

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE COST STRUCTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

The V Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunication Standardization,

IN VIEW OF:

- a) The terms of reference of the Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles PCC.I/RES.5 (I-02); and
- b) The Working Plan of the Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles included in the document CCP.I-TEL/doc.104/03 rev.5,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That technology advancement is bringing about a constant evolution of the telecommunications market, with the emergence of new operators, new services, and as a result, new scenarios to be analyzed;
- b) That to understand the dynamic of this process it is imperative to be familiar with not only the regulatory aspects that limit not only the process and the technologies used, but also the particular economic foundations identify each of them;
- c) That the interoperability of networks makes it necessary to study in depth the distinct cost structures of the different telecommunication services;
- d) That the regulatory agencies require efficient tools in order to analyze the price and tariff levels in force based on the real costs of service provision; and
- e) That the proliferation of new services and the globalization of business, with its consequent growth in communications, makes it necessary to carry out a comparative analysis of the different methodologies for determining the cost of telecommunications services in the countries of the Americas,

CONSIDERING FURTHER:

- a) That the treatment of economic aspects of telecommunications at a global level is being studied and debated in the ITU-T Study Group 3;
- b) That because of the existence of said studies, the Region needs to participate actively and in a complementary fashion with them by providing their particular visions; and
- c) That the topics stated are worthy of study and are of interest for the activities of the Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles of PCC.I,

¹ CCP.I-TEL/doc.506/04 rev.1

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) The conclusions of the Workshop on Economic Aspects of Telecommunications held in the IV PCC.I meeting in Quito, Ecuador;
- b) The need to continue studying and gathering additional information about the different methodologies for the determination of the costs of telecommunication services developed and implemented by the Administrations and Regulatory Agencies in the countries of the Americas; and
- c) The importance of having a report on this subject.

RESOLVES:

- 1. To request that the Administrations of CITEL complete the questionnaire contained in the annex of this Resolution, and forward it to the Secretariat of CITEL before November 30, 2004.
- 2. To instruct the Working Group on Economic Aspects and Tariff Principles to prepare a report based on the information received that will be presented at the VI meeting of PCC.I.

TO INSTRUCT THE CITEL SECRETARIAT:

To send to the Administrations the questionnaire in the Annex for the purpose of complying with *resolve* 1.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 58 (V-04)

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Member State or Associate member/*Estado miembro o Miembro asociado:*

Name of person responsible/Nombre del responsable

E-mail of responsible person/Correo electrónico del responsable:

Date of answer/Fecha de respuesta:

1. Please indicate if your country has any regulation concerning the provision of economic/accounting information of the operators to the Administration. If the answer is affirmative, please briefly describe.

1.1 Answer only if the answer to Question 1 was affirmative. Does the required information have specific chapters referring to costs?

1.1.1 Is cost-discrimination based on type of service required?

2. Please indicate if your country has experience with the application of theoretical models for calculation of costs? If affirmative, please specify which ones, and describe the results.

3. Please indicate if your country possesses or is planning to define a criteria or model for determining tariffs. If so, please briefly explain.

(This questionnaire may be answered as briefly or as extensively as each administration considers appropriate)