

COM/CITEL DEC. 85 (XXVII-13)¹

FORWARDING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CITEL TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The XXVII Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

DECIDES:

1. To forward the attached draft resolution to the Sixth Regular Assembly of CITEL.
2. To attach this draft resolution to the Annual Report for 2013 to be presented by CITEL to the OAS General Assembly.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to take the steps necessary to implement the mandate contained in this decision.

ANNEX TO DECISION COM/CITEL/DEC. 85 (XXVII-13)

AG/RES. XXXX (XLIV-O/13)

Telecommunications/Information and communications technologies for development

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution AG/RES. 2765 (XLIII-O/13), “SUPPORT FROM CITEL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE SIXTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS AND THE HIGH-LEVEL WORLD CONFERENCES HELD IN 2012 AND IN PREPARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION EVENTS FOR THE 2013-2014 CYCLE,” by which the OAS General Assembly expressed its support for the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL, as well as its interest in representation of the member states of the Organization in that meeting by their highest-level governmental telecommunication authorities; and

That from February 10 to 13, 2014, the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL was held in Santo Domingo, where the Declaration of Santo Domingo was adopted,

CONSIDERING:

That CITEL has worked in several priority activities for the period 2010-2013 that included: roaming; reducing e-waste; promoting greater international cooperation in ensuring the security and robustness of international telecommunication networks; calling for greater investment in broadband infrastructure; improving access to emergency services; recommending a model for developing a national strategy to mitigate online risks to children; spectrum management and monitoring; and advancing preparation of inter-american proposals for the World Radiocommunication Conference, the World Telecommunication Development Conference and the Plenipotentiary Conference;

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That on February 10, 2014 a Strategic Dialogue on “Broadband and Internet Development in the Americas” was held with a unique audience mix including ministers, regulators, industry CEOs, heads of international organizations, and academic leaders considering the importance of ensuring that the potential of broadband connectivity and the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications technologies are available to all,

RECOGNIZING:

That while in recent years considerable progress has been made in access to information and communications technologies in some areas, the digital divide persists in many member states, further recognizing that there are significant challenges due to less than xx per cent of the population in the Americas using the Internet;

That information and communications technologies present new opportunities and challenges, and that the establishment of national telecommunication policy and effective regulatory frameworks that promote the sustainable development of telecommunication/ICT services can foster economic growth, competitiveness, access to information and knowledge, and social inclusion;

That it is necessary to prepare proposals coordinated at the regional level to be presented at international forums on matters for determining the strategy for telecommunication/ICT development in the region if the shared objectives of the member states in this area are to be achieved;

The pivotal role of the OAS in promoting development and that information and communications technologies have the potential to provide new solutions to development challenges, and can foster economic growth, competitiveness, access to information and knowledge, and social inclusion; and

That the OAS, through CITEL, is in an ideal position and has the necessary experience to serve as the forum for the coordination, debate and harmonization of national and regional telecommunication strategies and policy, as well as information exchange in this area,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate and thank the Government of the Dominican Republic for successfully hosting the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL).
2. To endorse the Declaration of Santo Domingo, adopted on February 13, 2013 (see Appendix I), which is an integral part of this resolution.
3. To urge CITEL to continue coordinating efforts to develop, and improve telecommunication/ICTs and to continue to provide a platform where policymakers, regulators, private sector representatives, researchers, academics, and other interested parties can exchange views, experiences, and best practices in this area for the establishment and implementation of sustainable national policies, strategies and plans, through sharing best practices.
4. To foster cooperation, among member states on telecommunication/ICT development issues, by providing through CITEL the forum for consensus building on telecommunication/ICT technical and policy issues for international conferences.

5. To urge the member states to participate in the activities of CITEI in order to ensure regional representation in the debates.
6. To instruct the General Secretariat of the OAS to continue devoting to CITEI the financial support necessary to ensure continuity in the implementation of its mandates.
7. To request that CITEI report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth regular session on the implementation of this resolution.