

PCC.I/DEC. 115 (XVII-10)¹

DRAFT MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 107 (X-07)

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

DECIDES:

To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to send to the Administrations the attached Draft Modification to Resolution PCC.I/RES. 107 (X-07) asking for comments and suggestions related to this topic.

ANNEX TO DECISION PCC.I/DEC. 115 (XVII-10)

DRAFT MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 107 (X-07)

**SUBMISSION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO THE WORLD
TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY AND THE WORLD
CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, 2012-2008**

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That it is convenient to approve a procedure for the development of the activities in order to consolidate Inter-American common Proposals to the WTSA-12 and the WCIT-08 12,
- b) That it is convenient to introduce modifications in the current procedure for the preparation and presentation of joint documents to the Standardization Sector (ITU-T);
- c) That it is necessary to include procedures that must be followed in the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and in the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) in order to modify an existing Inter-American Proposal (IAP);
- d) That it is necessary to include the procedures that WTSA and WCIT must follow in order to establish a new IAP on future agenda items;
- e) That it is necessary to include the procedures that must be followed at WTSA and WCIT in order to establish a position of CITEL as a response to the issues of agenda items of WTSA and WCIT.

RESOLVES:

¹ CCP.I-TIC/doc. 2132/10

1. To adopt the procedure described in the Annex for the submission of Inter-American Common Proposals to the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-~~1208~~) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12).
2. That this Resolution replaces Resolution PCC. I/RES.107 (X-07).

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. ~~107XXX~~ (XVII-~~0710~~)

PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY AND THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION, 2012~~2008~~

1. OBJECTIVE

To establish the procedure that is to be followed by any document developed under the scope of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications (PCC.I) aiming to its submission to the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly ~~2008~~-(WTSA-~~0812~~) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), as an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

In using this procedure, every effort should be made to reach consensus among CITEI Administrations.

~~a.~~ To establish the procedure that must be followed to modify a IAP during a WTSA or WCIT

~~b.~~

To establish a procedure for the elaboration of new IAPs regarding future items on the agenda with Member States of CITEI attending the WTSA or WCIT.

To establish the procedure that must be followed when necessary in a WRC in order to formulate a position of CITEI as a response to the issues of agenda items of WTSA and WCIT.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this procedure, the terms set forth are defined as follows:

~~a.a.~~ ~~RGR~~-WTSA/WCIT: Rapporteur-GroupRapporteurship on the Preparation for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-~~0812~~), and the World Conference on International Communications (WCIT-12) dependent on the Working Group on Policy and Regulationon ~~or~~ considerations of PCC.I.

b. PROPOSAL: input submitted for discussion with a view to it becoming an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

- c. DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DRAFT IAP): PROPOSAL that after being considered and discussed by the Member States has been supported by more than 1 (one) Administration.
- d. INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP): It is the PROPOSAL or DRAFT IAP that the RG-WTSA has ended its consideration and discussion, and that has been supported during the LIMIT MEETING or the FINAL MEETING by no fewer than six (6) Administrations and is not opposed by more than 50% (fifty percent) of the number of supports obtained.
- e. LIMIT MEETING: It is the ~~XI~~X Meeting of PCC.I, which will be held in order to meet the ITU rules and procedures.
- f. FINAL MEETING: It is the ~~XIII~~XX Meeting of PCC.I.

A. ELABORATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS BEFORE THE WTSA-12 OR WCIT-12

A1. STEPS

The steps in the procedure for the preparation and adoption of INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to be submitted before the WTSA-~~08~~12 and WCIT-12 of the ITU are as follows:

Step 1. Evaluation of the Support and Opposition to the PROPOSAL or DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL

During the LIMIT MEETING or the FINAL MEETING, whichever applicable, the following items will be defined by the ~~RG~~-WTSA/WCIT:

- a. the list of IAPs;
- b. the list of PROPOSALS and DRAFT IAPs, that despite the efforts done, have not yet become IAPs.
- c. the date the IAPs are to be sent to the ITU.

Step 2. Circulation of the INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The Secretariat will distribute the IAPs, the DRAFT IAPs and the PROPOSALS still being considered, to all Member States of CITEL, no more than two (2) weeks after the close of the LIMIT MEETING, clearly stating the maximum deadline to submit the position to them.

Step 3. *Sending INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to the ITU*

The Secretariat of CITEL will send the IAPs to the ITU, following ITU rules and procedures.

A2. SUPPORT

The Administrations wishing to support a PROPOSAL, a DRAFT IAP or IAP, being considered, must do so either verbally or in writing, during a ~~RG~~-WTSA/WCIT meeting or as a reply to the circular that will be sent.

A3. OPPOSITION

It is understood that the Administrations which oppose a DRAFT IAP or IAP shall indicate clearly the reasons of their oppositions.

The Administrations wishing to oppose a DRAFT IAP which has been circulated before the LIMIT MEETING or FINAL MEETING, whichever applicable, must do so during a ~~RG~~-WTSA/WCIT or PCC.I Plenary meeting, orally or in writing.

It is understood that if an Administration chooses to oppose a given INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL during the WTSA-08, such Administration will make every possible effort to notify the Rapporteur of the ~~RG~~-WTSA/WCIT of its intention.

