

## **CITEL RES.26 (II-98)<sup>1</sup>**

### **ROLE OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AMERICAS REGION**

The Second Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL.

#### **CONSIDERING:**

That the CITEL Plan of Action, in 1996 provided for close collaboration of regional telecommunications bodies in the work of CITEL.

That the Forum held in conjunction with this Assembly, on March 2, 1998, has identified a series of important contributions which regional bodies have made and are making to the development of telecommunications in the Americas.

#### **REALIZING:**

The importance of building on the major work of Regional Telecommunications organization in geographical areas (CTU, CANTO, COMTELCA, ASETA, etc.) and specialized fields (AHCIET, PTC, INTELSAT, etc.).

The specific contributions which some groups have already made in relation to new satellite services (GMPCS), Regional Development Conferences, and in the development of the Blue Book on Telecommunication Policy for the Americas.

#### **NOTING:**

That the evidence from the Panel Discussion on March 2, 1998 drew attention to the promotion of telecommunication business sectors.

That it is vital to focus on the sharing of technology, expertise and information.

That the Regional Telecommunication Organizations (RTO) can create spheres of influence in the Region.

That RTOs have demonstrated great cooperation among themselves.

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**ALSO NOTING:**

That the regional and international telecommunications organizations in the Americas are participating in the ITU under Article 19 of its Convention.

**HAVING EXAMINED:**

The major development demands in the Americas and the role of regional and international organizations especially for the GII, new satellite systems, etc.

**RESOLVES:**

To instruct COM/CITEL and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Structure and Functioning of CITEL to examine, within their spheres of competence, alternative courses of action for strengthening the role of the international organizations of the Americas and their links with the various CITEL organs, including the possibility of establishing a category of membership that appropriately reflects those links.