

PCC.I/RES. 185 (XVIII-11) ¹

PROTECTING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

The XVIII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications /ICT,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the communications infrastructure promotes participation and inclusion within our societies, through new forms of education and work and more effective healthcare services, as well as regional integration;
- b) That repeated attacks on telecommunication networks throughout the region, particularly the theft of copper cables, threaten the socioeconomic development of our societies, specially that of residents of rural and/or remote areas;
- c) That the inappropriate management of waste from telecommunications infrastructure also negatively affects the environment;
- c) That the submarine telecommunications infrastructure is vital for facilitating global communications.

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) That our region is facing a wave of attacks to the physical integrity of telecommunication networks;
- b) That the Ibero-American Association of Research Centers and Telecommunication Enterprises (AHCJET) has expressed its concern over this issue to CITEL, as the regional organization specialized in telecommunications, and has requested its assistance via document CCP.I-TIC/doc.2010/10;
- c) That a cooperation agreement exists between the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) and the Ibero-American Association of Telecommunications Research Centers and Enterprises (AHCJET).

RESOLVES:

1. To request that the CITEL Secretariat take the necessary actions to communicate the seriousness of the problem to the Member States and Associate Members, in an effort to raise awareness on the magnitude of the problem and its impact on society.
2. To request that the Rapporteurship on “Matters of common interest to CITEL and other organization” identify the manner in which other organizations deal with the problem in an effort to identify best practices and coordinate efforts to disseminate the issue and prevent the problem.

¹ CCP.I-TIC/doc. 2278/11

3. To request that the Member States and Associated Members take measures to defend telecommunications infrastructure and to adopt specific communication policies within their countries in order to inform about the magnitude of the problem.