COM/CITEL RES. 103 (IX-00)[1]

EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE CITEL FOR THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (PP-02) SO AS TO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION OF THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE OF 2002 (WTDC-02)

The Ninth Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

a)   That telecommunications offer a significant support to the economic and social development of our countries;

b)   That in March-April, 2002, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) will hold the Third World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC);

c)   That the ITU has scheduled a Preparatory Meeting of WTDC-02 for the Region of the Americas to be held in Trinidad and Tobago, 16-18 October 2001;

d)   That the Member States should bring up-to-date the Regional Office of the ITU of their most important needs for the development of their activities for the region;

e)   That the Member States in the Americas have had successful experiences, through several means, in the development of telecommunications;

f)   That the ITU-D Study Groups, Working Parties, and the Group of Rapporteurs have produced significant works on these issues;

g)   That the Programs of the ITU-D include serious budget restrictions that may affect their implementation, and that it is necessary to take into consideration the changing nature of the countries' needs;

h)   That it is necessary to strengthen the regional presence of the ITU as approved by resolution 25 from the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference;

i)   That many public and private entities related to the Sector are able to make a significant contribution to these issues;

j)   That the above experiences, works, and contributions may as a whole be an excellent contribution to other regions in the world, and

k)   That at its VII meeting held in 14-16 August 2000, the Steering Committee encouraged COM/CITEL to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Group to prepare the next WTDC and requested the Executive Secretary of CITEL to prepare a draft resolution,

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

a)   That by resolution COM/CITEL RES.85 (VIII-99) established the working group to prepare CITEL for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2002, and

b)   That to avoid duplication of efforts it would be appropriate for the Working Group to prepare CITEL for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2002 be in charge of preparing the World Telecommunication Development Conference, WTDC-2002.

RESOLVES:

1.   That the Working Group to prepare CITEL for the ITU PP-02 be in charge of preparing WTDC-02 through the coordination of its chapters on "regional presence" and "Telecommunications development sector".

2.   That among the objectives of the Working Group to prepare PP-02 and WTDC-02 be included the objective of working in close coordination with the ITU Regional Office and other Regional Telecommunication Organizations so as to:

   a)   Prepare a report on the status of telecommunications in the Americas since the 1998 conference held in Malta to be considered by WTDC-02;
   b)   Include in such report a list of priority issues, such as the draft included in Annex, that should be considered by the Conference;
   c)   Include, also, in such report the outcome of the evaluation of priorities in the States of the region of the Americas performed by the ITU Regional Office on the basis of the six (6) programs contained in the Valleta Action Plan, as well as other activities pertaining to telecommunication development; and
   d)   Prepare joint proposals for the development of the Conference.

3.   To invite the Member States and associate members to contribute to the work of the Group.

4.   That each Permanent Consultative Committee establishes an Ad hoc group to prepare inputs for the WTDC and to submit their inputs to the coordinators responsible for the chapters on "regional presence" and "Telecommunications development sector" of the Working Group.

ANNEX

PRELIMINARY LIST OF PRIORITY ISSUES

1. Development of plans for the development of telecommunications in rural and low income urban areas.

2. Human resources development.

3. Management of the Radio Spectrum.

4. Methodology for the development of global interconnection.

5. Regional integration through project identification.

6. Development of Internet content in the languages of the Member States.

7. Promote and coordinate the modernization of telecommunications infrastructure through introduction of new technologies, in particular broadband technology, third generation mobile systems, telecasting and IP (Internet protocol) technology.

8. Utilization of telecommunications as a means to preserve human life and public safety under natural disaster circumstances.