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ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT OF TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION IN CITEL PCC.I

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) The importance to the Region of the work of PCC.I on Public Telecommunication Services;
- b) A recent trend which has involved a progressive disengagement of a substantial number of technical experts from the work of PCC.I;

RECOGNIZING:

- a) The crucial importance of telecommunication services development, deployment and exploitation to the economic well-being and quality of life in the Region;
- b) The role of CITEL in enhancing the awareness of the need for the adoption and harmonization of state-of-the-art standards throughout the Americas Region;
- c) The dramatic and continuing increase in the number and variety of telecommunication issues such as Next Generation Networks, Broadband Access, etc. requiring leadership from PCC.I;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER:

- a) The importance of participation from telecommunication carriers and manufacturers to provide concrete ideas and contributions for standards documents and service-related matters;
- b) The contribution of Associate Members in providing substance and support to the technical work of PCC.I in particular;
- c) The importance of engaging technical experts from the private sector in leadership positions within the structure of PCC.I to add continuity and sustenance to the work of the Committee and its subordinate groups;
- d) The importance of collaboration with PCC.II on all related matters;

NOTING:

The established practice of the ITU-R and ITU-T to take advantage of the technical expertise of representatives from Sector Members by offering leadership roles in the work of task groups, working parties and study groups;

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RESOLVES:

1. To address as a matter of urgency the decline in participation by technical experts in the work of PCC.I.
2. To develop a strategy and process to redress and reverse this decline.
3. To establish an Ad Hoc Group, open to Member States and Associate Members, to progress the analysis of this issue and to appoint the Administration of Canada as the coordinator for this activity.
4. To instruct the Ad Hoc Group to report to the 2002 session of COM/CITEL on measures to be undertaken to address this issue.
5. To instruct COM/CITEL to act upon the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Group;

INSTRUCTS THE CHAIR OF PCC.I:

To consider the matter to be of highest priority in implementing the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Group as part of the work program for PCC.I during the period 2002-2006.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

1. To provide assistance to the coordinator and participants of the Ad Hoc Group, including the Chair and Vice-chair of PCC.I.
2. To encourage the Chair of PCC.II to provide assistance to the process as a matter of priority.