

**PCC.I/RES. 283 (XXX-17)<sup>1</sup>**

**CREATING THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE APPLICATION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT) AS TOOLS FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

**CONSIDERING:**

1. That PCC.I/RES. 243 (XXVI), adopted at the 26 Meeting of PCC.I, established the Ad Hoc Group for the Application of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) as Tools for the Empowerment of Women, whose principal goal is to identify the use of ICTs as tools to prevent and eradicate violence against women.
2. That Resolutions PCC.I/RES. 258 (XXVII) and PCC.I/RES. 259 (XXVII), adopted at the 27 Meeting of PCC.I, established a “2016-2018 Roadmap for the Development of Projects, Human and Financial Resources to Promote Women’s Access, Use and Leadership ICT Development” and “Call for Awards and Award Rules ‘ICTs to Prevent and Eradicate Violence against Women,’” respectively.
3. That, as part of the Group’s work, a Call was issued for the Award “ICT TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN” on the basis of which the three best initiatives, projects, programs, or examples of public policies involving the use of information and communication technologies were recognized, highlighting their application and support in the Americas region to prevent and eradicate violence against women,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To bring to a conclusion the duties of the PCC.I Ad Hoc Group established by means of Resolution PCC.I/RES. 243 (XXVI) and to thank it for the work it has done.
2. To establish a new Ad Hoc Group for the Application of ICTs as Tools for the Empowerment of Women to identify opportunities for improvement and mechanisms to increase and broaden the empowerment of women and girls through ICTs, including actions, activities, and public-private partnerships that contribute to consolidating women’s rights in the information society, as well as in gender equality and equity plans. This Ad Hoc Group shall be open to the participation of all CITELE member states and shall be chaired by Canada, and its vice-chair shall be the Dominican Republic.
3. To request the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ad Hoc Group to draft the terms of reference of this Ad Hoc Group and submit them to the 31 Meeting of PCC.I.
4. To instruct the Ad Hoc Group to draw up a roadmap for the period 2017-2018 for the purpose of establishing activities and determining the development projects and resources (both human and financial) needed to promote the empowerment of women through ICT access, use, and leadership.

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5. To instruct the Ad Hoc Group to identify the subject of the call for awards this year and draw up the terms of reference for the Annual Award along with the CITEL Secretariat and CIM, and to submit them to the 31 Meeting of PCC.I.
6. To request the Executive Secretary of CITEL to continue strengthening his ties with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) and to continue working jointly and making the necessary coordination to tackle solutions to issues associated with the empowerment of women and girls, on the basis of the positive use of information and communication technologies (ICT).
7. To revoke the resolutions and decisions associated with the activities of the Ad Hoc Group that is being terminated: resolutions PCC.I/RES. 258 (XXVII-15) and PCC.I/RES. 267 (XXVIII-16), and decisions PCC.I/DEC. 250 (XXVIII-16) and PCC.I/DEC 256 (XXIX-16).
8. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to carry out the actions required to be able to carry out this Resolution.