

PCC.II/RES. 66 (XV-10)¹

SEMINAR ON THE DIGITAL DIVIDEND

The XV Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunication including Broadcasting,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That most Member States have or are considering plans to speed up the deployment of broadband services in their countries;
- b) That, additionally, the Member States have started to plan and implement the transition from analogue to digital television, and, when that process is concluded, it is expected to obtain a “digital dividend”;
- c) That the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain of the Fifth Summit of the Americas encourages countries to promote sustainable economic development by facilitating information and communication technologies and telecommunication infrastructure;
- d) That the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) of CITELE have made efforts to schedule seminars regularly on an array of topics with a view to disseminating information;
- e) That one of the mandates of PCC.II is to foster the development and implementation of modern technologies and new radiocommunication services, specifically their technical and operational aspects, in order to address the changing needs of the Member States;
- f) That the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action for the Americas (Telecommunications) adopted at the Senior Telecommunication Officials Meeting, held in September 1996, emphasize the need to facilitate the dissemination of information on important innovations in the telecommunication environment among the countries of the Region; and
- g) That effective policies to reduce the digital divide among the Member States are consistent with the Millennium Declaration goals, the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, the Plan of Action of Quito, the Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-based Society, adopted by the OAS General Assembly in 2006, and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2010), adopted as the San Salvador Commitment, in 2008,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) The usefulness of seminars as an efficient mechanism to focus attention on important current topics and to increase the level of knowledge about them;
- b) That administrations and other organizations are constantly seeking information on the best way to facilitate the deployment of digital terrestrial television, mobile multimedia applications, mobile communications, and broadband wireless access systems in their countries;

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- c) That it is important to analyze the evolution of and prospects for the deployment of IMT-Advanced technologies, bidding procedures, and band plans in other more advanced countries;
- d) That it is also important to analyze the evolution of and prospects for national, regional, and community digital terrestrial television services and public safety services;
- e) That, additionally, administrations and other organizations are conducting cost-benefit studies to use as reference, among other things, in deciding the group of services that will be able to use the frequency bands available when the transition from analogue to digital television is concluded;
- f) That it is advantageous for information to be exchanged among the Member States of CITELE, its associate members, and the Permanent Observers to the OAS; and
- g) That the information presented in the CITELE seminars is an important reference source for other international and regional organizations,

RESOLVES:

1. That it would be useful to hold a seminar on the opportunities afforded by the 698 MHz – 806 MHz band for the deployment of mobile broadband in rural and low population density areas of the countries of the Americas and for the deployment of public safety services and other new services, and on the difficulties this entails depending on the national, regional and community digital terrestrial television services deployed.
2. To hold a seminar, pursuant to Resolution PCC.III/RES. 86 (XII-99), “Concerning Procedures for the Organization of Seminars,” on November 29, 2010, prior to XVI Meeting of PCC.II, to be held in Bogotá, Colombia, since holding the seminar will not entail any cost to CITELE.
3. To invite spectrum management experts to participate in the seminar presentations, as well as seminar participants to exchange information on their experiences of the matters to be examined.
4. To request the Member States of CITELE and its associate members to share their experiences and research in this area.
5. To establish a maximum duration of one day for this seminar: one half of the day for the national, regional, and community digital terrestrial television services and public safety services, and the other half of the day for IMT-Advanced technologies.
6. To designate Mr. Carlos Chhab (E-mail: cchhab@secom.gov.ar), Advisor to the Secretariat of Communications of Argentina, as seminar coordinator.
7. To request the Member States, associate members, and Permanent Observers of CITELE interested in taking part of the seminar to contact the seminar coordinator.