

**WORKSHOP ON THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DISASTER
RELIEF AND PREVENTION**

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, seaquakes (tsunamis) have increased their frequency and magnitude across the Globe;
- b) That only in 2010, two powerful earthquakes have strongly hit the American hemisphere, specifically Haiti and Chile; and another one hit Peru previously;
- c) That there are increasing efforts at worldwide level regarding life saving and restoration of telecommunications after a natural disaster;
- d) That countries and international organizations have efficient procedures that facilitate rescue operations;
- e) That, during the last 2006 – 2010 quadrennial, the Rapporteurship on the “Use of Telecommunications for Disaster Relief and Prevention” coordinated the drafting of a Technical Notebook on this issue, containing the regulations, policies and experiences of the countries in the Americas, as well as of International organizations;
- f) That one of the specific objectives of CITEL in the Strategic Plan for the period 2010-2014 is “To serve as a means for the Member States to channel their needs regarding natural disaster mitigation and – should the need arise – their telecommunication needs, including in kind donations and collaboration of human capital.”;
- g) That in the XVI Meeting of the PCC.I, during the presentation of the aforementioned plan, delegates of the meeting mentioned the importance of holding a Workshop on the topic and in an earlier date than the one proposed;
- h) That it is considered important to share experiences, lessons learnt, standards, procedures, is deemed important, as well as the roles that governments, the Industry and the international organizations should play in the early warning and restoration of telecommunications after a natural disaster;
- i) That, during the XVI Meeting of the PCC.I a Preliminary Agenda was developed,

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That a Workshop underscoring the facts and the logistics required for the use of telecommunications for disaster relief and prevention can improve the response on the part of governments and the

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telecommunication industry in the dissemination of information, life saving lives and restoration of telecommunication infrastructure,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold a Workshop on “The Use of Telecommunications for Disaster Relief and Prevention” during two sessions of the Working Group on Development at the XVII Meeting of PCC.I.
2. To appoint Mr. Sócrates E. Martínez de Moya as the Coordinator of the Seminar on behalf of PCC.I. in coordination with the Rapporteurship on the use of telecommunications in the prevention and mitigation of Catastrophes and Disasters.
3. To hold Tutorials on line between the XVI and the XVII Meeting and between the XVII and the XVIII Meeting of PCC.I on some of the topics specified in the preliminary agenda.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 164 (XVI-10)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- a) Introduction: brief experience of the countries of the Americas that were impacted in the recent mid-term.
- b) Early Warning.
- c) Telecommunication Networks for emergency situations.
- d) International Cooperation and its coordination (their role, CITELE, ITU, among others).
- e) Role of the industry and its impact in emergency management and prevention.
- f) Critical infrastructure. Protection and recovery.
- g) Lessons learnt and underlying procedures.
- h) Telehealth.