

**PCC.I/RES. 51 (IV-04)<sup>1</sup>**

**INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE**

The IV Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunication Standardization,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:**

- a) That, in accordance with Resolution CITEL/RES. 43 (III-02) of the III Regular Session of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), it has been established that one of the objectives of the PCC.I is to “act as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to telecommunications equipment certification processes, tariff principles and standards coordination for telecommunication networks and services with the goal of ensuring the interoperability of such networks and services within the region”;
- b) That the mandate of said Committee envisages, “in accordance with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regulations and taking into account the ITU Recommendations, to undertake the coordination of regional preparations for World Conferences on International Telecommunications, World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies, including the preparation of inter-American proposals (IAP) and common positions, as well as to undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for these conferences”;
- c) That the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002) approved Resolution 121 as the basis for analysis of the International Telecommunication Regulations; and
- d) That this resolution resolved that “the Union should continue a process of reviewing the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs); and that a world conference on international telecommunications (WCIT) be convened at the seat of the Union in 2007 or 2008, on the basis of the recommendations arising from this process of review”;

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That the First Meeting of PCC.I passed Resolution PCC.I/RES 4 (I-02), whereby the following mandate was established for the Working Group on the Preparations for the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WG-WCIT): “Considering that the principal output of such a conference is the review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITR), the group will consider the agenda for the World Conference on International Telecommunications convened under the auspices of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in order to promote the interests of the member States of the Americas region in this international forum”; and
- b. That the Work Plan of the WG-WCIT, approved by means of Resolution PCC.I/RES. 40 (III-03), considers performing over the current year the gathering of information on domestic regulation of international telecommunications (questionnaires and/or enquiries), as well as the initial analysis of the current content of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITR) of the ITU,

**CONSIDERING ALSO:**

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a) That, in compliance with the preceding “considering” clause, the III Meeting of the PCC.I, resolved to create a Discussion Group on the Electronic Forum of CITEL open to the participation of the Member States and associate members of CITEL; and

b) That, in spite of the above, no contributions regarding this topic have as yet been received in said Discussion Group,

### **RESOLVES:**

To request the CITEL Administrations to duly fill out the questionnaire in the appendix to this Resolution and forward it to the CITEL Secretariat by June 30, 2004.

### **INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEL:**

a) To send the questionnaire attached to this Resolution to the CITEL Administrations so they will duly comply with the provision of the *resolves* clause.

b) That, on behalf of the Chair of the Working Group on Preparations for the World Conference on International Telecommunications, sends the CITEL Administrations the background to the review of the International Telecommunication Regulations.

## **ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES.51 (IV-4) <sup>2</sup>**

<b>Questionnaire on International Telecommunications</b>
<b>Section A. Domestic regulatory framework in place</b>
<b>A.1. International Telephony Traffic</b>
A.1.1. Please indicate under which regime the provision of international long distance services (ILDS) is offered in your country:  - Liberalization: _____ - Competition: _____ - Privatization: _____ - Duopoly: _____ - Monopoly: _____ - Other (indicate): _____
A.1.2. Please indicate if the provision of ILDS in your country is:  - Regulated: _____ - Not regulated: _____ - Undetermined: _____
A.1.3. If the ILSD is regulated in your country, indicate if regulation is considered in the following aspects, or if intervention of the authority is considered:

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- Formalization of agreements with foreigner operators.
- Establishment of distribution (settlement) or termination rates.
- Connection point in your territory (international gateway).
- Others.

A.1.4. Indicate which bypass practices affect the most to the ILSD in your country.

A.1.5. Regarding the international traffic routed to or from your country, provide the following information:

1998  
1999  
2000  
2001  
2002  
2003

Total outgoing traffic (minutes)

Total incoming traffic (minutes)

Total number of ILDS providers (operators)

A.1.6. Indicate the 5 principal routes for your country.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## **2. Other International Traffic**

A.2.1. Indicate if in your country traffic exchange via Internet is:

- Deregulated
- Regulated to a transport network level
- Regulated to a final user service level
- Regulated to a contents level
- Undetermined

A.2.2. If this traffic is regulated to some specific level, indicate which are the main aspects of such regulations.
A.2.3. Please mention if in your country the Telephony service over Internet Protocol (IP Telephony) is:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibited: _____</li> <li>- Regulated: _____</li> <li>- Not regulated: _____</li> <li>- Undetermined: _____</li> </ul>
A.2.4. Is there in your country a government plan or strategy for the development of IP Telephony? Please explain.
A.2.5. Which opportunities or disadvantages do you consider that IP Telephony might bring to the different agents on the telephony service market?
<b>Section B. Short and mid term expectations on the domestic regulatory framework</b>
<b>1. International Telephony Traffic</b>
B.1.1. Has your Administration foreseen a substantial reform or modification to the regulatory framework for the ILDS?
B.1.2. Which aspects of your regulation do you foresee to be modified?
<b>2. Other International Traffic</b>
B.2.1. Has your Administration foreseen the implementation of regulatory measures for the traffic exchange via Internet?
B.2.2. Has your Administration foreseen the prohibition or regulation of the IP Telephony service?
<b>Section C. International regulatory framework in place</b>
<b>1. International Telephony Traffic</b>
C.1.1. Indicate if at present your Administration applies or takes as a reference the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITR).
C.1.2. Do you consider necessary the existence of international regulation for telephony traffic? Please explain.
<b>2. Other International Traffic</b>
C.2.1. Do you consider that the present ITR can be applied to other international telecommunication services?
C.2.2. Do you consider appropriate the present system of interconnection agreements between backbone providers for the exchange of Internet traffic?
C.2.3. Do you consider that these kind of commercial relationships should be regulated internationally? Please explain.
<b>Section D. Expectation on international regulation</b>
<b>1. International Telephony Traffic</b>
D.1.1. In the case that the ITR was amended, which basic elements do you consider an updated ITR should include?
D.1.2. Does your Administration participate or it would participate in the ITU Council Working Group for the revision of the ITR?
D.1.3. Please mention if your Administration would support the realization of a World Conference on International Telecommunications for the year 2007 or 2008?
<b>2. Other International Traffic</b>

D.2.1. Indicate which aspects relative to other international services should be considered in the ITR.
D.2.2. Particularly, regarding the international traffic via Internet, which provisions do you consider an updated ITR should include.
<b>Section E. Other issues</b>
What additional issues does your Administration consider should be included within this framework?