

PCC.I/RES. 262 (XXVIII-16)¹

MECHANISM FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY THE MEMBER STATES IN THE MEETINGS OF PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I (PCC.I)

The 28 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is the advisory body of the Organization of American States (OAS) for all matters related to telecommunications/ICTs in the Hemisphere.
- b) That the Strategic Plan for 2014-2018, adopted at the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL, held in 2014, establishes as a strategic goal of CITEL “*Promoting greater and more active participation by the Member States of CITEL and all actors of the telecommunication/ICT sector in the activities of CITEL,*” and, as a specific target “*To increase member participation in the activities of CITEL and increase associate members*”;
- c) That one of the functions of CITEL is to identify mechanisms to encourage participation by all Member States in the meetings of CITEL, and to increase the number of associate members;
- d) That, in accordance with Article 90.3 of the Regulations of CITEL, adopted at the fourth plenary session of the forty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) may adopt resolutions, decisions, or recommendations by correspondence, applying such procedures as may be established by COM/CITEL;
- e) That Article 96.10 of those Regulations provides that the plenary of the PCC shall adopt the resolutions or recommendations of the Working Groups by consensus and with the presence of at least one-third of its members; those measures can be adopted also by electronic means provided that there are not negative answers;

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I) advises CITEL on matters related to standardization, international public policy on the Internet, universal service, economic and social development, environment and climate change, infrastructure development, quality of services, and new technologies;
- b) That the structure of PCC.I includes Working Groups (i) on Policy and Regulation; (ii) on Development; (iii) on Deployment of Technologies and Services; and (iv) to prepare for and follow up on WTSA, WCIT, and WTDC;

¹ CCP.I-TIC/doc. 3953/16 rev. 1

c) That by resolution COM/CITEL/RES. 270 (XXXI-15), the Executive Secretary of CITEL is instructed to coordinate with the host countries of upcoming PCC meetings in order to organize pilot sessions, taking account of aspects such as the implementation of technical facilities using electronic means; and promoting equal treatment of all participants, taking into account aspects such as simultaneous interpretation and the possibility of interventions, among others.

d) That document CCP.I-TIC/doc. 3887/16 contains guidelines for the pilot project on remote participation during events of the 28 Meeting of PCC.I;

e) That it is advisable to promote remote participation, through the use of electronic media, by those Member States that are unable to attend on-site meetings of the PCCs;

BEARING IN MIND:

a) That by resolution PCC.I/RES. 232 (XXV-14), procedures were adopted for the presentation and modification of 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 mechanisms must be envisaged to ensure the support of the Member States that participate remotely in the meetings of PCC.I, for the draft inter-American proposals (Draft IAPs) and inter-American proposals (IAPs) for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), to be held in Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia, from October 25 to November 3, 2016;

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Member States that participate remotely, as a pilot initiative, in the 28 Meeting of PCC.I organized pursuant to resolution COM/CITEL/RES. 270 (XXXI-15), to:

- a) Present and/or support draft resolutions, draft recommendations, and draft decisions of the Working Groups of PCC.I for their approval during meetings of the Working Groups or at plenary sessions.
- b) To present and/or support draft inter-American Proposals (DRAFT IAPs) and inter-American Proposals (IAPs) for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in ways complementing that stipulated in resolution PCC.I/RES. 232 (XXV-14).

2. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to adopt any mechanisms he deems necessary for the accreditation of the Member States that participate remotely in the meetings of PCC.I and to draft an evaluation report and disseminate it to all delegations, with the aim of exercising the authorities established in *Resolves* 1 hereof.