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FINAL REPORT
EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE III:
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (PCC.III)

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications was held in Brasilia, Brazil, June 16-20 of 1997.

I. AGENDA

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Appointment of the Drafting Group for the Final Report.
3. Preparation of CITELE for the World Radiocommunication Conference, WRC-97
Updating of the Regional data base as a step toward harmonization of radio spectrum use in the CITELE member countries.
5. Report of the chairpersons and contributions to the Working Groups on the following items:
 - 5.1 Terrestrial Mobile services (Personal Communication Systems and Associated Systems (Fixed Wireless Access - FWA - and its coexistence with PCS.)
 - 5.2 Geostationary satellite orbit system
6. Meeting and Report of the Working Group Chairperson on the following item:
 - 6.1 Quantifying incompatibility issues between Fixed Wireless Access and PCS Systems in the 1850-1990 MHz band.
7. Agenda, Venue and Date of Ninth Meeting of the PCC.III.
8. Other related matters.
9. Approval of the report of the Eight Meeting.

II. MEETING AUTHORITIES

Chairman:	Mrs. Salma Jalife (Mexico)
Vicechairman:	Mr. Amadeo Castro Neto (Brazil)
Executive Secretary	Mr. Roberto Blois Montes de Souza
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	Mr. Mario Marsiaj (Brazil)
	Mrs. Veena Rawat (Canada)

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Mrs. Elizabeth Oliva (Mexico)
Mr. Guy Christiansen (United States)
Mr. Héctor Budé (Uruguay)

III. RESOLUTIONS

PCC.III/RES. 55(VIII-97)

MODIFIED QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE USE OF THE VSAT TERMINALS IN THE AMERICAS

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

WHEREAS:

1. During the V Meeting of PCC III held in Brasilia, the application and distribution of the Questionnaire on the use of VSAT Terminals in the Americas was approved in order to obtain information from CITEL Member Countries on operating networks and technical standards, regulatory frameworks and interconnection criteria applied to VSAT;
2. Difficulties have arisen for collection of information required in the Questionnaire;
3. Information requested is highly important for the achievement of goals pertaining to rendering information on the use of VSAT Terminals concrete and publicizing it among CITEL Member Countries;

BEARING IN MIND:

that, within the quest for facilitating and fostering the supply of information identified as necessary, a new version of the Questionnaire, abridged and available both in printed paper and digital form , has been prepared ;

RESOLVES:

1. to approve the new version of the Questionnaire on the Use of VSAT Terminals in the Americas, presented in the Annex to this resolution;
2. to request Member Countries to fill the questionnaire either in its new version or in the original one and send it to the Executive Secretariat.

INSTRUCTS:

the Executive Secretariat to distribute the modified Questionnaire among Member Countries and duly inform them on the available options for its filling and forwarding.

MODIFIED QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE USE OF VSAT TERMINALS IN THE AMERICAS

Aiming at collecting and analyzing information pertaining to the use of VSAT terminals by CITELE Member Countries, the following Questionnaire is presented, answers to which will be used for guiding the preparation of a document concerning the use of such terminals in the Americas, in addition to allowing the collection of information on technical standards, regulatory frameworks, interconnection criteria and other aspects associated to the particular features of said service in each country.

1. Country

2. National Telecommunications regulatory authority

3. Is there a regulatory framework for services provided through VSAT networks?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Modality used for license in the provision of VSAT services

<input type="checkbox"/>	License	Explain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concession	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	

5. Deadline for concession

6. Requirement for the provision of VSAT

7. Is competition allowed in the provision of VSAT services?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Are there limitations or constraining conditions for foreign investment in the provision of VSAT services?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explain		

9. Authority establishing legal and technical standards for VSAT services
If different from the national regulatory authority, kindly explain how they interact

10. Authority controlling issuance of licenses for the sharing of bands and for VSAT terminals. If different from the national regulatory authority, kindly explain how they interact

11. Is direct access to the use of satellites allowed? If not, how does the service provider operate?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain

