

CITEL RES. 71 (VI-14) ¹

**CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER AMMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE
AND REGULATIONS OF CITEL TO INCLUDE REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND TO
INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF CITEL**

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That it is a function of CITEL under its Statute to develop mechanisms for full participation by all Member States in the meetings of CITEL;
- b) That Member States are considering modifications to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL, such as authorizing remote participation in its formal attendance-based meetings at which decisions are taken;
- c) That further discussion and studies are needed of the effects of remote participation on the meetings of CITEL; and
- d) That informal virtual meetings of the working groups of the Permanent Consultative Committees of CITEL and its rapporteurships and ad hoc groups are not a substitute for meetings of CITEL where decisions are taken,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) The usefulness of remote participation as an effective mechanism to promote increased participation in meetings of CITEL;
- b) That remote participation can improve efficiency and reduce the costs of on-site meetings of CITEL;
- c) That existing technological advances can facilitate remote participation in meetings of CITEL; and
- d) That the Statute and Regulations should be fully reviewed and updated as appropriate,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the creation of a working group of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) to review and propose updates to the Statute and Regulations in accordance with subparagraphs (e) and (g) of Article 17, "Functions of COM/CITEL," of the Statute regarding the financial, legal, and operational issues arising from remote participation and increased participation in decision-making meetings of CITEL, requesting that said working group periodically report to COM/CITEL its findings, in which are defined the terms for such remote participation.
2. To encourage all Member States and members of CITEL to participate in this group and to share their experiences of this matter.

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3. To request the Secretariat of CITEL to distribute this resolution to the Member States and members of CITEL for the launch of this effort.