

PCC.III/REC. 29 (VII-97)¹

CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF GMPCS

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

CONSIDERING :

The need and opportunity to discuss aspects related to the regulation of the GMPCS service;

The position adopted by CITELE member countries at the World Telecommunications Policy Forum held in Geneva from October 20 to 23, 1996;

The importance that administrations facilitate the early introduction of GMPCS.

That the results of the first WTPF achieved a broad consensus among ITU member states, system operators, and manufacturers on the subject of GMPCS;

That COM/CITELE REC. 2 (IV-96) highlighted the desirability of the Member States and Associate Members to actively participate in the follow-up work carried out within the scope of the ITU;

That the specific follow-up activities have included the development of an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and arrangements to facilitate the introduction of GMPCS including regional systems (Opinion 4), as well as the establishment of a group of experts to prepare a check list of factors which developing countries may take into account in the process of introducing GMPCS services (Opinion 5);

That three project teams have been established to develop the arrangements, specifically on the topics of a) type approval and marking of terminals, b) licensing of terminals, and c) customs arrangements and access to traffic data;

RECOGNIZING:

The strength derived from common positions of CITELE member countries in other international fora;

¹ This recommendation replaces PCC.III/REC.22(VI-96)

NOTING:

that the participation of all countries is essential to ensure the early introduction of GMPCS systems which convey potential benefits to both developing and developed countries,

RECOMMENDS:

That CITEL member countries consider amongst other things the policy and regulatory elements identified in the Report of the WTPF for regulating GMPCS in the national context of each country;

That CITEL member countries consider the terms of the draft Memorandum of Understanding circulated by the ITU Secretary General through its 21 February 1997 letter, and to attend the relevant ITU meeting(s) with a view to promote both national and common regional interests.

The CITEL members review the final MoU and become signatories

That CITEL members attend the next meeting of the MOU group in Geneva, in late June 1997, as well the group of experts on Opinion 5, 30 June-1 July 1997.

INVITES:

The Executive Secretary to circulate this Recommendation to CITEL Member States and Associate Members on an urgent basis;

The Executive Secretary to ensure that the pertinent information concerning the schedule of MoU meetings and related documentation including all Core Group documents is communicated to all CITEL PCC.III members.