A4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A4.1. Obtaining Support

The Administration(s) that originally submitted a PROPOSAL shall undertake the task of coordinating and encouraging its support, in order that it becomes a DRAFT IAP and an IAP afterwards.

A4.2. IAP's Coordination

The Coordinator of ~~RG~~-WTSA/WCIT will make every possible effort to coordinate all DRAFT IAP and PROPOSALS, in order to not generating IAPs with opposite issues.

A4.3. Format for DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The heading of each DRAFT IAP being considered at the ~~RG~~-WTSA/WCIT must include the following elements in the order indicated below:

- a. the names of CITELE Administrations that expressed their support.
- b. in square brackets the names of CITELE Administrations that have not yet made their position known;
- c. the names of CITELE Administrations that have expressed their opposition.

A4.4. Contact Points

Communications with the Administrations should be channelled through the contact points identified before the ~~RG~~-WTSA/WCIT.

A4.5. Administrations Internal Activities

Administrations are encouraged to plan their national activities in such a way as to be prepared to state support for or opposition to DRAFT IAPs as early as possible or by the conclusion of the FINAL MEETING.

B: REVIEW OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE WTSA-12 ~~Y-OR WCIT 1208~~

After the beginning of the meeting, it may become necessary to revise an IAP. Propositions of revisions should only be presented and considered during a CITEL meeting to be held during WTSA/~~WCIT -08~~.

The decision to submit a revision will be based on the agreement of CITEL Administrations present at the ITU Meeting.

In the case of a revised IAP, only the names of the Administrations attending the WTSA/~~WCIT -08~~ and supporting the revised IAP will be listed on the heading. Administrations not in attendance will be informed of the revised IAP, by the CITEL Secretariat, once it is approved.

During a WTSA or WCIT, it could be necessary to consider modifications of a IAP according to the deliberations that may have taken place either during the Assembly or the Conference, on specific agenda items.

When this is the case, Member States of CITEL attending the Conference and that originally supported the IAP will go over the issue in order to decide whether a modification proposal is applicable. If any of these Member States of CITEL do not support the modification proposal, the IAP will remain as it is.

If those Member States of CITEL agree on proposing such modification, it will be submitted to the consideration of Rapporteurship on ~~WG~~-WTSA/WCIT, and if not any of the Member States of CITEL present at the corresponding meeting of such Group expresses their opposition, then it will be considered as approved. However, if during the meeting of Rapporteurship on ~~WG~~-WTSA/WCIT a CITEL Member State expresses its opposition, then the modified IAP will only be approved if more than 25% of Member States present at the meeting do not oppose the modified proposal.

In the case of a MOD IAP, only the names of the Member States of CITEL attending the meeting and supporting the modified IAP will be listed on the heading. Member States of CITEL not attending the Rapporteurship on ~~WG~~-WTSA/WCIT meeting or in the WTSA or WCIT itself will be informed by the Secretariat of CITEL about the modified IAP once it has been approved.

Any Member State of CITEL that wishes to add its name will contact the Secretariat of CITEL in order to follow the procedure established with the ITU.

A modified IAP voids, replaces and eliminates the original corresponding IAP.

C. ~~SCOPE OF THIS PROCEDURE~~ NEW INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS DURING THE WTSA OR WCIT.

~~Any topic that is not covered in this procedure will be resolved by the PCC.I.~~

New IAP PROPOSALS will not be considered during a WTSA or WCIT with the following exceptions:

- i) New proposals on the agenda items for future conferences;
- ii) Issues regarding agenda items of the WTSA or WCIT that were not planned before the conference.

This possibility must not be considered as an alternative to the procedures previously established in order to develop a IAP: Specific proposals previously considered must not be considered either.

Since WTSA or WCIT is a dynamic process, issues on the agenda items which have not been considered before such Conference and that may require a regional position could arise. An example is other regional organizations proposals for future agenda items from which CITELE has to state a supporting, opposition or neutral position. It could also be useful to establish CITELE positions on other issues.

Once the need to elaborate a new IAP (including the establishment of a CITELE position) has been identified, the responsible spokesperson will distribute the text proposed to participants of the Rapporteurship on WTSA/WCIT through the Secretariat and will call for a debate among Member States of CITELE attending the Conference. The IAP will be considered approved as long as more than two (2) Member States of CITELE attending the Conference do not oppose the proposal.

In the case of proposals for new agenda items for future conferences, it would be eventually necessary for them to consolidate and prioritize in a list according to the difference principle between the number of Administrations supporting them and the number of Administrations opposing them.

In the case of a IAP, only the names of the Member States of CITELE attending the meeting of the Rapporteurship on WTSA/WCIT and supporting the new IAP will be listed on the heading. Member States of CITELE not in attendance will be informed by the Secretariat of CITELE on the new IAP once it has been approved. Member States of CITELE that wish to add their names will contact the Secretariat of CITELE.

APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

The dispositions of this procedure must be applied and interpreted within the Resolution COM/CITELE RES.226 (XXI- 09).

Any issue no considered in this procedure must be resolved in a plenary session of the PCC.I, after the relevant consultations with the Rapporteur of the Rapporteurship on ~~WG~~-WTSA/WCIT.