

COM/CITEL/RES.88 (VIII-99) ¹

**NOTIFICATION TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CITEL'S
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1999**

The Eighth Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL.

CONSIDERING:

The extensive results achieved in response to the mandate received from the Summit of the Americas

RESOLVES:

To include the attached draft resolution in the CITEL Annual report which is to be sent to the OAS General Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THE RESPONSE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION TO
THE MANDATE RECEIVED FROM THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

HAVING SEEN:

CITEL's 1999 Annual Report, COM/CITEL/doc.479/99 cor. 1

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Second Summit of the Americas of Heads of State and Government, held in Santiago de Chile, in April 1998 ("the Summit"), entrusted CITEL and the governments of the OAS Member States with mandates for strengthening telecommunications in the hemisphere;
- b) That the mandates entrusted to CITEL by the Summit include: (1) the development and fostering, together with the private sector, of applications over electronic networks to support, education, health, agriculture and sustainable rural development, electronic commerce, and other applications; (2) studies of standards coordination aspects of telecommunications infrastructure to satisfy the network's interconnection requirements and to support the implementation of new applications in the regional context; and (3) the development of consistent regulatory approaches among member countries for the promotion of greater commonality in the certification process for telecommunications equipment through the establishment of a framework for a Mutual Recognition Agreement;
- c) That during 1999, CITEL made great strides towards compliance with those mandates by implementing the following activities: (1) adoption of a reference book on Universal Service in

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the Americas, developed jointly with the ITU and AHCNET; (2) the endorsement of an Inter-American Mutual Recognition Agreement on the Conformity Assessment Processes; (3) approval of an updated version of the **Blue Book** (a reference book produced in conjunction with the ITU and containing recommendations on telecommunications policies for CITELE Member States); (4) adoption of a recommendation that encourages CITELE Member States to declare the INTERNET a priority for providing all citizens with equal opportunity for accessing information and knowledge; (5) the development of guidelines and practices for interconnection regulations; (6) the adoption and submission to the ITU of common proposals for the World Radiocommunication Conference, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the Plenipotentiary Conference and the World Telecommunication Development Conference; (7) completion of a pilot project on Tele-education; (8) initiation of a program for stimulating and facilitating the deployment of E-Commerce in CITELE's Member States; (9) development and adoption of a framework of enhanced cooperation with other regional and international telecommunications organs; and (10) development of Coordinated Standards Documents in the areas of Intelligent Networks, Wireless Communications, and Signalling System Number 7.

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of and congratulate CITELE for its progress in advancing the Summit's telecommunications mandates, as described in CITELE's 1999 Annual Report.
2. To encourage CITELE to continue to enhance its programs and activities for completing the Summit mandates.
3. To urge the OAS Member States to participate in CITELE's program of activities in relation to the Summit mandates.