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APPROVAL OF THE CITEL COURSE PROGRAM FOR 2006

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the report by the General Coordinator for the Development of Human Resources points to the outstanding results achieved by the 2005 CITEL training program;
- b) That the results of the survey on 2006 training needs presented by the CITEL Member States are already available, and
- c) That cooperation with the ITU Center of Excellence for the Americas has been maintained and strengthened,

FURTHER CONSIDERING:

- a) That continuing training of human resources in the sector is fundamental for the economic development of countries in order facilitate the introduction of advanced technologies in the context of the continuous development of telecommunications, and
- b) That during the XVI Meeting of COM/CITEL, the Administrations insisted on the importance of increasing the budget for the granting of scholarships for telecommunication courses,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following program of courses under the 2006 CITEL budget prepared by the Coordination for the Development of Human Resources taking into account the priorities presented by Member States. When the regular fund budget for CITEL 2006 scholarships is used, the number of scholarships shall be authorized by the above-mentioned Coordination bearing in mind the available budget and the Organization of American States regulations. Initially, 15 scholarships shall be offered for distance learning courses and 4 scholarships for attendance-based courses on the dates suggested in Annex 5 of COM/CITEL/doc 1039/05 rev.1.

| Institution | Course | Category |
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| National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay (ANTEL) (<i>Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de Uruguay</i>) | IPTV-based triple play | Distance learning |
| Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) (<i>Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros</i>) | Voice Over IP. Regulatory, Technological and Market Considerations | Distance learning |
| Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) (<i>Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros</i>) | Digital television: Technological and Market Considerations | Distance learning |

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| Center of Excellence for the Americas National Telecommunications Commission of Venezuela (<i>Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones</i>) (CONATEL) | Decision-making for the Acquisition of Telecommunications Technology | Distance learning |
| Center for Technological Innovation of the School of Engineering of Paraguay (<i>Centro de Innovación Tecnológica de la Facultad de Ingeniería de Paraguay</i>) | Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) | Attendance-based |
| CentroAmerican Telecommunication Commission (COMTELCA) (<i>Comisión de Telecomunicaciones de Centro América</i>) Under Secretariat of Telecommunications (SUBTEL-Chile) (<i>SubSecretaría de Telecomunicaciones de Chile</i>) | Planning and Design of Rural Networks | Distance learning |
| Julio Garavito Colombian School of Engineering (<i>Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería "Julio Garavito"</i>) | Applications and Data in Mobile Telephony Networks | Distance learning |
| Julio Garavito Colombian School of Engineering (<i>Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería "Julio Garavito"</i>) | Information Network Security | Distance learning |
| School of Engineering and Technology of the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU) (<i>Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica de Uruguay</i>) | New Generation Converging Public Networks | Distance learning |
| School of Engineering and Technology of the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU) (<i>Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica de Uruguay</i>) | Cost and evaluation of Projects on Network Services Applied to Decision Making | Distance learning |
| National Institute for Telecommunication Research and Training of Peru (INICTEL) (<i>Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones</i>) | Environmental Management of Electromagnetic Field | Distance learning |
| Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) (<i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires</i>) | WI FI Networks | Distance learning |
| Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) (<i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires</i>) | Access networks | Distance learning |
| United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) | Disaster Communications Management | Attendance-based |

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| Sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) | | |
| United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) Sponsored by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Comsearch | Spectrum Management in the Civil Sector | Attendance-based |

2. That in the event that the OAS Office of Scholarships, Training and Information Technology invites to participate in the Competition for the 2006 Program of Scholarships for Professional Development Training Courses, the General Coordinator will participate if said Institutes are interested and will request:

- 30 additional scholarships for each distance learning course mentioned in the previous table;
- 5 additional scholarships for each attendance-based course, and
- Number of scholarships to be determined on a case by case basis, for other courses responding to training priorities presented by the countries.

3. To empower the Coordinator to schedule course dates, to select other courses to meet the training needs of Member States, and to decide on the number of scholarships to be awarded in each case up to the maximum scholarship budget available to the Commission and in accordance with the needs of the Administrations.

4. To follow the necessary procedures before the OAS to request a 20% increase in the scholarship regular fund budget assigned to CITEL.

5. To thank the OAS Office of Scholarships, Training and Information Technology for their continuous and excellent support in disseminating CITEL course offer.

6. That the conditions under which courses will be offered –unless otherwise stated – shall be:

- Each distance learning group will have a maximum of 35 students.
- The maximum tuition fee for distance learning courses that have a CITEL scholarship will be US\$ 200.
- 10% of the total amount collected from tuition fees from all scholarships granted by CITEL/OAS to distance learning courses offered through the ITU Center of Excellence platform will be deposited in an account to be used as seed budget for the course program in coming years. The use of such seed budget will be authorized by the General Coordinator for the Development of Human Resources.

7. To urge Administrations to get their countries representatives in the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CEPCIDI) to simplify and speed up procedures relating to scholarships in the telecommunications area.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

- a) To follow the relevant procedures to comply with *resolves* 1, 4 and 7 above.
- b) To widely disseminate information related to such courses.

c) To approach the relevant authorities with a view to drafting a proposal for simplifying the scholarship application form for distance learning courses as well as speeding up related procedures