

**COM/CITEL RES 144 (XII-02)<sup>1</sup>**

**ACTIVITIES OF CITEL DURING 2002**

The XII Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That during the Third Summit of the Americas the Heads of State and Government confirmed their commitment to hemispheric integration and national and collective responsibility for improving the economic wellbeing and security of the people in the Americas, and
- b) That the Summit requested CITEL to work with regional and sub-regional organizations to prepare and implement, before the next Summit of the Americas, a cooperative and collaborative program in support of an agenda of connectivity for the hemisphere,

**BEARING IN MIND:**

That CITEL plays a central role in implementing the decisions made by the Summits of the Americas with respect to telecommunications and its applications, making it necessary to strengthen its operating mechanisms and use more effectively its resources to obtain timely response to the commitments made by the Heads of State of the Region.

**RESOLVES:**

To inform the General Assembly of the OAS of the important activities carried out during 2002 by CITEL.

**INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

To attach the Resolution in the Annex to the CITEL Annual Report which will be submitted to the OAS General Assembly.

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**AG/RES. YYYY (XXXIII-O/03)**

**ACTIVITIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION  
DURING 2002**

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,**

**HAVING SEEN:** the Annual Report submitted by the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) ;

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<sup>1</sup> Document COM/CITEL/doc. 707/02.

**BEARING IN MIND:** That agreement was reached at the Third Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL held August 12-16, 2002, in Washington, D.C., on principles for continuing to strengthen CITEL, so it can fully meet its obligations,

**CONSIDERING:**

That in complying with its mandates, during 2002 the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission pursued diverse activities, among which the following are especially noteworthy:

1. Development of an Agenda for Connectivity and a Plan of Action to address the issue of Connectivity in the Americas and to guide the development of individual Connectivity Agendas and Plans of Action for countries which may find it appropriate;
2. Preparation and distribution of draft reports on the Global Information Infrastructure and on Tele-education in the Americas;
3. Advanced implementation of the Mutual Recognition Agreement on Conformity Assessment of telecommunication equipments (MRA) with eight countries participating or having indicated they will participate during 2003 in Phase I, which includes procedures for Mutual Recognition of Testing Laboratories as Conformity Assessment Bodies and Mutual Acceptance of Test Reports and two countries participating in Phase II, Procedures for Mutual Recognition of Certification Bodies as Conformity Assessment Bodies and Mutual Acceptance of Equipment Certifications;
4. Publication of CITEL's own magazine which highlights the activities of the Commission and the current issues affecting the Telecommunications Community in the Americas;
5. Development of common inter-American Proposals which were submitted to and adopted by the 2002 World Telecommunication Development Conference and the 2002 Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union. In this way, CITEL has ensured that the Region of the Americas has a strong voice in the Global forum of the International Telecommunication Union;
6. Diverse activities to ensure the coordinated allocation of the spectrum in the region, including the continuous updating of the spectrum usage database available on the CITEL web page in French, English and Spanish;
7. Partnerships established through Cooperation Agreements with nine telecommunication organizations from various parts of the world to improve coordination with other telecommunications organizations for the development and implementation of effective and sustainable programs. These agreements were not an initiative of CITEL and therefore are indicative of the status CITEL has acquired in the eyes of the telecommunication community throughout the world.
8. Provision of appropriate environment for its Member States to exchange their experiences and best practices, making it possible to keep updated legal and regulatory frameworks that are predictable, consistent, nondiscriminatory and transparent and will contribute to the development of telecommunications and universal access thereto.
9. Experiences were shared during the training courses and more than 200 fellowships granted to people in the Americas on telecommunication issues essential to the region. Relations with the Regional Training Centers of CITEL and the through the Center of Excellence for the Americas of the ITU were enhanced,

10. Improvement of working methods through a more competent handling of electronic documents.
11. Increasing the participation of associate member by fostering their activities and organizing seminars/workshops.

**RESOLVES:**

1. To commend the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission for its ongoing efforts to facilitate and promote the continuing development of telecommunications in the Hemisphere.
2. To take note of the important actions initiated and accomplished by the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission during 2002.
3. To request CITELE to submit a follow-up report to the thirty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.