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ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP OF PCC.II TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TERRESTRIAL DIGITAL TELEVISION SERVICE

The Fourth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting,

CONSIDERING:

- a)* That the worldwide evolution of digital technology allows for the fast implementation of DTV terrestrial systems;
- b)* That it is necessary to gather technical information on the studies, experiences, and field tests available on plans for the future implementation of DTV services;
- c)* That it is essential to obtain information on regulatory plans for the implementation of DTV services;
- d)* That it is advisable to address the effects of spectrum migration that may take place in each country in the Region;
- e)* That it is advisable to count on an orderly process for the conversion from an analog to a digital system, as well as on the recommendations and information required to cooperate in such process;
- f)* That some countries in the region have already authorized experimental broadcasting and are planning to grant DTV service licenses;
- g)* That these systems will be operative in the very near future;
- h)* That CITEL members should agree on common goals for the benefit of all members;

RESOLVES:

1. To create a Working Group to be chaired by the Argentine Administration, to study the implementation of Terrestrial Digital Television Services as per the following mandate:
 - a)* identifying, at regional level, the status of terrestrial DTV and the projects involving the implementation of these systems;
 - b)* making a follow-up of the ITU relevant activities and studies, particularly those referred to Region 2, and the studies conducted by sub-regional organizations;
 - c)* compiling agreements, conventions, working papers, recommendations, experimental tests, and the findings of the measurement tests performed by the various states and sub-regions, in order to make them available to the Member States of CITEL PCC.II.

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- d)* evaluating the findings of the test programs;
 - e)* preparing guidelines taking into account the particular conditions of each country for the orderly implementation of this service in Region 2;
- 2. This Working Group should conduct an adequate exchange of information with those sectors engaged in the development of specific work on this issue;
- 3. To instruct this new Working Group to make a specific follow up of the standards that may be applicable to Region 2;
- 4. Any information gathered by this Group on the findings obtained during the test period should allow to draw final conclusions ensuring that future decisions to be adopted by Member States in this connection involve the lowest possible degree of uncertainty.