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Materia: Telecomunicaciones

Partes: SG/OEA & Global VSAT Forum

Referencia: GVF

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Lugar de Firma: Washington, D.C.

Unidad Encargada: CITEL

Persona Encargada: Clovis Baptista

Original:

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Cierre del proceso:

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION
AND THE GLOBAL VSAT FORUM**

The Parties to the present Agreement: the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS"), through and for the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission ("CITEL"), whose registered office address is 1889 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 U.S.A., and who is represented by the CITEL Executive Secretary; and the Global VSAT Forum ("GVF"), whose company number is 3414971 and whose registered office address is Fountain Court, 2 Victoria Sq., Victoria St., St. Albans, Herts., AL1 3TF, U.K., and who is represented by its Secretary General.

Considering that CITEL is an entity of the OAS, established by the OAS General Assembly to facilitate and promote the continuing development of telecommunications in the hemisphere represented by CITEL;

Taking into account that in accordance with article 3 of its Statute, one of CITEL's functions is to maintain continuous contact with the various organizations in the field of communications;

Further Taking into account that article 95 of the CITEL Regulations provides that CITEL shall collaborate through such agreements, as it deems necessary, with technical governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental agencies engaged in activities consistent with CITEL's objectives and functions, for the purpose of maximizing cooperation and coordination in its activities and work;

Bearing in mind that OAS General Assembly Resolution AG/RES. 57 (I-0/71) establishes that the mechanism by which the organs of the OAS may establish cooperative relations with other national and international institutions is through cooperative agreements signed by the Secretary General or his duly designated representative;

Taking into account that GVF is a non-profit, independent organization promoting private-sector-led economic development in the world, including the Hemisphere represented by CITEL;

Recognizing that GVF is authorized to enter into cooperative relations with CITEL;

Recognizing that collaboration between CITEL and GVF will make the best use of each parties' available resources, avoid duplication, and increase the effectiveness of their efforts to contribute to the harmonious development of communications in the hemisphere represented by CITEL;

Have agreed to the following terms:

ARTICLE I
Cooperation

- 1.1 The Parties shall cooperate with each other on matters of common interest within the scope of their general objectives.
- 1.2 Specifically, the Parties shall coordinate and cooperate with each other in carrying out activities included by both Parties in their annual work program, with the purpose of avoiding duplication of efforts and expenditures.
- 1.3 Activities that the Parties may agree to cooperate on include, but are not limited to, organization of seminars, meetings and round tables on matters of common interest; collaboration on joint projects; training; joint publications.
- 1.4 The work areas of cooperation between the Parties appear in Annex I of this Agreement, which is an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II
Exchange of Information

- 2.1 The Parties shall keep each other regularly informed concerning programs and activities of mutual interest in the areas set out in Annex I.
- 2.2 The Parties shall send to each other their documents and publications relating to programs and activities set out in Annex I of mutual interest, except for those that are subject to special restrictions.
- 2.3 Within agreed work areas in Annex I, each Party shall make available to the other copies of working documents and drafts on request and free of royalties. Each Party shall strictly limit the dissemination of documents it receives from the other to its participants and solely for the purpose of technical activities relating to each Party's work program. All copyright and other intellectual property and industrial rights in those documents and any copies thereof shall remain with the party that originally disclosed the documents ("Originating Party").
- 2.4 The Originating Party shall not be held liable for further amendments introduced in its deliverables by the other Party.
- 2.5 The Parties undertake to use their reasonable efforts to use electronic document handling mechanisms in their exchange of documents.

ARTICLE III
Reciprocal Representation

- 3.1 To the extent permitted under their respective applicable rules and regulations, the Parties shall invite each other to send an observer to their respective meetings, where matters of potential interest in agreed work areas in Annex I are to be discussed.
- 3.2 The extent of the observer's participation shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Party whose meeting is being observed.

ARTICLE IV
Implementation of the Agreement

- 4.1 The Parties shall enter into supplementary arrangements through "memoranda of understanding" for implementing specific joint projects and activities within the framework of this Agreement. In those memoranda, the parties shall specify the appropriate dispute resolution mechanism.

