

CITEL RES.55 (IV-06) ¹

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL, is the specialized entity of the Organization of American States, dealing with telecommunications;
- b) That Article 5 of the Statute of CITEL empowers the Assembly to establish as many Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) as deemed necessary for the fulfillment of its objectives and functions, as provided for in Article 3 of the Statute;
- c) That according to the CITEL Regulations, the Assembly must establish a specific mandate for each PCC, and
- d) That the Permanent Consultative Committees are the basis for the work for the fulfillment of the objectives and functions of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To repeal resolution CITEL/RES. 43 (III-06).
- 2. To establish the following Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - PCC.I: Telecommunications
 - PCC.II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting
- 3. To establish the following objectives and mandates for the Permanent Consultative Committees:

Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications (PCC.I)

Objective

To serve as a telecommunication advisory body of CITEL with respect to:

- Coordination of standards for telecommunication networks and services, with the aim of achieving the interoperability of such networks and services within the region;
- New policy, regulatory, and economic matters arising as a result of the rapid evolution of telecommunications; and
- Initiatives for the introduction of technologies and services, such as, *inter alia*, MRAs, conformity assessment procedures, and tariff matters.

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To implement this objective, Permanent Consultative Committee I has the following mandates:

Mandates

In accordance with the ITU Regulations and taking account of the ITU Recommendations:

- a) To promote coordination, planning, and harmonization among the Member States with regard to technical standards; conformity assessment procedures; tariffs matters; and telecommunication network regulatory frameworks, with a view to their integration and interoperability;
- b) To encourage and promote the development of telecommunications networks and services in the region;
- c) To encourage and promote the development of packet-based networks that support multiservice platforms in ubiquitous broadband conditions and provide services regardless of method of access and/or medium, for all types of users. In addition, to promote the development and implementation of new and evolving telecommunication technologies, such as IP, Ethernet, and Internet aspects of mobile networks (e.g., IMT-2000 and other wireless technologies), and new services such as Voice over IP, Video over IP, and Multimedia Messaging System;
- d) To study the requirements of telecommunication equipment certification processes in the different CITEL countries, with a view to conducting analyses for the harmonization of such processes in the region;
- e) To encourage the implementation of mutual recognition agreements;
- f) To develop projects on economic aspects and tariff principles of telecommunications services;
- g) To formulate projects on economic aspects and tariff principles of telecommunication services that take account of the impact of Next Generation Networks (NGNs) on the delivery of such services; and to examine the need for a new or adapted charging and accounting mechanism for the provision of such services in the region;
- h) To raise awareness among the Member States of the status of regulations on new telecommunication networks and services in order to promote discussion of the topic and provide recommendations on how to implement an efficient, fair, functional, and forward-looking regulatory framework that serves the countries of the Region and can be adapted to the constantly evolving technological conditions;
- i) To effect coordination of regional preparations for specific ITU events, as appropriate, such as the World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies, including the preparation of inter-American proposals (IAP) and common positions, and to conduct interregional consultations in preparation for such events;
- j) To effect coordination with the different committees and working groups of CITEL in connection with those aspects which, by their nature, lend themselves to joint action.

Permanent Consultative Committee II: PCC II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting

Objective:

The objective of this Permanent Consultative Committee is to serve as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to the coordination and harmonization of standards related to spectrum use and the planning and efficient use of the radio spectrum and satellite orbits for radio services, including broadcasting

To implement this objective, Permanent Consultative Committee II has the following mandates:

Mandates:

In accordance with the ITU Radio Regulations and taking account of the ITU recommendations:

- a) To promote among Member States harmonization in the utilization of the radio frequency spectrum and the operation of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in all their different modalities, bearing especially in mind the need to prevent and avoid, to the extent possible, harmful interference.
- b) To stimulate and foster the development of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in the region.
- c) To promote the development and implementation of modern technologies and new radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, specifically their technical and operational aspects, to meet the needs of Member States.
- d) To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for ITU World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions, as well as to undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for these conferences.
- e) To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITEI Groups in those areas that, by their very nature, lend themselves to joint action.
- f) To undertake the coordination and harmonization of standards related to spectrum use such as over-the-air broadcasting and common air-interfaces for radiocommunication services.