

**STUDY ON STANDARD PRINCIPLES FOR THE CREATION OF A REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK OF e-HEALTH**

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the World Health Organization (WHO) has approved the Resolution WHA58.28 on May, 2005 on e- health, remarking “Stressing that eHealth is the cost-effective and secure use of information and communications technologies in support of health and health-related fields, including health-care services, health surveillance, health literature, and health education, knowledge and research,”;
- b) That the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva December, 10-12, 2003 and Tunisia November, 16-18, 2005) included e-cyber in the Action Plan of Geneva as one of the important applications of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) indicating the necessity of: “Promote collaborative efforts of governments, planners, health professionals, and other agencies along with the participation of international organizations for creating a reliable, timely, high quality and affordable health care and health information systems and for promoting continuous medical training, education, and research through the use of ICTs, while respecting and protecting citizens’ right to privacy. Promote the development of international standards for the exchange of health data, taking due account of privacy concerns.”;
- c) That the Resolution 65 “Improving access to healthcare services by using information and communication technologies” (Hyderabad, 2010) considers the importance of the possible advantages of the ICT in the health care sector in the developing countries are not confronted with legal, technical economic or of other kind barriers;
- d) That the Resolution “Telecommunications/ICT applications for e-health” (Guadalajara, 2010) invites the Member States to consider the possibility of elaborating adequate laws, regulations, standards, codes of practice and instructions to encourage the development and implementation of telecommunication/ICT services, products and terminals of e-health;
- e) That within the regional initiatives approved for the region of the Americas in the Resolution 17 “Implementation of regionally approved initiatives ¹, at the national, regional, interregional and global levels” (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) there is the encouragement of the use of the ITC by the population to have access to social services including health care,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That the recent meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System, (SELA) (2010) recommends promoting a regional digital agenda regarding health, including the interoperability, and the cooperation among the Latin American and Caribbean countries for experience sharing and so is that the

¹ CCP.I-TIC/doc. 2101/10

¹ Any initiative will take the form of a global section which may include several projects. Each region will be in charge of defining them.

XXXVI Ordinary Meeting of the Latin-American Council has approved in its Working Plan 2011 the I.2 draft “Integration and Convergence of Latin-America and the Caribbean concerning health”;

b) That the study of the ECLAC “Information and Communication Technologies in the health sector”: Opportunities and challenges to reduce inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean” establishes as a priority the setting of norms and standards that guarantee the interoperability in the region as well as legal framework that contributes to boost the applications of e-health and provides security to the different actors of the system,.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The advances reached by some countries in the region as regards this issue,

RESOLVES:

To elaborate a study that identifies the standard principles to be followed for the creation of a regulatory framework on e-health and the interoperable electronic clinical record taking into consideration the experiences of the countries of the region and the experiences worldwide, particularly the experiences related to the access, storage, and backup of the personal data, the interoperability, electronic signature and the intellectual property protection of the health information systems.

INSTRUCTS:

a) To the Executive Secretary of CITEC, taking into consideration the existing cooperation agreements with several organizations regarding this issue, coordinates and to collect the necessary means for the joint realization of the Study mentioned in the *resolve*.

b) To the Rapporteurship on ICTs for the Social Inclusion and to the Rapporteurship on matters of Common Interest to CITEC and other organizations, to provide the necessary support to the Secretariat to execute the previous assignment.

INVITES:

The Member States of CITEC to share their experience in this issue in order to integrate the study to which this Resolution refers to.