

INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ROAMING SERVICES IN THE AMERICAS

The XIV Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain made at the Fifth Summit of the Americas held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in April 2009, the Heads of State and Government considered that reducing the digital divide, both among and within the nations of the Americas, is one of the conditions for achieving internationally agreed development objectives; and renewed their commitment to collaborate with regional, subregional and multinational agencies to advance progress in the implementation of the information society;
- b) That at the Meeting of Presidents of South America held in Brasilia, Brazil, in August 2000, the presidents of the region agreed to adopt joint measures to stimulate the process of South American political, social and economic integration, and in that context there emerged the Initiative for Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America (IIRSA), which constitutes a forum for dialogue among the authorities responsible for transport, energy, and communications infrastructure in the twelve South American countries;
- c) That International Roaming Services for Mobile Telecommunications Networks ² offer enormous potential for stimulation of regional integration in the Americas through telecommunication infrastructure at the regional, subregional and binational levels;
- d) That in the framework of the IIRSA an in-depth review has been carried out of this services market in the shape of the “Regional Study of the South American Roaming Services Market,” ³ giving particular attention to measures that could be encouraged at the regional level to enable this market to operate better;
- e) That various Member States and international organizations have expressed their interest that development of international roaming services be included in the work agenda of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL);
- f) That in recent years other bodies, such as the Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators (REGULATEL), Project Mesoamerica, MERCOSUR, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC), and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), among others, have included in their agendas harmonization and improvement of operating conditions in this services market;
- g) That CITEL and the IIRSA Initiative have held joint workshops on international roaming services, which took place in March 2008 and May 2009;
- h) That the conclusions of the recent Joint CITEL/IIRSA Workshop “International Roaming Services: Regional Action Plan and Lessons Learnt” (available in working document CCP.I-TEL/doc. 1677/09) were

¹ CCP.I-TEL/doc. 1685/09 rev.4

² Hereinafter “Roaming Services”

³ Available at www.iirsa.org/roaming.asp

the subject of an exchange of ideas at the plenary meetings of the Working Group on Network Operation and Service Provisioning (WGNOSP);

i) That within the inter-American system, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has committed to the regional integration process in the framework of the IIRSA and has undertaken to coordinate and stimulate the Initiative, furnish technical assistance and logistical support, and provide financing for integration infrastructure projects;

j) That, therefore, there is a need to create a working forum to enable CITEL to coordinate with the organizations that form part of the inter-American system, such as the IDB, and other subregional institutions and organizations, as well as other organizations that work for or have an interest in the development of international roaming services in the Americas;

k) That this coordination would facilitate the participation of all actors involved in the development of international roaming services, avoid wasteful duplication of efforts, and harness existing synergies,

RESOLVES:

1. To create, within the PCC.I, a Rapporteur Group for International Roaming Services in the Americas Region, which will be supported by the CITEL Secretariat and will constitute a working forum for improvement of international roaming services in the Americas.

2. In order to complete its objectives, the Rapporteur Group for International Roaming Services in the Americas Region shall coordinate with the organizations of the inter-American system, such as the Inter-American Development Bank and other subregional institutions and organizations active in the system.

3. The Rapporteur Group for International Roaming Services in the Americas Region shall use the information submitted by the organizations of the inter-American system and other organizations that work for or have an interest in the development of international roaming services in the Americas, such as the Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators (REGULATEL), the Regional Technical Telecommunication Commission (COMTELCA), and industry.

4. The Rapporteur Group for International Roaming Services in the Americas Region and the Chairmanship of PCC.I will submit to the XV Meeting of PCC.I, for examination and endorsement, a progress report.

5. To designate the Administration of Peru in charge of the Rapporteur Group for International Roaming Services in the Americas Region who will present to the XV meeting of PCC.I, the terms of reference of the group.