

COM/CITEL RES. 176 (XIV-04)¹

ITU-T APPROVAL PROCEDURES

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That WTSA concluded that “(1) two Member States are required to oppose the approval; (2) TSAG (Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group) be tasked to review the process and, if necessary, revise it “ (WTSA – 04/136);
- b) That under the PCC.I Terms of Reference, it is the responsibility of the Chairman to follow the decisions of WTSA;
- c) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL, submitted its opinion on the issue to the WTSA in the proposal captioned “Approval Procedure for Recommendations”, which stated the reasons why both Traditional Approval Procedures (TAP) and Alternative Approval Procedures (AAP) should be maintained because they have demonstrated significant flexibility and effectiveness, as confirmed by the fact that nearly 800 recommendations have been approved by the AAP process since its approval in 2000 and only in two occasions since the passing of the AAP has any Member State exercised its veto power;
- d) That the power of any Member State to veto a recommendation is consistent with the sovereign right of each State to regulate its telecommunications;
- e) That COM/CITEL’s view is that the WTSA has not made any decisions as to the applicable procedures to approve recommendations and has commissioned TSAG to review the process and consequently make the corresponding decisions; and
- f) That, to carry out the review tasks, TSAG should give consideration to the fact that there are different constructions regarding the meaning of the decisions which are sometimes contradictory in their nature, thus making them inapplicable if no competent authority decides about their real meaning and scope,

RESOLVES:

To request that TSAG review the recommendation approval process pursuant to the above mentioned considerations and decide the appropriate action to take.

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