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INTERNET SITE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FOR MEMBER STATES

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in its Plan of Action and Declaration of Principles, as well as in other documents that are derived from the Tunisia Second Phase and the e-LAC 2007 Plan, have highlighted the importance of conducting specific actions in favor of the indigenous peoples that allow them to participate in the Information Society within a framework of respect towards their legacy and cultural heritage;
- b) That the actions on this subject include connectivity, participation in the development of policies that allow them to disseminate their language, and the strengthening of their participation in the protection of the environment, by means of the appropriation and use of the ICTs;
- c) That the Doha Action Plan of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-06) has established various actions related to the development of telecommunications in indigenous communities, especially by means of Resolution 11 which recommends special attention to the needs of indigenous peoples in each course of action of the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- d) That in the 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, establishes that such peoples have the right to administer their own means of information in their own languages and to access all the other non-indigenous means of information, without any discrimination whatsoever; and that the States adopt effective measures in order to ensure that the means of information duly reflect the indigenous cultural diversity and fully ensure freedom of expression;
- e) That the Indigenous Peoples gathered in a World Forum in Ottawa, Canada, proposed in their Report of the WSIS Indigenous Thematic Planning Conference for Tunisia, 2005, that the ICTs should be used to promote linguistic and cultural diversity within the sustainable development strategies; to strengthen Regional coordination in order to share experiences and information and to create video and written records;
- f) That the Working Group on Development of the PCC.I, has, as a term of reference, the formulation and implementation of projects supporting the development of the indigenous peoples and communities, of groups with unattended needs and with specific issues related to telecommunications/ICTs, facilitating their access, use and social appropriation;
- g) That the Rapporteurship on ICTs for social inclusion, has the mandate to promote social inclusion and appropriation of the telecommunications/ICTs, taking into consideration the needs of minority or vulnerable social groups;

¹ CCP.I-TIC /doc. 1992/10 cor.1

h) That the National Program of the Information Society (PSI) of the Secretariat of Communications of Argentina, has developed the Civitas2 application on which the Internet Site of the Communicators of the Indigenous Peoples of Argentina is placed, and that by means of this application, these peoples have the possibility to spread and claim their identity and cultural diversity, their languages, their particular needs, and use it as a means of communication and dissemination among other peoples and societies;

i) That this Internet Site is used and administered by a Group of Communicators of Indigenous Peoples, who have shown a fast and successful appropriation, and it constitutes a leading case of good practices and social inclusion;

j) That it was agreed to incorporate the presentation on this subject to the document on better practices related to the development of ICTs for areas and groups with unattended needs or with particular situations;

k) That the Delegation of Argentina, through the PSI, has made the “Civitas 2” application available to CITELE, so that it can be used by the different delegations that require it,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the offer of the Administration of Argentina to make the Civitas2 application available to CITELE and the knowledge transfer that is required to develop the Internet Site of the Communicators of Indigenous Peoples, developed by the PSI, so that it can be used by the different Administrations that require it.

2. To disseminate, by means of CITELE’s Internet page and electronic newsletter, the experience and implementation of the Internet Site of the Communicators of Indigenous Peoples so that it can be effectively known and used by the Member States.

3. To incorporate the document on the “Web of the Communicators of Indigenous Peoples of the Argentine Republic” as an annex to the document on “Best Practices for the Development of ICTs among Indigenous Peoples of the Americas Region” (CCP.I-TIC/doc.1993/10).

INSTRUCTS THE SECRETARIAT OF CITELE:

To conduct the necessary coordination between the Member States and the Administration of Argentina so that they can have access to the use of the application.