

CITEL RES.18 (II-98) ¹

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The Second Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL, is the specialized entity of the Organization of American States dealing with telecommunications.

That the Permanent Consultative Committees constitute the basis for the technical work for the fulfillment of the objectives and functions of CITEL.

That the work performed by the three Permanent Consultative Committees: Public Telecommunications services (PCC.I), Broadcasting (PCC.II), and Radiocommunications (PCC.III), has been relevant and has contributed to the fulfillment of the mission of CITEL; and

That the Member States of CITEL must work together to give a strong impetus to matters concerning the development of telecommunications, with a view to obtaining the best possible support from the International Telecommunication Union and other international agencies so as to achieve the harmonious and sustained development of telecommunications in all Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To maintain the three Permanent Consultative Committees established by the First Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL:

- PCC.I : Public Telecommunications services;
- PCC.II : Broadcasting; and
- PCC.III : Radiocommunications.

2. To establish the following objectives and mandates for the Permanent Consultative Committees:

- **PCC.I : Public Telecommunications services**

Objective

To act as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to standards coordination, planning, financing, construction, operations, maintenance, technical

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assistance, equipment certification processes, rate principles, and other matters related to the use, implementation, and operation of public telecommunications services in the Member States.

Mandates

In accordance with the ITU Regulations and taking into account the ITU recommendations:

- a) To promote and watch over the integration and strengthening of networks and public telecommunications services operating in the Member States, taking into account the need for their modernization and for the promotion of basic services, as well as for increasing the public availability of specialized services.
- b) To promote the development and implementation of new services that will make it possible to meet the telecommunications needs of all the inhabitants of the Americas, especially those in the most poorly served areas and sectors, on the basis of the national targets of each country and taking into account the programs established by subregional, regional, and worldwide organizations, in particular the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conferences.
- c) To provide incentives for research, training, technology transfer, and the experiences of all Member States and to see to it that these activities are considered necessary in all development and implementation processes.
- d) To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITEC Groups in those areas that, by their very nature, lend themselves to joint action.
- e) To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for major ITU Conferences and meetings, including the preparation of common regional proposals (IAP) and positions when deemed appropriate.

PCC.II : Broadcasting

Objective

To act as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to standards coordination, planning, operation, and technical assistance for the broadcasting service in its different forms.

Mandates

- a) To stimulate and foster the development of the broadcasting service in the region.
- b) To promote and stimulate the use of modern technologies and to evaluate their impact.
- c) To promote the efficient use of the radio spectrum allocated to the broadcasting service, taking into account, in particular, the need to prevent and avoid, to the extent possible, harmful interferences to the radiocommunication services.
- d) To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITELE groups in those areas that, by their very nature, lend themselves to joint action.
- e) To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for major ITU Conferences and meetings, including the preparation of common regional proposals (IAP) and positions when deemed appropriate.

PCC.III : Radiocommunications

Objective

To act as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to standards coordination, planning, and full and efficient use of the radio spectrum and satellite orbits, as well as matters pertaining to the operation of radiocommunication services in the Member States.

Mandates

In accordance with the ITU Radio Regulations and taking into account ITU recommendations:

- a) To promote harmonization in the utilization of the radiofrequency spectrum and the operation of radiocommunication services in the Member States, bearing especially in mind the need to prevent and avoid, to the extent possible, harmful interferences in radiocommunication services.
- b) To foster the development and implementation of modern technologies and new services in the field of radiocommunication that make it possible to meet the needs of Member States, in conjunction with a more efficient utilization of the spectrum.
- c) To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITELE Groups in those areas that by their very nature lend themselves to joint action.

- d) To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for major ITU Conferences and meetings, including the preparation of common regional proposals (IAP) and positions when deemed appropriate.