

**INFORMATION REGARDING LANDING RIGHTS GRANTED BY THE
ADMINISTRATIONS OF COUNTRIES IN THE AMERICAS TO SPACE
STATION OPERATORS IN THEIR TERRITORIES**

The XVI meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That internationally valid legal instruments that recognize *prima facie* space station landing rights in the territories of countries have been developed;
- b) That many satellite telecommunications networks are operated and used by Intergovernmental Organizations, such as INTELSAT and INMARSAT, as *Parties* and *Signatories*;
- c) That the Intergovernmental Organizations mentioned in considering b) have entered into a privatization process as a result of changes in the satellite communications sector worldwide and the globalization of telecommunications services markets;
- d) That many of the countries' legal instruments and laws use different legal concepts for the commercial use and operation of satellite telecommunications services;
- e) That it could be important for the Administrations of the Americas to know what the different legal concepts are that countries use to allow the commercial use and operation of satellite telecommunications services in their territories;
- f) That it could also be important for the Administrations to know which legal instruments are used by the Administrations of the Americas to grant space station landing rights;
- g) That the Memorandum of Understanding, GMPCS-MoU, and its Arrangements, drawn up on the occasion of the ITU's First World Telecommunication Policy Forum, is also an internationally valid instrument that, having been signed by the Administrations, tacitly recognizes landing rights for satellite networks in the countries' territories, and
- h) That by Resolution COM/CITEL/RES.89 (VIII-99), the Secretariat of CITEL was asked to elaborate a project to provide through information media, the information on policies, criteria, administrative procedures, standards and rates that apply to Member States of CITEL in order to grant concessions, licenses and authorizations for radio spectrum utilization and orbital positions of satellite networks, the result is set out in the report of the Secretariat of CITEL in response to the above mentioned resolution (PCC.III/doc.1741/00),

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

¹ document PCC.III/doc.1709/00 rev.2.

That some Administrations have established agreements on the operation and use of satellite systems based on the Principles of “*Reciprocity*” and “*Nondiscriminatory Treatment*”,

HAVING RECOGNIZED THAT:

Countries have the autonomy and sovereignty to regulate the commercial operation and use of telecommunications services and technologies in their territories,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Administrations to develop sections on their own pages in Internet related to “Space Station Landing Rights,” containing at least the information indicated below, and to inform the Secretariat of CITEL the access addresses of their respective sites in Internet.

Legal concepts applicable:

Permit
Authorization
Concession
License
Permission to operate

Technical Requirements

Space Station denomination
Space Station’s expected lifetime
Type of satellite service with which the Space Station is associated
Types of services to be provided through the Space Station
Owner of the Space Station
Country of origin of the Space Station
Documentation regarding the License granted by the “Regulatory Body” of the country of origin to the Space Segment Provider
Documentation on the status of Advance Publication relative of the Space Station
Documentation on the status of technical coordination of the Space Station at the ITU

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To create links on CITEL’s page in Internet to the addresses provided by the Administrations so that the sites containing information on “Space Station Landing Rights” can be accessed.