

CITEL RES. 56 (IV-06) ¹

ADDRESSING CITEL BUDGET CONCERNS

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That in recent years the CITEL budget has been repeatedly cut with adverse impact on the ability of CITEL to meet its mandates, and
- b) That there is little flexibility in accommodating further reductions to the CITEL budget while maintaining even the minimal level of support presently provided by the CITEL Secretariat, and
- c) That a stable, predictable, and adequate level of funding is fundamental for CITEL operations; and
- d) That the XVI meeting of COM/CITEL established an Ad Hoc Group of the Committee of the Plan of Operations of COM/CITEL to address future funding issues for CITEL,

NOTING:

- a) That CITEL considered budgetary planning at the IV Assembly, and
- b) That some preliminary discussions on this topic have been held within the XVI meeting of COM/CITEL and were continued at this Assembly, and
- c) That there have been a number of proposals for achieving an increased level of funding identified at COM/CITEL, but
- d) That the Administration of Venezuela submitted document (CITEL/doc.350/06) proposing that the annual membership fee of associate members should be increased from US\$ 2,500 to US\$ 5,000 and that it also submitted CITEL/doc.349/06 rev.1 regarding the creation of capital subfunds within the specific funds of the PCCs;
- e) That identification of the best solution to the funding problem may be complex both in concept and implementation,

¹ Document CITEL/doc.324/06 rev.3

RESOLVES:

1. In order to assess the feasibility of any increase in the level of associate member fees, the CITEL Secretariat should undertake the coordination of a cost-benefit analysis, with the PCC.I and PCC.II chairs, that will include consultation with existing associate members to determine their views on their current level of fee. The CITEL Secretariat should also solicit comments on the creation of capital subfunds of the PCCs.
2. To instruct the XVIII meeting of COM/CITEL to determine and implement a solution for increasing contributions from the associate members only as necessary and otherwise modifying the contribution process in order to address any funding shortfalls.