

PCC.I/RES. 280 (XXX-17)¹

SEMINAR ON CONTROL OF MOBILE DEVICES WITH ALTERED/ DUPLICATE IDENTIFIERS

The 30th Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), recognizing the severity and social repercussions concerning the theft of mobile terminal equipment, issued, within the framework of the XIX Meeting of PCC.I, held in September, 2011, Resolution PCC.I/RES.189 (XIX-11) “REGIONAL MEASURES AGAINST THE THEFT OF MOBILE TERMINAL EQUIPMENT,” in which Member States are urged, among other measures, to adopt, reinforce or supplement the necessary measures, each one within the scope of their competencies, to counter the theft of mobile terminal equipment and their activation and trading regionally, to study the feasibility of penalizing such practices in order to reactivate mobile terminal equipment with a theft or loss report to be activated, used or traded (alteration of electronic serial numbers, removal of black lists, etc.), and to include, in their regulatory frameworks, the prohibition to activate and use IMEIs of equipment reported as stolen, lost or illegally obtained, from national, regional or international databases;
- b) That, within the framework of the XXIII Meeting of PCC.I, held in October 2013, Resolution PCC.I/RES. 217 (XXIII-13) “TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON STOLEN, ROBBED AND/OR LOST MOBILE TERMINALS” decided to approve the creation of such technical notebook in order to provide updated and detailed information on regulations, solutions, experiences, implementations, measures or studies developed by CITEL Member States and associate members for that purpose;
- c) That the VI Ordinary Meeting of the CITEL Assembly, held in February 2014, issued Resolution CITEL/RES. 68 (VI-14) “STRENGTHENING REGIONAL MEASURES AGAINST THE THEFT OF MOBILE TERMINAL EQUIPMENT,” by which it instructed the Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I) to make an inventory on the status of the measures indicated in Resolution PCC.I/RES.189 (XIX-11),

RECOGNIZING:

- a) The efforts and progress, both nationally and internationally, made by Member States in regulatory and technological aspects tending to prevent the theft of mobile terminal equipment in the region;
- b) The need of sharing information on regional and international experiences and solutions to accelerate the implementation of technological measures and/or the regulation required to combat this serious problem that affects all countries in the region;
- c) The importance of promoting joint work by Administrations, operators, the industry and telecommunication users to solve the various issues arising when combating the theft and robbery of mobile terminals,

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d) That part of the measures adopted by some countries to combat the theft of mobile devices depends on the unique device identifiers, such as the identity of international mobile equipment, so handling (unauthorized modification) of unique identifiers can reduce the effectiveness of these solutions.

e) The important contribution made from the ICT sector to reduce market vulnerabilities which cause the theft of mobile devices and their illegal market nationally and internationally, which has made evident the alteration of the International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) as a mechanism to evade the control of blacklists in order to reintroduce stolen and theft equipment into the market.

f) The need to detect and remove from circulation mobile terminal equipment which have been altered or duplicated in their identification mechanisms, in addition to blocking measures through blacklists, and thus contribute to discouraging the supply and demand of stolen equipment.

RESOLVES:

1. To approve to conduct a seminar on **CONTROL SYSTEMS OF MOBILE DEVICES WITH ALTERED/DUPLICATE IDENTIFIERS** to take place on Monday before the first day of the XXXII meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies.

2. To conduct this seminar at no cost to CITEL, so conducting this seminar is subject to obtaining resources. In this regard, the Rapporteurship on Fraud Control and Regulatory Non-Compliance Practices in Telecommunications and Regional Measures Against the Theft of Mobile Terminal Equipment, with the support of the Chairmanship of PCC.I, is instructed to obtain such resources.

3. To appoint the Rapporteurship on Fraud Control and Regulatory Non-Compliance Practices in Telecommunications and Regional Measures Against the Theft of Mobile Terminal Equipment as Coordinator to conduct such seminar, in coordination with the Chairmanship of Permanent Consultative Committee I and the Executive Secretariat of CITEL.

4. To approve the agenda of the seminar, which is attached to the Annex as a preliminary agenda and a starting point for the analysis of the topics to be discussed during the seminar.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 280 (XXX-17)

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- a) Introduction
- b) Reference databases of mobile device identifiers (positive, white, terminal, user lists, etc.)
- c) Detection and control processes for devices with altered/duplicate identifiers.
- d) User impact management.
- e) Strategy to achieve regional blocking of stolen/lost equipment.