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**COURSE PROGRAM OF CITEL FOR THE YEAR 2019**

The 35 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

**CONSIDERING:**

- a. The Manual of Procedures for the Scholarship and Training Programs of the Organization of American States;
- b. That, in the framework of the Professional Development Program for 2019, the Regional Training Centers of CITEL shall be submitting proposals for courses by December 28, 2018 at the latest; and
- c. That the results of the Competition of the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program are not as yet available, nor is there any information about the budget available for scholarships in 2019,

**ACKNOWLEDGING:**

That, through the Regional Training Centers of CITEL and the Center of Excellence of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), effective training on telecommunications/ICT is enabled,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To empower CITEL's Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources, in coordination with the CITEL Secretariat, to: (a) select, on the basis of the budget available for scholarships, the higher training priority courses of the member states; (b) schedule the dates for the courses to comply with the rules of the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS; and c) to increase or re-allocate the amounts of the scholarships provided.
2. To establish that, when the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS invites applications to the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program for 2019, CITEL's Coordination Center shall participate in those cases where the institutes are interested in sharing the costs pertaining to the scholarships in accordance with the conditions of the OAS.
3. To hold virtual sessions on topical issues of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT).
4. To urge the Administrations to submit applicants for the scholarships that shall be offered for the program of courses for 2019 in order to take advantage of the opportunities being provided.
5. To thank the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS for the continued and outstanding support provided for the dissemination of CITEL courses and to urge it to give the utmost priority to scholarships that are granted in coordination

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with the CITEI Secretariat, taking into account that telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT) have been recognized as supporting the integral and sustainable development of the Americas, under the principles of universality, equity, and affordability.

6. To thank the ITU Regional Office for the Americas, which through the Centers of Excellence of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the ITU Academy has substantially built up its cooperation with the CITEI Secretariat, leading to a considerable increase in the number of courses, training, and scholarships for CITEI member states in 2018, as can be observed in the “Report of the Coordination of the Working Group on Human Resources Development for 2018.”

7. To thank the offer of “*Cullen International*” for the award of complete onsite training scholarships for the year 2018 to a total of two (2) applicants of the CITEI member states, in its academic headquarters in Belgium, in courses of interest to CITEI and within Cullen’s specialties, such as telecommunications, digital economy, and other relevant topics. All of the above in line with the academic goals of Cullen to train the scholarship holders in key concepts and keep them updated in the new developments.

8. To thank the offer of “*Internet Society (ISOC)*” to strengthen CITEI’s efforts in terms of scholarships and training by granting between 100 and 150 scholarships for the year 2019 in courses of interest to CITEI/OAS member states, in response to its commitment to the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas and in line with its goal.

9. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEI:

- a. To support as required CITEI’s Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.
- b. To ensure the dissemination of these courses as widely as possible.
- c. To develop, with CITEI’s Regional Training Centers, training activities on telecommunications/ICT, in accordance with the priorities of CITEI’s Permanent Consultative Committees, in order to meet the region’s needs, using for that purpose the resources from CITEI’s Seed Fund. He is especially instructed to look for synergies and the development of courses in 2019 to promote the broader participation of the countries of Central American and the Caribbean.