12. Are Taxes, fees or any particular sort of taxation applied to VSAT networks?
Explain

Yes No

13. Satellite-owning or administration companies authorized to transmit signs from and to your country

NATIONAL FOREIGN

14. Are Providers of Services using VSAT allowed to have their own satellite systems?
Comments

Yes No

15. Is the VSAT Service Provider free to choose its co-working satellite Service Provider?

Yes No

16. Amount of licenses granted for VSAT service operation

17. Amount of existing VSAT terminal users

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18. Aspect controlled and assessed by the national regulatory authority
- Density of VSAT, HUBS Stations
 - Statistics on vanishing and interference
 - Geometry for the study of interference
 - Configuration and topology of installed systems
 - Propagation models to be applied
 - Technical parameters to be considered for the calculation of connections
 - Traffic studies
 - Schedules of communication flows
 - Atmosphere and climate conditions
 - Access techniques: TDMA, CDMA, DAMA, FDMA
 - Frequency reutilization, polarization and voice activity factors
 - Thresholds and power-flow density protection levels
 - Coordination distances
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19. Information speeds currently used in VSAT network in your country

20. Sharing and coordination criteria applied associated to other services operating in the same frequency bands

21. Capacity of satellite providers in your country

22. Present capacity demand for VSAT Services

23. Amount of transponders of satellite service providers in your country

24. Bands currently used or with a use forecast for VSAT Services in your country

<u>C BAND</u>	<u>Ku BAND</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
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25. Which of the following services are delivered in your country through VSAT Networks?

- Basic Telephone Services
 - Data
 - Fax
 - Videoconference
 - Television / Radio
 - Portable Telephone Services
 - PCS
 - DTH Services
 - Others
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26. Access techniques generally used for VSAT services in your country

27. Configurations or topologies more often used for VSAT services in your country

28. Types of VSAT networks apt to be implemented

- Domestic
 - Regional
 - International
 - Others
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29. Voice, data and video compression techniques being applied in the processing of VSAT terminals, earth stations (HUBS) and spatial segments

30. Is the "spread spectrum" access technique used in VSAT terminals and networks in your country ?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of answer:

PCC.III/RES. 56 (VIII-97)

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE USE OF THE 2 GHz BAND IN THE AMERICAS

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

1. The allocation carried out by WARC-92 to Mobile Satellite Services and to Future Public Land Mobile Telecommunication Services (FPLMTS), now referred to as IMT-2000;
2. That WRC-95 adopted an effective date of January 1 of the year 2000 in the three Regions for the 2 GHz MSS allocation in the 1980-2010/2170-2200 MHz bands, and January 1 of the year 2005 as an effective date in Region 2 for 2 GHz MSS allocations in the 2010-2025/2160-2170 MHz frequency band; except for Canada and the United States (January 1st, 2000);
3. That several countries in the Americas have voiced concern on the incorporation of MSS and the economic implications generated by the relocation of existing users;
4. That CITEL member countries should select the appropriate process and the timing for the relocation in the fixed service spectrum, as required;

NOTING:

That the Seventh Meeting of PCC.III invited the Chairperson of the Working Group in charge of Mobile Satellite Services above 1 GHz to evaluate document PCC.III-691/97, submitted by Venezuela's CANTV with a view to consider the possibility of developing a recommendation to define a Migration Plan of the existing Systems in the bands 1980-2025/2160-2200 MHz;

RESOLVES:

1. To request administrations to start an assessment study of operating systems in the 2 GHz band;
2. That CITEL members countries be requested to fill the enclosed questionnaire, by February 1998, which would provide useful information for the operators of the new services and in response to Resolution 22 (WARC-92);

INSTRUCTS:

CITEL's Executive Secretariat to distribute the enclosed questionnaire to all CITEL member countries.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Which channeling plan has your administration adopted..		
• ITU -R F. 283	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• ITU-R F. 382	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• any of the foregoing modified (explain)		
2. Is your administration currently carrying out allocations of new fixed and mobile stations in the 2 GHz band	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. How many fixed and mobile stations coincide with the portion allocated to MSS in the 2 GHz band (1980-2010/2170-2200 MHz) in Region 2 ?		
• Governmental		
• Private		
4. How many fixed stations coincide with the portion allocated to FPLMTS(1885-2025/2110-2200 MHz) ?		
• Governmental		
• Private		
5. Has your administration studied or is it studying the possibility of granting licenses for Satellite Mobile Services ?		
• Which ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
• In which period ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Has your administration submitted the notification for fixed and mobile stations at the Radiocommunications Bureau corresponding to the 2 GHz band ?		
• When ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Which Annex to recommendation ITU-R F. 1098 fits your present frequency plan in the 2 GHz band ? See charts 1,2 and 3		
• Annex 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Annex 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Annex 3: a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) <input type="checkbox"/>

PCC.III/RES. 57 (VIII-97)

AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE OF THE NINTH MEETING OF PCC.III

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Meeting of PCC.III in Mexico City, DF, from September 22nd to 26th, 1997.
2. To convene two seminars on the topics of the WTO and the MSS below 1 Ghz.
3. To approve the draft agenda for the IX Meeting of PCC.III, enclosed to this draft Resolution.

