

CITEL RES. 43 (III-02)1

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL, is the specialized entity of the Organization of American States dealing with telecommunications;
- b) That Article 5 of the Statute of CITEL empowers the Assembly to establish as many Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) as deemed necessary for the fulfillment of its objectives and obligations, as provided for in Article 3 of the Statute;
- c) That according to the CITEL Regulations, the Assembly must establish a specific mandate for each PCC, and
- d) That the Permanent Consultative Committees constitute the basis for the technical work for the fulfillment of the objectives and functions of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

1. To derogate resolves 1 of resolution CITEL/RES.18 (II-98).
2. To establish the following Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - PCC.I: Telecommunication Standardization
 - PCC.II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting
3. To establish the following objectives and mandates for the Permanent Consultative Committees:

PCC.I: TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION

OBJECTIVE

To act as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to telecommunications equipment certification processes, tariff principles and standards coordination for telecommunications networks and services with the goal of ensuring the interoperability of such networks and services within the region.

MANDATE

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

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- a) To promote coordination, planning and harmonization among the Member States with respect to tariff issues, technical standards and operational aspects of telecommunications networks and services including signaling protocols and network interfaces.
- b) To stimulate and promote the development of telecommunications services and networks within the region.
- c) To promote the development and implementation of new technologies, such as IP Protocol, to foster interoperability of services and networks among the Member States.
- d) To study the requirements of telecommunications equipment certification processes in each of the different CITEC countries, so analyses can be done to harmonize such certification processes in the region.
- e) To promote the implementation of Mutual Recognition Agreements.
- f) To develop projects relating to economic aspects and tariff principles of telecommunications services.
- g) To raise awareness of regulatory environment for new telecommunication networks and services among the member States and to promote the discussion.
- h) To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for World Conferences on International Telecommunications, World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAP) and common positions, as well as to undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for these conferences.
- i) To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITEC Committees and Working Groups in those areas which lend, by their nature, themselves to joint action.

PCC.II: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING BROADCASTING

OBJECTIVE

To act as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to the coordination and harmonization of standards related to spectrum use and the planning and efficient use of the radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbits for radiocommunication services, including broadcasting.

MANDATES

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

- a) To promote among Member States harmonization in the utilization of the radio frequency spectrum and the operation of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in all their different modalities, bearing especially in mind the need to prevent and avoid, to the extent possible, harmful interference between the different services.
- b) To stimulate and foster the development of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in the region.

- c) To promote the development and implementation of modern technologies and new radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, specifically their technical and operational aspects, to meet the needs of Member States.
- d) To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for ITU World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions, as well as to undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for these conferences.
- e) To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITEI groups in those areas that, by their very nature lend themselves to joint action.
- f) To undertake the coordination and harmonization of standards related to spectrum use such as over-the-air broadcasting and common air-interfaces for radiocommunication services.