

CITEL RES. 76 (VI-14) ¹

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON REGIONAL PREPARATIONS FOR
WORLD CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That CITEL Member States desire to maximize their effectiveness in representing the needs of the peoples of the Americas at world conferences and meetings related to telecommunications/ICT;
- b) That the decisions taken at world conferences can have a significant impact on further development and deployment of telecommunications/ICT;
- c) That world conferences are playing an increasingly important role in influencing the policies of CITEL Member and the global telecommunications/ICT sectors, for example by setting the strategic priorities of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- d) The CITEL Member States desire to develop and successfully promote Inter-American Proposals to such world conferences and meetings;
- e) That enhancing the effectiveness of CITEL's participation in world conferences and meetings requires strengthening its structures and procedures for preparing for these meetings; and
- f) That world conferences and meetings occur on a regular basis and preparations for these conferences should be treated as a priority function of CITEL and carried out in a regular, standing organ of CITEL

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That CITEL has undertaken preparations for previous conferences and has learned from its experience the importance of regularizing its preparatory process to maximize its effectiveness at world conferences;
- b) The importance of providing all members of the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) with the opportunity to contribute, within their areas of expertise, towards CITEL's preparation for world conferences;
- c) That CITEL's budget is under increasing downward pressure and that it is necessary to minimize the budgetary impact to CITEL of undertaking conference preparatory activities,

RESOLVES:

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1. To establish the Working Group on Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (WGCP) responsible for all preparatory activities related to world and regional conferences and international meetings within the competence of CITEL, with the exception of those addressed within the mandates of PCC.I and PCC.II.
2. That WGCP be established as a Working Group of COM/CITEL.
3. That the mandate of the WGCP is:
 - a. To undertake the coordination of regional preparations to the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions.
 - b. To undertake coordination of regional preparations for other major international meetings within the competence of CITEL.
 - c. To undertake inter-regional consultations in preparations for these conferences and meetings.
4. That the WGCP will conduct its meetings in conjunction with the CITEL Steering Committee and COM/CITEL, and, if required, with the PCCs to address the issues within their competencies.
5. That the Chair and Vice-Chair of WGCP will be responsible for coordinating its work program with the leadership of the PCCs to ensure that adequate resources are available to effectively carry out the work of both the WGCP and the PCCs.
6. That the agenda for each meeting of the WGCP shall be set to correspond to the expertise of the participants of the PCC at which it is being conducted.
7. That the meetings of WGCP will be held on an annual basis during COM/CITEL meetings and at other designated dates according to the annual operational plans approved at COM/CITEL.
8. That the calendar and budget for meetings of WGCP will be included within the schedule and budget of the PCCs, Steering Committee or COM/CITEL with which it is meeting.
9. That WGCP will be open to participation by all Member States and associate members of CITEL.
10. That the WGCP shall establish effective working methods that are compatible with those used by the PCCs.
11. That the WGCP may conduct its work electronically between scheduled meetings as it deems necessary.
12. That the preparation of the World Telecommunication Development Conference of 2014 (WTDC) will be done using the structure in force before the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly.
13. To repeal Resolution CITEL RES. 46 (III-02).

INSTRUCTS:

1. COM/CITEL to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chairs, based on interest expressed from the CITEL Member States.

2. Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I) to undertake the coordination of regional preparations to World Telecommunication Development Conferences, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions.