

**PCC.III/RES. 53 (VII-97)**

**SEMINAR ON THE WTO AGREEMENT ON BASIC  
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

The Seventh Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III:  
Radiocommunications,

**CONSIDERING:**

That the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action for the Americas adopted by the Meeting of Senior Telecommunication Officials in September, 1996 highlighted the need to facilitate the dissemination of information on important developments in the telecommunication environment among the countries of the Region;

That the Permanent Consultative Committees of CITEL have undertaken efforts to schedule seminars on a regular basis on a wide variety of topics in the interest of information dissemination,

**NOTING:**

That the General Agreement on Trade in Telecommunication Services concluded on 15 February, 1997;

That, as a result of the agreement, there are now multilateral rules for trade and investment in basic telecommunication services;

That 20 CITEL Member States participated in the negotiations among the 69 countries which signed the agreement,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:**

That the 1996 Session of COM/CITEL concluded that presentations on the results and implications of the WTO Agreement would be very beneficial to all of the Member States of the Region;

**RESOLVES:**

1. That a Seminar on the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunication Services be held in conjunction with the IX meeting of PCC.III in September, 1997;
2. That the Executive Secretary be invited to contact appropriate experts in the WTO to serve as resource persons for the Seminar.