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USE OF WIRELESS SYSTEMS IN COMMERCIAL OPERATION, AND THEIR ASSOCIATED BANDS, FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS IN RURAL AND LOW POPULATION DENSITY AREAS

The VII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That in the Americas there is a need to meet the Universal Access objective, especially in rural and low-population density areas;
- b) That many communities, including some urban areas, are particularly under-served and could be considered to meet the Universal Access objective;
- c) That CITEL has adopted the PCC.II/REC. 10 (V-05) “Use of the 410-430 MHz and 450-470 MHz bands for fixed and mobile services for digital communication particularly in low population areas”;
- d) That in the region, there are other frequency bands allocated for fixed and mobile services around 850 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 1900 MHz that may facilitate access to services in rural and low-population density areas;
- e) That wireless technologies that use the above mentioned bands can offer additional options to provide services in rural and low-population density areas,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That Universal Access is one of the objectives proposed by CITEL Member States;
- b) The substantial differences among countries with regard to the coverage and modernization of telecommunications services and the major insufficiencies of telecommunications infrastructure and access to information in most Member States;

RECOMMENDS:

1. That CITEL Member States, where there is a need to find solutions for the provision of Universal Access in rural and low-density population areas, consider the possibility of using some or all of the frequency bands indicated in *considering c)* and *d)*, in accordance with each Administration’s laws and regulations.
2. That CITEL Member States take into consideration the existing uses of frequency bands indicated in *considering c)* and *d)* that require protection.

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