

CITEL RES. 66 (V-10) ¹

REVIEWING THE AGENDA FOR CONNECTIVITY IN THE AMERICAS

The Fifth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

WHEREAS:

- a) Article 3 of the Statute of CITEL establishes, among others, the goal of promoting and fostering the existence of appropriate telecommunications, including information and communication technologies, for the process of regional development;
- b) The Third Summit of the Americas, held on April 20 to 22, 2001, in Quebec City, Canada, recognized that a technical revolution with far-reaching social, economic, and political consequences was underway;
- c) In fulfillment of the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas, the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) drew up the document known as the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, addressing the three basic components of infrastructure, utilization, and content;
- d) The Third Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL adopted resolution CITEL RES. 33 (III-02) on the implementation of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, in which it recognized that the Agenda and the Plan of Action of Quito drawn up by CITEL represented a significant, positive contribution to the efforts being made in various forums to overcome the digital divide;
- e) The Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, through resolution COM/CITEL RES. 152 (XII-02), bearing in mind resolution COM 6/10 (Marrakech, 2002), “Support for the ‘Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Quito Action Plan,’” adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, instructed the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to “release appropriate financial resources to support and stimulate the implementation of projects...,” with reference to resolution CITEL RES. 33 (III-02);
- f) Resolution COM 6/10 (Marrakech, 2002) instructed the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau to “provide appropriate support to the Member States in this regard through the ITU Regional Office for the Americas, and to help identify additional financial resources that could supplement those assigned by ITU for supporting the development of all related projects in the Americas region,”

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) That the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in two phases – in Geneva on December 10 to 12, 2003, and in Tunis on November 16 to 18, 2005 – adopted the Declaration of Principles of Geneva, the Geneva Plan of Action, the Tunis Commitment, and the Tunis Agenda, which must be taken into consideration in the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas;
- b) That the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain, adopted by the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held on April 17 to 19, 2009, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, renewed the commitment to work with regional, subregional, and multinational agencies in order to make progress with implementing

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the results of the WSIS, the Connectivity Agenda for the Americas, the Plan of Action of Quito, and the Declaration of the OAS General Assembly held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in 2006 on “Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-based Society”;

c) That the commitment of San Salvador approved at the Second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society of Latin America and the Caribbean highlights the relevant role and the support of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the facilitation, follow-up, technical assistance and the exchange of information and best practices for the preparation of national strategies and the application of results of regional conferences in conformity with the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society,

RESOLVES:

1. To ask Permanent Consultative Committee I, and Permanent Consultative Committee II, within their spheres of competence, to review the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quito, in order to update them if necessary, propose strategies for their implementation, and report back to the Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL) with the results thereof.

2. To ask the Permanent Executive Committee to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to coordinate with the Secretariat of CITEL and the Permanent Consultative Committees in order to take the appropriate steps with the ITU and other international and regional, and other entities.

3. To instruct the Secretariat of CITEL to support the Consultative and Permanent Committees and COM/CITEL as required.