

PCC.I/RES. 273 (XXIX-16)¹

**MANUAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEST PRACTICES TO COMBAT FRAUD IN
SUBSCRIPTION SATELLITE TELEVISION SIGNAL RECEPTION**

The 29th Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That PCC.I's mandates include promoting the discussion and drafting of recommendations on new technologies aimed at understanding how the region's countries are establishing regulatory frameworks for the future that encourage infrastructure and innovation and welcome new services in an environment of legal security, healthy competitiveness, and evolving technological conditions;
- b) That Resolution CCP.I/RES. 242 (XXVI-15) included, in the Fraud and Regulatory Practice Classification Table appearing as Annex 1 to Decision CCP.I/DEC. 204 (XXV-14), type 35. Unauthorized Satellite Television Signal Receiver Devices, and its definition: "Satellite receiver devices with decryption capabilities to illegally access signals from subscription satellite television systems without due authorization or which could be modified for that purpose," in Annex 2 to the above-mentioned Decision;
- c) That Resolution CCP.I/RES. 242 (XXVI-15) established a drafting group coordinated by the Administration of Uruguay and comprised of the Administrations of Argentina, Colombia, and other member states that indicated their interest in participating in the drafting of a Manual of Recommendations on Best Regulatory Practices to combat the importation, marketing and/or use of unauthorized satellite television signal receiver devices or which could be modified for that purpose;
- d) That said Manual must contain the measures currently adopted, recommendations, and best practices on the basis of the contributions made by the member states and associate members of PCC.I;
- e) That, on the basis of the questionnaire attached to Resolution CCP.I/RES. 242 (XXVI-15), the member states of CITEL were requested to provide information about this subject, and that responses were received from 10 of them;
- f) That, on the basis of Resolution CCP.I/RES. 242 (XXVI-15), subsequently ratified by Resolution CCP.I/RES. 255 (XXVII-15), it was decided to hold the Seminar on "Best Regulatory Practices to Combat Fraud in Subscription Satellite Television Signal Reception" at the 28th Meeting of PCC.I, where the draft of the Manual of Recommendations on Best Practices in this area was submitted for comments from member states;

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- g) That the responses to the questionnaire that were received and the presentations that were made at the Seminar, as well as the comments received, were taken into consideration and included in the above-mentioned Manual;

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the “Manual of Recommendations on Best Regulatory Practices to combat the manufacture, import, leasing, marketing, distribution, and/or use of receiver devices with decryption capabilities to illegally access signals from subscription satellite television systems without due authorization or which could be modified for that purpose,” attached to the present resolution.
2. To invite member states, who have not as yet established regulations and procedures to combat the manufacture, import, leasing, marketing, distribution, and/or use of receiver devices with decryption capabilities to illegally access signals from subscription satellite television systems without due authorization or which could be modified for that purpose, to consider establishing regulatory measures to that end.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary to distribute, among the member states, the Manual attached to the present resolution and to undertake dissemination activities deemed relevant for that purpose.
4. To instruct the Rapporteurship on Fraud Control, Non-Compliance Practices in Telecommunications and Regional Measures against the Theft of Mobile Terminal Devices of the Working Group on Policy and Regulation to update annually the measures adopted in the various member states to combat the manufacture, import, leasing, marketing, distribution, and/or use of receiver devices with decryption capabilities to illegally access signals from subscription satellite television systems without due authorization or which could be modified for that purpose, using the questionnaire that is attached to Resolution CCP.I/RES. 242 (XXVI-15).