed by more than 50% (fifty percent) of the number of supports obtained.
- f. **DEADLINE MEETING:** The penultimate meeting of the RAPPORTEURSHIP before the corresponding ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE, which is to be held so as to be able to observe ITU rules and procedures.

- g. **FINAL MEETING:** The last meeting of the RAPPORTEURSHIP before the corresponding ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE.

A. PREPARATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS PRIOR TO THE ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE

A1. STEPS

The steps in the procedure for the presentation and adoption of INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to be submitted to the corresponding ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE are:

Step 1. Evaluation of the supports for and oppositions to a PROPOSAL or DRAFT INTERAMERICAN PROPOSAL

At the LIMIT MEETING or the FINAL MEETING, as applicable, the RAPPORTEURSHIP will define the following items:

- a. the list of the IAPs;
- b. the list of PROPOSALS and DRAFT IAPs which, despite the efforts made, have not become IAPs.
- c. the date the IAPs are to be sent to the ITU.

Step 2. Circulation of the PROPOSALS, DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, AND INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The Secretariat will distribute the PROPOSALS, DRAFT IAPs, and IAPS still being considered, to all Member States of CITELE, by no later than two (2) weeks following the close of the LIMIT MEETING.

In the circular, the Secretariat will indicate that the administrations have four (4) weeks in which to reply.

Step 3. Sending INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to the ITU

The Secretariat of CITELE will send the IAPs to the ITU in accordance with its rules and procedures.

A2. SUPPORT

The administrations wishing to support a PROPOSAL, a DRAFT IAP, or IAP under consideration shall do so either verbally or in writing at meetings of the RAPPORTEURSHIP or as a reply to the corresponding circular from the Secretariat of CITELE.

A3. OPPOSITION

The administrations opposing a DRAFT IAP or an IAP shall indicate clearly the reasons for their oppositions.

The administrations wishing to oppose a DRAFT IAP or an IAP that has been circulated prior to the LIMIT MEETING or FINAL MEETING, as applicable, shall do so at a meeting of the RAPPORTEURSHIP or plenary meeting of PCC.I, either verbally or in writing, in response to A1 Step 2.

Additionally, if an administration chooses to oppose a specific INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL at the ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE, that administration shall make every effort to notify its intention to the RAPPORTEURSHIP.

A4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A4.1. Negotiating supports

The administration or administrations originally submitting a PROPOSAL shall have responsibility for coordinating and promoting its support so that it becomes a DRAFT IAP and, subsequently, an IAP.

A4.2. Coordination of IAPs

The Rapporteur of the RAPPORTEURSHIP shall coordinate all PROPOSALS AND DRAFT IAPs so that conflicting IAPs on the same subject are not generated.

A4.3. Format of DRAFT IAPs

The heading of each DRAFT IAP being considered within the RAPPORTEURSHIP shall include the following elements, in the order indicated below:

- a. the names of any CITELE administrations that have indicated their support.
- b. in square brackets, the names of any CITELE administrations that have not yet indicated their position;
- c. the names of any CITELE administrations that have indicated their opposition.

A4.4. Points of contact

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Communications with the administrations shall be channeled through the points of contact identified to the RAPPORTEURSHIP.

A4.5. Internal activity of administrations

Administrations are encouraged to plan their national activities so as to be prepared to indicate their support for a PROPOSAL or DRAFT IAP or their opposition to the latter as soon as possible or at the FINAL MEETING

B. REVISION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AFTER THE START OF AN ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE

During an ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE, it may be necessary to consider modifications to an IAP in accordance with any deliberations that may have taken place either at the ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE, as applicable, regarding specific agenda items.

When this is the case, the Member States of CITELE attending the ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE and that originally supported the IAP shall review the matter to decide whether a proposed modification is applicable. If any of those Member States of CITELE do not support the proposed modification, the IAP will remain unchanged.

If said Member States of CITELE agree to propose a modification, it shall be submitted to the RAPPORTEURSHIP for its consideration, and, if none of the Member States present at the corresponding meeting of said RAPPORTEURSHIP express their opposition, then the modification will be deemed approved. However, if, at the meeting of the RAPPORTEURSHIP, any Member State of CITELE indicates its opposition, then the modified IAP will be approved only if no more than 25% of the Member States present at said meeting oppose the modified IAP.

Member States of CITELE not attending the meeting of the RAPPORTEURSHIP shall be informed by the Secretariat of CITELE of the modified IAP once it has been approved.

Any Member State of CITELE that wishes to add its name to the modified IAP shall contact the Secretariat of CITELE in order to follow the procedure established with the ITU.

A modified IAP rescinds, replaces, and eliminates the corresponding original IAP.

C. NEW INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AT THE ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE

This possibility shall not be used as an alternative to the previously established procedures for developing an IAP, nor shall they be considered previously considered specific proposals.

Since the ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE is a dynamic process, matters may arise regarding items on their agendas that were not envisaged prior to said ITU ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE and for which a regional position may be required. It may also be useful to establish positions of CITELE regarding other matters.

Once a need to prepare a new IAP has been identified (including the establishment of a position of CITELE), the spokesperson with responsibility shall distribute the proposed text to the participants in the Rapporteurship through the Secretariat and shall call for a debate among the Member States of CITELE present at the Assembly and/or Conference. The IAP shall be considered approved, provided 50% or more Member States of CITELE present at the Conference do not oppose it.

The Member States of CITELE not attending the meeting will be informed by the Secretariat of CITELE of the new IAP once it has been approved.

The Member States of CITELE wishing to add their names will contact the Secretariat of CITELE.

D. APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

The provisions of this procedure shall be applied and interpreted within the framework of resolution COM/CITEL RES. 226 (XXI-09).

Any matter for which this procedure does not provide shall be resolved at a plenary meeting of PCC.I, following the relevant consultations with the Rapporteur of the Rapporteurship.