

PCC.I/RES.21 (II-03)¹

BROADBAND ACCESS TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES

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

CONSIDERING:

Resolution PCC.I/RES.4 (I-02)² and the attached annexes identify broadband as a priority issue for examination by PCC.I,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That Broadband access technologies have the potential to foster economic growth by improving communications infrastructure;
- b) That Broadband infrastructure can provide the capacity to significantly improve services and applications in practically any sector of society using communications networks, and
- c) That the potential benefits of broadband access technologies and services or applications are consistent with the goals outlined by Heads of State at the Summit of the Americas in Quebec, Canada, in April 2001³,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER:

- a) That the Working Group on Advanced Network Technologies and Services is working on the issue of broadband access technologies, and how these technologies enhance services and applications, and
- b) That in addressing the issues included in this resolution, the Member States would help to achieve the goals of the Connectivity Agenda for the Americas and of the Working Group on Advanced Network Technologies and Services,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That broadband infrastructure deployment can be facilitated by implementing technologically independent regulations, as well as by implementing policies and regulations that encourage investment in new and diverse communications technologies and services,

¹ Document CCP.I-TEL/doc.163/03 rev.2

² Document CCP.I-TEL/doc. 92/02 rev.1 (FINAL REPORT)

³ <http://www.citel.oas.org>

RESOLVES:

1. To draw to the attention of the authorities responsible for the policy-making to promote the development of the networks and of the telecommunications services, as well as of the regulatory bodies of the Member States, to take due account in their respective spheres of competence the advantages of a prompt evolution towards a national broadband infrastructure, including access to the end users, allowing them to benefit from the advanced services in an environment of convergence.
2. To begin the preparation of a document that will provide technical information that could be used as a guide to draw up policies promoting the deployment of broadband infrastructure and advanced services to provide the information at the highest levels in the OAS through COM/CITEL.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To distribute this Resolution to the Member States.