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**DEVELOPMENT OF A STUDY ON MOBILE TERMINATION RATES (MTR) IN THE REGION**

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

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:**

- a) That mobile termination is an essential input for completion of calls to mobile subscribers;
- b) That cost orientation of mobile termination rates is critical to ensure competence mobile communications markets in the Region;
- c) The potential benefits for Member States from the exchange of information and experiences regarding mobile termination rate regulation;
- d) That it is within the mandate of the Rapporteurship on “Economic aspects of telecommunications/ICTs” to “develop studies on the economic aspects and principles governing rates and/or prices of telecommunications/ICT services and analyze the need for new or adapted charging and accounting mechanisms for the delivery of those services in the Region;” ; and
- e) That it is also within the mandate of the Rapporteurship on “Economic aspects of telecommunications/ICTs” to conduct surveys of “best practices that can be considered in the regulatory frameworks of the member countries”,

**RECOGNIZING:**

- a) The divergence in approaches towards setting mobile termination rates currently existing in the Region; and
- b) That there are sub-regional harmonization initiatives regarding mobile termination rates within the Region, and the potential benefits that can derive from a broader harmonized approach;
- c) The need for coordination of the study with regional and international organizations, particularly with the International Telecommunication Union and the Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC) of the Study Group 3,

**RESOLVES:**

1. That the Rapporteurship on “Economic aspects of telecommunications/ICTs” establishes a Question for the study of the situation of mobile termination rates (MTR) in the Americas.
  - Assessment of the status of MTR in the Region;
  - Identification and assessment of cost models and methodologies used in the Region for the purposes of setting MTR, where applicable;
  - Study and assess the competitive impact of MTR in the Region; and

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- Identification of best practices for regulation and opportunities for harmonized approaches, where applicable.
2. That the results of the work of the Question for the study should include:
    - An introductory document on the mobile termination background.
    - A survey/questionnaire eliciting information from Member States regarding their approaches towards mobile termination regulation and the rates currently in force in each country.
    - A Report, based in part on the responses to the questionnaire, identifying the critical regulatory and economic issues associated with setting mobile termination.
  3. To appoint the Administrations of the United States of America and Peru as Co-Coordiators of the Question on mobile termination rates.
  4. To request the Co-coordinators above mentioned to send partial reports of the status to the Rapporteurship on economic aspects of telecommunications/ICTs of the PCC.I Working Group on Policies and Regulations.
  5. To instruct the Executive Secretary to request the Member States, associate members to collaborate to the work on the Question on the study of mobile termination by providing relevant information to the Coordinator on a timely basis.
  6. To request the Executive Secretary to establish a discussion group in the Electronic Forum of CITEL that supports the above mentioned action.