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda and Schedule.
2. Appointment of Drafting Group for the Final Report.
3. Meeting and Report of Chairpersons of Working Groups on the following topics:
 - 3.1 Preparation of the 1997 World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC-97).
 - 3.2 Regional database on the use of radioelectric spectrum (aimed at the promotion of its common and harmonious use, including sharing aspects).
 - 3.3 Satellite systems in the Geostationary Orbit.
 - 3.4 Networks and service utilizing very small aperture terminals (VSAT).
 - 3.5 Personal Communication Systems and Related Systems (wireless fixed access - FWA - and their coexistence with PCS).
 - 3.6 Cooperation in Legal Matters and Administrative Procedures (PCC.I, PCC.II and PCC.III).
 - 3.7 Multipoint Distribution /Communication Local Service.
 - 3.8 Human Resources.
 - 3.9 Low Earth Orbit Systems below 1 GHz and their implementation in the Americas.
 - 3.10 Results and recommendations on quantification studies in the topics about incompatibility between Fixed Wireless Access and the PCS systems in the band 1850-1990 MHz.
 - 3.11 Study of mobile satellite systems above 1 GHz.
4. Implementation of World Maritime Rescue and Safety System (SMSS) including regional satellite mobile service systems in 1.5-1.6 GHz participating of the same.
5. Discussions on subjects of the World Telecommunication Policy Forum.
6. Report on the preparation of CITEI's 1998 Assembly.
7. Report on CITEI's preparation for ITU's Conferences of Plenipotentiaries and for the World Meeting on Telecommunications Development.
8. Agenda, Venue and Date of the Tenth Meeting of PCC.III.

9. Other related matters.
10. Approval of the Report of the Ninth Meeting.

PCC.III/RES. 58 (VIII-97)¹

**RETAINING IN APPENDICES 30 (S30) AND 30A (S30A) THE PROCEDURES
GOVERNING THE PLANNED BROADCASTING-SATELLITE SERVICE IN
REGION 2**

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III; Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- (a) that Agenda Item 1.10 of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997) is concerned with the review of Appendices 30 [S30] and 30A [S30A] for Regions 1 and 3 in response to Resolution 524:
- (b) that resolves 2 of Resolution 524 states that "... the future conference shall ensure that the integrity of the Region 2 Plans and their associated provisions is preserved..."
- (c) that discussions and preliminary proposals arising from deliberations in Region 1 of the revision of the Regions 1 and 3 Plans have indicated the desire of some administrations to move procedural aspects of Appendices 30 [S30] and 30A [S30A] into the newly revised and simplified procedures of the Radio Regulations in a so-called transparent manner (referred to as "Approach 2" in the CPM-97 Report);
- (d) that under Approach 2, the coordination and notification procedures in Articles 6 and 7 of Appendices 30 [S30] and 30A [S30A] for other services to protect the Plans, and possibly the Plan modification procedures of Article 4 and the notification procedure of Article 5 of Appendices 30 [S30] and 30A [S30A], would consequently be removed from the Appendices and merged with the general procedures for unplanned services;
- (e) that such a decision for the procedures applicable to the Regions 1 and 3 Plan may necessitate a similar decision for the Region 2 Plan due to the general applicability to all Regions of provisions in Articles S9 and S11;

¹ This Resolution replaces PCC.III/RES.40 (V-96).

- (f) that there is no evidence of any significant benefit resulting from the transfer of these procedures from Appendices 30 [30] and 30A [30A] into other parts of the radio Regulation;
- (g) that the value of expending WRC-97 resources on this matter is not evident;
- (h) that, despite the best of intentions to ensure transparency, the proposed transfer of procedures to Articles S9 and S11 is likely to have unforeseen or unintended consequences, or both;

RESOLVES:

1. That no need exists for WRC-97 to change the location of the BSS Plan procedures (including Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7) of Appendices 30 [S30] and 30A [S30A];
2. That any changes of the procedures for the Regions 1 and 3 Plans must not affect the Region 2 Plan;
3. That, as a consequence, the procedures of Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 should remain within Appendices 30 [S30] and 30A [S30A] with only the minimum of changes required to update references and to cover demonstrable improvements (this is referred to as “Approach 1” in the CPM-97 Report); and
4. To encourage Region 2 Members to consider this matter when preparing for WRC-97 and to participate actively in regard to this issue at WRC-97.