ARTICLE V
Financing and Budgetary Limitations

- 5.1 Unless otherwise provided in writing for a specific project under Article 4.1 above with the previous approval of the competent organs, each Party is responsible only for its own expenses and costs in complying with this Agreement.
- 5.2 Any financial obligations incurred by each Party as a result of this Agreement are subject to approval by its respective governing body. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the authority of the governing bodies of either Party to adopt, modify, or amend that Party's Program Budget in accordance with its financial realities and other priorities.

ARTICLE VI
Languages

- 6.1 Correspondence between the Parties shall be conducted in English.

ARTICLE VII
Institutional Coordination and Notice

- 7.1. The office within CITEI responsible for carrying out and coordinating its obligations under this Agreement is the Secretariat of CITEI. All notice for CITEI in relation to this Agreement should be sent to:

Executive Secretary of CITEI
General Secretariat of the Organization of American States
1889 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Tel: 202 458-3004
Fax: 202 458-6854

- 7.2. The office within GVF responsible for carrying out and coordinating its obligations under this Agreement is the Secretariat of GVF. All notice for GVF in relation to this Agreement should be sent to:

David Hartshorn
Secretary General
Global VSAT Forum

Fountain Court, 2 Victoria Sq.
St. Albans, Herts. AL1 3TF
U.K.

Tel: +44 1727 884 739
Fax: +44 1727 884 839
David.hartshorn@gvf.org

- 7.3. Either Party may change the office and the person designated to receive notice hereunder by so notifying the other in advance by writing.

ARTICLE VIII **Privileges and Immunities**

- 8.1. Nothing expressly stated or implied in this Agreement is to operate as a waiver of the privileges and immunities of the OAS, and its organs (including CITEL and the OAS General Secretariat), and their personnel, under the relevant agreements on privileges and immunities and under international law.

ARTICLE IX **Relationship of the Parties**

- 9.1 The relationship between the CITEL and GVF shall be that of independent entities, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute either Party as an employee, partner, agent or member of the other.
- 9.2 In consequence with the foregoing, neither Party shall have authority to act for or to bind the other Party in any way, to make representations or warranties or to execute agreements on behalf of the other Party, or to represent that it is in any way responsible for the acts or omissions of the other Party.

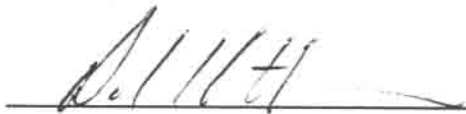
ARTICLE X **Term, Modification and Termination**

- 10.1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date it is signed by both Parties.
- 10.2. The Parties may amend this Agreement by a written agreement, dated and signed by their duly authorized Representatives, and attached hereto.
- 10.3. This Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely, but it may be terminated by mutual consent or by either Party by giving one month written notice to the other Party.
- 10.4. Upon the termination of this Agreement, all the rights granted pursuant to this Agreement shall cease immediately and the Parties shall cease from distributing any information received pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this Agreement related to ownership of rights shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

10.5 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, U.S.A., and the Parties agree that the courts of the State of New York shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction.

In Witness Whereof, the duly authorized Representatives of the Parties hereby subscribe to this Agreement, in duplicate originals, in Washington, DC, United States of America on this 1st day of October of 2003.

FOR THE GLOBAL VSAT FORUM



David Hartshorn
GVF Secretary General

London, U.K. 13 Oct. 2003

**FOR THE GENERAL
SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES**



Clovis Baptista
CITEL Executive Secretary

Washington DC, October 2nd 2003

ANNEX I

The following are potential work areas of cooperation between the Parties:

I. Events

Organization of seminars, workshops, symposia, meetings, panels and/or round tables on matters of common interest;

II. Publishing

Co-ordination on articles, supplements, special editions and other potential joint publishing projects;

III. Information Dissemination

Provision of documents and information that relates to matters of common interest. For example, the GVF has offered to provide complimentary access to its Regulatory Database to CITEL Members that are governmental administrations.

IV. Training

Organization of training programs relating to matters of common interest.

V. Other

And any other areas agreed by the Parties from time to time.