

CITEL RES. 74 (VI-14) ¹

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is an entity of the Organization of American States (OAS) responsible for telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs);
- b) That Article 23 of the CITEL Statute authorizes its Assembly to establish any Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) it considers necessary to attain its objectives and fulfill its functions, which are contained in Article 3 thereof;
- c) Considering the importance of Resolution AG/RES 2004 (XXXIV-O/04) and the need for improved collaboration and coordination on cross-cutting issues related to the use of ICTs within the OAS;
- d) That in accordance with the CITEL Regulations, the Assembly shall define a specific mandate for each PCC; and
- e) That the Permanent Consultative Committees are the basis for the work done to implement the objectives and functions of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To establish the following Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - PCC.I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
 - PCC.II: Radiocommunications
- 2. To derogate Resolution CITEL RES. 64 (V-10).
- 3. To establish the objectives and mandates for the Permanent Consultative Committees indicated in the Annex.

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ANNEX TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 74 (VI-14)

Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICT (PCC.I)

Objective

To serve as an advisory committee of CITEL in the area of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs), especially in matters related to telecommunication/ICT policy, regulatory aspects, standardization, cybersecurity, international public policy issues related to Internet, in as much as those matters involve telecommunications networks or ICT Infrastructure, universal service, economic and social development, environment and climate change, and the development of infrastructure and new technologies.

To implement this objective, Permanent Consultative Committee I has the following mandates.

Mandates:

In accordance with the relevant regulations, procedures, and recommendations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

- a) To promote discussion and to develop recommendations on new technologies with a view to understanding how countries in the region are creating forward looking policy frameworks that stimulate infrastructure, innovation, and uptake of new services in an environment of legal security, healthy competition, and evolving technological conditions.
- b) To encourage and promote the development of telecommunications/ICT infrastructure and services in the region.
- c) To promote coordination, planning, and harmonization among Member States with regard to technical standards in general and service quality in coordination with relevant international standards.
- d) To promote the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to tariff and economic matters, as well as draw up recommendations on economic aspects and tariff principles for telecommunication/ICT services.
- e) To promote the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to technical standards and conformity assessment procedures.
- f) To encourage the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to the defense and dissemination of the rights of users and consumers of telecommunication services in the region.
- g) To encourage the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States in the region with respect to international public policy issues related to Internet, including maintaining an open Internet.
- h) To accomplish what is established on items f and g of this mandate, PCC.I shall consider, as appropriate, consultations with other stakeholders, non members of CITEL, bearing in mind the multistakeholder environment.
- i) To encourage the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the region, including cybersecurity.
- j) To encourage the creation and implementation of inter-american agreements on various matters.
- k) To promote and to encourage the development and universalization of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and the new telecommunication/ICT services arising from them as tools to promote economic, social, and cultural development.

- l) To encourage and promote the development of convergent telecommunication/ICT networks and services based on new technologies, taking into account its constant evolution.
- m) To understand environment and climate change-related issues and their linkage to ICTs, and to disseminate relevant information thereon to the Member States.
- n) To coordinate regional preparations for specific ITU events, as appropriate, such as the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the World Conference on International Telecommunications, and the World Telecommunication Development Conferences, including the preparation of inter-american Proposals (IAPs) and common positions, and to conduct interregional consultations in preparation for these events.
- o) To provide information to CITELE Members on the outputs and outcomes of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the World Conference on International Telecommunications, and the World Telecommunication Development Conference.
- p) To encourage exchange of information with other international, regional and subregional telecommunication fora and standards development organizations (SDOs) on matters under its mandate.
- q) To enhance collaboration and coordination on cross-cutting issues related to the use of ICTs within the OAS.
- r) To work in coordination with the different committees and working groups of CITELE in those areas which, by their nature, lend themselves to joint action.
- s) To encourage active participation by the private sector and academia as Associate Members.

Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II)

Objective:

To serve as an advisory committee to CITELE, promoting the planning, coordination, harmonization, and efficient use of the radio spectrum, as well as geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits for radiocommunication services including broadcasting.

In accordance with the relevant regulations, procedures, and recommendations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

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- a) To promote among the Member States harmonization of the use of the radiofrequency spectrum, taking into account especially the need to prevent and avoid harmful interference, as well as protection against the electromagnetic environment.
- b) To promote and foster the development of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in the region.
- c) To promote the development and implementation of new technologies that enables the needs of Member States to be met in terms of efficient spectrum use.
- d) To encourage and promote the development of convergent telecommunication/ICT networks and services based on the new technologies, taking into account their ongoing evolution.
- e) To provide information to the members on the outputs and outcomes of the World Radiocommunication Conference and other world conferences/assemblies related to radiocommunication issues.

- f) To coordinate regional preparations for ITU World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences, including the preparation of inter-american proposals (IAPs) and common positions, and to conduct interregional consultations in preparation for those conferences.
- g) To work in coordination with the different committees and working groups of CITEL in those areas which, by their nature, lend themselves to joint action.
- h) To promote the efficient use of the radiofrequency spectrum and of satellite orbit resources in the region based on the priorities and requirements of the Member States.
- i) To encourage active participation by the private sector and the academic sector as associate members.