

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) The Buenos Aires Declaration approved by this Assembly;
- b) The Strategic Plan of CITEL for 2018-2022 approved by this Assembly through Resolution CITEL/RES. 79 (VII-18),

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is the entity of the Organization of American States (OAS) responsible for telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs);
- b) That Article 23 of the CITEL Statute authorizes its Assembly to establish any Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) it considers necessary to attain its objectives and fulfill its functions, which are contained in Article 3 thereof;
- c) That in accordance with the CITEL Regulations, the Assembly shall define a specific mandate for each PCC; and
- d) That the Permanent Consultative Committees are the basis for the work done to implement the objectives and functions of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To establish the following Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - PCC.I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
 - PCC.II: Radiocommunications
- 2. To establish the objectives and mandates for the Permanent Consultative Committees indicated in the Annexes.
- 3. To derogate Resolution CITEL/RES. 74 (VI-14).

INSTRUCTS PCC.I AND PCC.II:

¹ CITEL/doc. 561/18 rev. 4

Review and update, as appropriate, its structures and procedures in accordance with the results of meetings, conferences and assemblies of international organizations that have an impact on the work of the PCCs, but particularly of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

ANNEX I TO RESOLUTION CITEL/RES. 85 (VII-18)

Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications /ICT (PCC.I)

Objective:

Promote debate, cooperation and regional coordination in matters related to policies, development and standardization of telecommunications / information and communication technologies (ICT), with a view to improving social, economic, cultural and environmental development in the Americas, and contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

Mandates:

1. Promote the development of telecommunications / ICT infrastructure and harmonization of services, in accordance with international standards and the exchange of experiences in the implementation of national plans and programs.
2. Promote the exchange of experiences and best practices for the identification and protection of critical telecommunication/ICTs infrastructure.
3. Promote the development of harmonized regulatory frameworks and forward-looking recommendations in the provision of telecommunications / ICT services that foster innovation and competition and that promote affordability and the reduction of prices, in an environment of legal certainty in conformance with the policies established by each Member State.
4. Identify comprehensive strategies related to access and financing mechanisms for the expansion and connectivity of networks, such as universal service, public investment, among others, with specific measures in rural areas, remote or difficult to access, with a view to improving their affordability.
5. Analyze the taxation policies of telecommunication / ICT services in a digital environment in order to identify the repercussions of tax burdens on competition, international connectivity and innovation in a digital economy.
6. Promote digital financial inclusion and the development of a digital regional market.
7. Promote debate and analysis of the impact of new technologies and new business models in the telecommunications / ICT industry.
8. Exchange best practices and discuss policies on minimum requirements on quality of service and experience for the development of reliable and uninterrupted telecommunications / ICT services for all.

9. Promote coordination, planning and consensus regarding the protection and dissemination of the rights of users of telecommunications / ICT services, especially with regard to the terms and conditions of contracts, tariffs, the use of personal data and access to personal information online and / or in the cloud.
10. Encourage the creation of measures that facilitate the implementation and dissemination of cross-cutting mobile services and applications such as mobile health, mobile education, mobile payments, among others.
11. Strengthen and develop cooperation among the Member States and Associate Members of CITEI regarding international public policy issues related to the Internet, as well as international connectivity.
12. Encourage coordination, planning and consensus among the CITEI Members regarding the construction of confidence and security in the use of telecommunication/ICTs in the region, including cybersecurity.
13. Promote progress in the creation, deployment and adoption of infrastructure, services and applications related to the Internet of Things and Smart cities and Communities.
14. Promote the exchange of information and the production of telecommunications / ICT policies at the national and regional levels for disaster risk reduction and emergency care and recovery, as well as the management of electronic waste, taking into account the role that telecommunications / ICTs play in climate change, in the protection of the environment and in the circular economy.
15. Promote the exchange of information and best practices that stimulate the production of regulations on accessibility for people with disabilities and with specific needs, as well as gender perspectives in telecommunications / ICTs.
16. Encourage the development of statistics, indicators, measurements and benchmarks in telecommunications / ICT and promote related studies carried out by other organizations.
17. [Option A]. Encourage regional participation in the ITU-T and ITU-D Advisory Groups and Study Groups, including the presentation of Inter-American Contributions (IACs) elaborated in accordance with the specific procedures developed by PCC.I.
18. Coordinate regional preparations for the World Conference on International Telecommunications, the World Telecommunication Development Conference and the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, including the submission of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) prepared in accordance with the specific procedures of PCC.I.
19. Encourage the active participation of the private sector, including SMEs and non-profit organizations, and of the academic sector as Associate Members, as well as foster dialogue between them and the CITEI Administrations.
20. Carry out its work in consultation and collaboration with other stakeholders, international, regional and subregional telecommunication / ICT forums and standards development organizations (SDOs).
21. Work in coordination with the different Committees and Working Groups of CITEI in those areas that, by their nature, lend themselves to joint action, bearing in mind the mandates of the OAS in the field of telecommunications / ICT.
22. Create monitoring mechanisms for the implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations adopted by PCC.I

ANNEX II TO RESOLUTION CITEL/RES. 85 (VII-18)

Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II)

Objective:

Promote debate and regional cooperation on issues related to the planning, coordination, harmonization, and efficient use of the radio spectrum, as well as geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits, for radiocommunication services.

Mandates:

1. Promote among the Member States harmonization of the use of the radiofrequency spectrum, taking into account especially the need to prevent and avoid harmful interference, as well as protection against the electromagnetic environment.
2. Discuss and share innovative practices in efficient spectrum management.
3. Promote and foster the development of radiocommunication services.
4. Promote research and development of new technologies that enables the implementation of radiocommunication networks and services with a more efficient use of spectrum.
5. Promote innovative regimes in the licensing of radiocommunication services and incentives for the development of new business models.
6. Provide information to the members on the outputs and outcomes of the World Radiocommunication Conference and other world and regional conferences/assemblies related to radiocommunication issues.
7. Coordinate regional preparations for Conference Preparatory Meetings, and ITU World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences, including the preparation of inter-american proposals (IAPs) elaborated in accordance with the specific procedures of PCC.II.
8. Encourage regional participation in the ITU-R Advisory Group and Study Groups, including the presentation of Inter-American Contributions (IACs) elaborated in accordance with the specific procedures developed by PCC.II;
9. Work in coordination with the different committees and working groups of CITEL in those areas which, by their nature, lend themselves to joint action.
10. Promote the efficient use of the radiofrequency spectrum and of satellite orbit resources in the region.
11. Encourage active participation by the private sector, including SMEs and non-profit organizations, and of the academic sector as associate members, as well as foster dialogue between them and the CITEL Administrations.

12. Create monitoring mechanisms for the implementation of decisions, resolutions and recommendations adopted by PCC.II.