

COM/CITEL REC. I (IV-96)
SUPPORT TO CITEL THROUGH THE PERMANENT MISSIONS

The Fourth Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

HAVING SEEN:

The need to divulge the program of activities, plans, as well as the initiatives and undertakings of CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

That it is fundamental that the administrations, on an individual basis, divulge the activity programs of CITEL to the Permanent Representatives of the member States to the Organization of American States.

RECOMMENDS:

The member States of CITEL that, in the process of disseminating the activities carried out by CITEL, take into account the guidelines included in the Annex attached to this draft recommendation.

ENTRUSTS:

The Executive Secretary of CITEL to distribute a draft note, together with this recommendation, to all member States.

ANNEX

In order to maintain the leadership of CITEL in the region, it is necessary to disseminate its programs of activities, plans and needs, as well as it is essential to count on the support to the efforts of CITEL by the Permanent Representatives of member States before the Organization of American States.

Consequently, the following topics should be taken into consideration in the draft note to be sent to the representatives of CITEL in the member States and to the corresponding Ministries of Foreign Affairs, thus allowing for a better understanding and dissemination of our activities.

- To underline the importance of telecommunication development in the region as a thrusting force of political, economic, social and cultural development.
- To request the strengthening of the interrelation existing between the Permanent Representatives before the OAS and the delegations that usually participate in CITEL activities.
- To request, through the permanent representatives before the OAS, a greater support to CITEL efforts and needs, taking into account that the activities of this Commission allow for the harmonious development of telecommunications in the region, which will facilitate the inter-operation of systems. Actual and specific cases in each country should be indicated.
- To stress that the strengthening process of the Commission must continue, for which it should be noted that most of its objectives involve greater responsibilities and needs.
- To underline the transformations detected in the sector as a result of technological evolution, which makes it essential to maintain and strengthen the dynamism of CITEL as a Forum for the coordination of IV. common positions. To reiterate the importance that member states assign to the working programs designed for such purpose.
- To state that the budget allocated to CITEL is inadequate for a thorough fulfillment of the working plan designed by the Consultative Committees, as well as for extending the possibilities on telecommunication training through the granting of fellowships.
- To list some of the programs underway:
 - Standard coordinated documents on: ISDN, PCS, Signaling System N°. 7, Intelligent network, etc.
 - Organization of numbering plans.
 - Information and matching of the new available technologies by subject- matter experts;
 - Harmonization of the spectrum harmonization for new and existing services;
 - Coordination of administrative legal procedures in the Americas;
 - Analysis of the regulatory situation in the region (Blue Book) that shows the existing possibilities, which turns it into a reference book for the countries;
 - Identification and promotion of training courses of interest for the member countries;
 - Definition of guidelines for value-added services;
 - Definition of guidelines for the certification of equipments;
 - Analysis of LMDS for the harmonious introduction of this service into the region;

- Identification of the frequency bands and analysis of the various available technologies for the low earth orbit satellite services;
- Coordination with ITU for preparing and maintaining a record of frequency band allocation in the region; and
- Harmonization of the use of wireless systems.