PCC.III/RES. 59 (VIII-97)²

**MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF THE TERRESTRIAL RADIO
SPECTRUM IDENTIFIED TO IMT-2000**

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III; Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

During the next meeting of the Special Task Group TG 8/1 of ITU-R, to be held in September, debate on the use of frequency bands allocated to IMT-2000 will continue. There is the possibility that frequency bands allocated to IMT-2000 be deployed in a manner incompatible with the PCS frequency band plan recommended by CITEL for the Americas.

² International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT-2000)

BEARING IN MIND:

That PCC.III, through Resolution 47 (VI-96), adopted the procedure for joint presentation of documents to ITU-R.

RESOLVES:

To adopt the Communication shown in the Annex for its joint submission to the Special Task Group WG 8-1 of ITU-R, following procedures approved by Resolution PCC.III/RES.47 (VI-96), identifying the USA administration as the origin of the document.

INSTRUCTS:

The Executive Secretary to send the Annex to this Resolution to the ITU-R TG 8/1

ANNEX

STATEMENT FROM THE MEMBERS OF CITEL's PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE III: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS PARTICIPATING IN ITS VIII MEETING TO ITU-R TG 8/1

That during the VIII Meeting of CITEL's PCC.III, held in June 1997, member countries had the opportunity to get to know the issue related to the likely use of bands allocated to IMT-2000 which had been analyzed during the meeting of ITU-R's TG 8/1 of February 1997.

That it is a possibility that IMT-2000 mobile stations may cause interference to PCS mobile stations in Region 2, as well as with the purpose of facilitating evolution of PCS to IMT-2000, CITEL's PCC.III took due note of these actions and member countries will analyze the possible implications. Member countries also acknowledge that TG 8/1 will study this proposal in further detail including the cost implications of utilization of the upper band of IMT-2000 by mobile transmitting stations as well as evaluate the possible interference in cases in which IMT-2000 stations transmit in the same band. TG 8/1 will also assess the opportunity of recommending scenarios for more efficient use of the radioelectric spectrum for the deployment of IMT-2000.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

PCC.III/REC. 30 (VIII-97)

COOPERATION CITEL/ITU REGIONAL PRESENCE OF ITU

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

WHEREAS:

COM/CITEL, in its Fourth Meeting (1996,) established the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Structure and Functioning of CITEL, as well as the Ad Hoc Working Group on the preparation for the World Telecommunication Development Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU,) to be held in La Valetta, Malta, from March 23rd to April 1st, 1998. (WDTC-98.)

There exists a provisional COM/CITEL Working Group for the preparation of the ITU Conference of Plenipotentiaries, to be held in Minneapolis, USA, from October 12th to November 6th, 1998 (PP-98.)

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution 25 “Regional Presence” of the ITU Conference of Plenipotentiaries, held in Kyoto, 1994.

Resolution N°6 “Cooperation between ITU/BDT and Regional Organizations” of the World Telecommunication Development Conference of ITU, held in Buenos Aires, in 1994.

Resolution PCC.III/RES.52 (VII-97) of the Seventh Meeting of CITEL’s Permanent Consultative Committee III pertaining to support to activities related to the aforementioned Working Groups.

RECOGNIZING:

That cooperation between ITU and CITEL has been fruitful for both organizations and has been consubstantiated, inter alia, in the following activities:

- (a) Seminars held parallel to CITEL meetings, with the participation of Officers from Headquarters and from the Regional and Area Bureaus of ITU in the Americas Region.
- (b) Related events were held at headquarters and at the ITU bureau headquarters in the Region.
- (c) Regional level preparation of ITU conferences and meetings.
- (d) The development of a regional database on the use of the radioelectric spectrum.

- (e) Long distance courses and workshops on radioelectric spectrum management were held.

That scholarship granting, both by OAS and by ITU stimulate participation in the aforementioned events, with ensuing benefit for both organizations and for administrations in the Region.

That the Regional Bureau has played an important role in the aforementioned activities.

NOTING:

That the regional presence and cooperation between ITU and regional organizations are important issues to be dealt with both at WDTC-98 and at PP-98.

