

COM/CITEL RES. 187 (XIV-04)¹

DRAFT AGENDA AND STRUCTURE OF THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY OF CITEL

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

HAVING SEEN:

- a) That CITEL Statute provides in Article 6 that “CITEL shall hold a Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly every four years, in the place as determined by the CITEL Assembly in accordance with the principle of rotation set forth in the Regulations”;
- b) That CITEL Regulations provide in Article 5 that CITEL shall endeavor to hold the Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly during the first quarter of the year;

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Fourth Regular Assembly of CITEL in Costa Rica during the first quarter of 2006.
2. To approve the Draft Agenda of the Fourth Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly as set forth in Annex 1 to this Resolution.
3. To recommend that the Administrations of the OAS Member States facilitate the participation of their highest ranking telecommunications authorities in their delegations.
4. To inform the OAS General Assembly in 2005 of the important activities carried out in 2004 and those planned in connection with the CITEL Assembly, according to the draft resolution that appears in Annex 2 of this Resolution.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 187 (XIV-04)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Organization of the Assembly
 - 2.1 Order of precedence
 - 2.2 Creation of Working Committees
 - 2.3 Establishment of the Committees on Credentials, Style, and Drafting
3. Election of the Assembly’s Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen
4. Report by the Chair of COM/CITEL
5. Reports from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - 5.1 I: Telecommunication Standardization
 - 5.2 II: Radio communication including Broadcasting
6. Report of the Conference Preparatory Working Group dealing with regional preparations for world conferences and meetings
7. Situation of Connectivity in the Americas
8. CITEL Strategic Plan
9. Proposals to amend the Statute and Regulations

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10. Establishment of the Permanent Consultative Committees: allocation, purpose, and specific mandate
11. Appointment of a Member State to serve as Vice-Chairman of COM/CITEL
12. Election of the Member States of COM/CITEL
13. Election of Member States to chair the Permanent Consultative Committees
14. Response by CITEL to the Fourth Summit of the Americas
15. Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society
16. Establishment of CITEL's Operations Plan for 2006-2008 and of the corresponding program-budget
17. Coordination with other regional and international bodies
18. Convocation of the XVI and XVII meetings of COM/CITEL
19. Other business
20. Adoption of the Final Report

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 187 (XIV-04)

**DRAFT RESOLUTION AG/RES. WWW (XXXV-O/05)
SUPPORT FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF AND PREPARATIONS FOR
THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITEL ASSEMBLY**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution **AG/RES. 2020 (XXXIV-O/04)**, asking the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) to submit a follow-up report on its activities to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth regular session;

RECOGNIZING:

The economic and social role played by telecommunications in our society;

The speed of technological change, the necessary adaptation of telecommunications systems to the political and technical environment and to market needs, and the importance of the investments that arise therefrom;

The importance of ensuring that the Organization continues to promote, with enthusiasm and determination, access to telecommunications and information technologies by all citizens;

BEARING IN MIND:

That at the Third Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly, held in Washington, DC, United States, in August 2002, the Administration of Costa Rica was chosen to host the Fourth Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly;

That holding a meeting at such a level is of key importance to the hemisphere, so that the priorities, needs, and recommendations of the telecommunications authorities of the Americas can be determined; and,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That CITELE is the leading inter-American forum for dialogue on telecommunications matters and that it is carrying out a job of utmost importance and effectiveness in following up on the telecommunications initiatives of the Summits of the Americas and fulfilling programs and projects of great value for the development of the countries of the hemisphere;

That it is necessary to encourage the active, high-level participation of the Member States in the formulation of policies and in the design and implementation of strategies and priority plans;

The significant progress made with identifying the region's telecommunications priorities;

EMPHASIZING:

The following activities undertaken by CITELE during 2004:

- a. Approval of various recommendations dealing with the coordination of appropriate, stable, and viable standards to guarantee interoperability and the timely introduction of advanced technologies, particularly standards for protecting key infrastructure, broadcasting issues, spectrum harmonization, problems arising from telecommunications convergence, and economic aspects relating to telecommunications;
- b. Offer of several professional refresher courses in telecommunications, using materials prepared by accredited training centers in the region and in coordination with the Center of Excellence for the Americas Region of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- c. Presentation of a harmonized regional view, through the development of Inter-American Proposals, to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly that took place in 2004. Work has also continued with the preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference and the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU, both scheduled for 2006, and the World Radio communication Conference and the International Telecommunications Conference, to take place in 2007;
- d. Organization of various seminars and workshops dealing with priority issues for the countries, such as next generation networks, cybersecurity, economic telecommunications issues, and telecommunications using the IP protocol; and,
- e. Maintenance and expansion of cooperation among all the Member States and with the pertinent regional organizations;

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the progress made with the organizational preparations for the Fourth Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2006 in San José, Costa Rica.
2. To ask the Secretary General to exercise his good offices vis-à-vis the governments of the Member States to ensure the participation of the highest governmental telecommunications authorities and thereby to ensure the success of the Fourth Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly.
3. To recommend that the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs of the Permanent Council, within the framework of the existing allocations, identify the resources needed to hold the aforesaid event.
4. To offer CITEL its recognition for its major achievements in encouraging the development of telecommunications in the region and, in particular, in implementing the mandates of the Summits of the Americas.
5. To instruct CITEL to continue evaluating mechanisms for encouraging active participation by all the Member States in its activities and, in particular, in preparing inter-American proposals, positions, and coordinated points of view for the major international events that are to take place in the near future.
6. To encourage the Member States to continue implementing the telecommunications commitments of the Summits of the Americas and promoting and disseminating the implementation of CITEL's recommendations within their respective Administrations.
7. To request CITEL to submit a follow-up report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth regular session.