RECOMMENDS:

The Ad Hoc and provisional Working Groups of COM/CITEL, mentioned in the whereas clauses to bear in mind this Recommendation when carrying out their tasks.

INVITES:

CITEL members to highlight the positive experience of cooperation between ITU and CITEL in the appropriate fora and, consequently, promote the consolidation and broadening of this type of cooperation.

INSTRUCTS:

The Executive Secretary to communicate this Recommendation to CITEL's member states and associate members and to the chairmen of the Working Groups Mentioned in the Whereas clause.

PCC.III/REC. 31 (VIII-97)³

GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF THE 2 GHz MSS ALLOCATIONS

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) that WARC-92 allocated the bands 1980-2010 MHz(E-s) and 2170-2200 MHz (s-E) worldwide, and 1970- 1980 MHz (E-s) and 2160-2170 MHz (s-E) in Region 2 to MSS on a co-primary basis with fixed and mobile services;

³ This Recommendation replaces PCC.III/REC.22 (VI-96).

- b) that WRC-95 changed the Region 2 MSS allocation from 1970-1980 MHz to 2010-2025 MHz (E-s), creating a 1990-2025/2165-2200 MHz band pair;
- c) that WRC-95 adopted Resolution 717 (WRC-95) recognizing the benefits of obtaining common primary world wide MSS allocation in the long term, and calling further review of the 2 GHz MSS allocations with the view to harmonizing the allocations while having due regard for the continuing protection of terrestrial services;
- d) that ITU-R Recommendation 34 (WRC-95) recommends that future WRC's should, wherever possible, allocate frequency bands on a worldwide basis (aligned services, categories of services and frequency band limits) taking into account technical, operational, economic and other relevant factors;
- e) that the CPM report to WRC-95 (Ref: Chapter 2, Section 1, Part D) states that one of the options to increase the amount of usable spectrum for MSS would be to reduce constraints, such as regional allocations, in the existing allocations;
- f) that some administrations have established transition steps in the planning of their fixed systems affected by the MSS allocation;
- g) that ITU-R Study Group 9 developed Recommendation ITU-R F.1098 containing new channeling plans for the "core bands": 2025-2110 MHz and 2200-2290 MHz, and that allows for the expansion outside of these bands;
- h) that harmonization of MSS allocations would also facilitate development of both the terrestrial and satellite component of FPLMTS and make its deployment more cost effective;
- i) that harmonization of the 2 GHz MSS allocations would facilitate the development of PCS in the 1850-1990 MHz band in accordance with CITEL Recommendation PCC.III/REC.11(III-95);
- j) that to make 2 GHz spectrum useable for MSS in the long term it would be desirable to refrain from assigning new fixed stations in the 2 GHz MSS allocations by 1 January 2000 in accordance with Resolves 4.1 of ITU-R Resolution 716; and
- k) that it would also be desirable for CITEL administrations to develop long term plans for the migration of fixed stations from the 2 GHz MSS allocations in accordance with Resolves 4.3 of ITU-R Resolution 716.

RECOMMENDS:

- 1) The global harmonization of the 2 GHz MSS allocations through the inclusion of the Region 2 allocation in Region 1 and Region 3.
- 2) That fixed systems should use spectrum outside of the global and regional MSS allocations.
- 3) That CITEL administrations take account of Resolves 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of Resolution 716 (WRC-95).
- 4) That further studies and analyses on the way multiple MSS Systems may fit in the existing MSS allocations in the 2 GHz range should be carried out that CITEL members submit proposals to the ITU-R Study Group 8 in order to get this matter studied.
- 5) That CITEL Members should submit proposals to the WRC-97 on the subject dealt with by Resolution 717 (WRC-95).

INVITES:

CITEL members to consider the appropriate dates of implementations of different parts of the harmonized MSS allocations.

INSTRUCTS:

To the Executive Secretarial to inform ITU-R the desire of the member countries administration to participants in the PCC.III works, in order to carry out the mentioned studies.

V. LIST OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE EIGHTH MEETING OF PCC.III: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

Report of the Meeting	PCC.III-785/97 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Opening Session	PCC.III-763/97 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the First Plenary Meeting	PCC.III-764/97 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Second Plenary Meeting	PCC.III-774/97
Summary Minutes of the Third Plenary Meeting	PCC.III-782/97 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Fourth Plenary Meeting	PCC.III-789/97 rev.1
List of Documents	PCC.III-698/97 rev. 1
List of Participants	PCC.III-700/97 rev. 1