

PCC.II/RES. 64 (XV-10)¹

**INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION
CONFERENCES**

The XV Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That evaluation of practical experiences gained in the years in which the current procedure for preparing joint proposals to the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) has been in force shows that it can be improved;
- b) That it has been deemed advisable to change the current procedure for preparing and submitting joint documents to the ITU-R;
- c) That it is necessary to include procedures to be followed at a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) to modify an existing Inter-American Proposal (IAP);
- d) That it is necessary to include procedures to be followed at WRC to establish a new IAP regarding future agenda items;
- e) That it is necessary to include procedures to be followed when necessary at WRC to establish a CITEL position in response to WRC agenda item issues,

RESOLVES:

- 1. That PCC.II adopts the procedure attached in the Annex for preparing and adopting Inter-American Proposals (IAP) to a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC).
- 2. That this Resolution replaces Resolution PCC.II/RES. 26 (VI -05).

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION PCC.II/RES. 64 (XV-10)

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1. OBJECTIVES

- a. To establish the procedure to be followed for any written proposal developed in the PCC.II to be submitted to a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) as an Inter-American Proposal (IAP).
- b. To establish the procedure to be followed to modify an IAP during a WRC.

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- c. To establish a procedure to develop a new IAP with respect to future agenda items with the CITEL Member States that are present at the WRC.
- d. To establish a procedure to be followed, when necessary at a WRC, for developing a CITEL position in response to WRC agenda item issues.

In using these procedures, every effort should be made to reach consensus among CITEL Member States.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this procedure, the terms set forth are defined as follows:

- a. **WG-WRC:** PCC.II Working Group responsible for the preparation of CITEL's documents for World Radiocommunication Conferences.
- b. **ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL:** input that one or more CITEL Member States present to PCC.II to be discussed in the WG-WRC, regarding any item on the agenda for WRC, with a view to it becoming an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.
- c. **PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL:** ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS being considered by PCC.II which have not been supported by another Member State
- d. **DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DIAP):** PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL which is being considered by PCC.II, has been supported by more than one Member State, and is ready to receive support or opposition of other CITEL Member States.
- e. **INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP):** DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL, for which the PCC.II has ended its consideration and discussion, and has met the criteria defined in STEP 4 of the development of an IAP.
- f. **MODIFIED INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP-MOD):** INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL that has already been submitted to the Conference, that has been adapted to current circumstances and adopted by CITEL in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.
- g. **INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL DEVELOPED AT A WRC (IAP-WRC):** Proposal submitted in the course of the WRC, whose content deals exclusively with, and is the result of discussions on, the items of the agenda of future conferences. It is included in this definition any position of the Region adopted in response to WRC agenda item issues which were not anticipated prior to the WRC.
- h. **LIMIT MEETING:** penultimate meeting of the PCC.II before the WRC. This meeting is to be held at least 21 (twenty one) weeks before the beginning of the WRC, so that WRC's document submission deadline can be met.
- i. **FINAL MEETING:** last meeting of the PCC.II before the WRC. This meeting is to be held after the LIMIT MEETING and before the beginning of the WRC.

A. DEVELOPMENT OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS BEFORE THE WRC

A1. STEPS

The following steps comprise the procedure for the consolidation and adoption of an IAP.

Step 1. Presentation, discussion and consolidation of a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL in the WG-WRC

Administrations will submit their ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS to PCC.II. Administrations will introduce and discuss their proposals in the WG-WRC meetings with a view to consolidating their ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS into CITEL DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS that relate to the same subject and eventually to develop the texts before the last WG-WRC plenary of the LIMIT MEETING. If the ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS do not receive support to become DIAPs, they will become PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS.

Step 2. Evaluation of the support and opposition to PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS in the WG-WRC

After the Chair of the WG-WRC or of one of the Sub Working Groups determines that the treatment and preparation of texts of PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS has been completed, he or she will evaluate such support as the CITEL Member States may have for each of the PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS with a view to creating a DIAP for presentation to the Member States for their consideration, in accordance with the procedures set out in Steps 3 to 6 below.

If a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL meets the corresponding support criteria, then it is converted into a DIAP at that time. The PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS that do not achieve the status of a DIAP shall remain PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS until they satisfy those criteria.

No new PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL will be considered or developed during the FINAL MEETING unless it is based on text resulting from a Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) which took place between the LIMIT MEETING and the FINAL MEETING

Step 3. Circulation of DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS during one or more rounds of consultation

The CITEL Secretariat will make the DIAPs available to all CITEL Member States, for consideration no more than two (2) weeks after the closing of the corresponding meetings of the PCC.II, in which these DIAP have been considered. CITEL Member States will be requested to indicate their support or opposition if they so choose.

Step 4. Evaluation of the support and opposition of the DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

Those DIAP that have been previously circulated will be considered at the LIMIT MEETING.

During the LIMIT MEETING the support and opposition to each of the DIAPs will be evaluated.

If a DIAP has been supported by at least six (6) CITELE Member States and is not opposed by more than 50% (fifty percent) of the number of supports obtained, it will be converted to an IAP.

The DIAPs which do not become IAPs, remain as DIAPs unless they subsequently satisfy the support/opposition requirements to become IAPs in accordance with Steps 5 and 6 below.

Consequently during the LIMIT MEETING, the PCC.II, in a plenary session will approve a Resolution to settle the following:

- a. the list of IAPs;
- b. the list of DIAPs that, despite the efforts done, have not yet become IAPs;
- c. the date IAPs are to be sent to the ITU.

Step 5. Circulation of the INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

No more than two (2) weeks after the closing of the LIMIT MEETING the Secretariat will make available the IAPs to all CITELE Member States, and, exclusively for information purposes, the DIAPs still in consideration.

CITELE Member States wishing to add their support to IAPs before the following PCC.II meeting, may do so by sending written notice (letter, fax or e-mail) to the Secretariat of CITELE.

Step 6. Sending INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to the ITU

The Secretariat of CITELE will send the IAPs to the ITU in the time frame set by the PCC.II, following ITU rules and procedures.

If, at the FINAL MEETING specific DIAPs meet the support/opposition criteria making them IAPs, they will be considered at a PCC.II plenary session, in order to elaborate a Resolution to settle the list of such late IAPs with the instruction to be sent to the ITU by the Secretariat of CITELE.

A2. SUPPORT

CITELE Member States wishing to support a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL being considered in the WG-WRC must do so during a session of the WG-WRC or a session of the appropriate sub working group of the WG-WRC either orally or in writing.

CITELE Member States wishing to support a DIAP being considered by PCC.II or in the WG-WRC, must do so during a PCC.II plenary session or a session of the WG-WRC either orally or in writing.

CITELE Member States wishing to support an IAP not yet sent to ITU may do so:

- a. during a PCC.II plenary session, including the FINAL MEETING, either orally or in writing;
- b. between PCC.II meetings by sending written notice (letter, fax or e-mail) to the Secretariat of CITELE.

If necessary CITELE Member States wishing to add their support to a specific IAP already sent to the ITU may do so:

- a. up to two (2) weeks before the start of the WRC, by sending written notice (letter, fax or e-mail) to the Secretariat of CITELE;
- b. directly through their delegation participating in the WRC.

The Secretariat will give the ITU the names to be added in the form of a “corrigendum” to the document of the IAP.

A3. OPPOSITION

It is understood that CITELE Member States which oppose a DIAP shall indicate clearly the reasons of their oppositions.

CITELE Member States wishing to oppose a DIAP which has been circulated before the LIMIT MEETING must do so during a plenary session of WG-WRC or PCC.II, orally or in writing.

CITELE Member States wishing to oppose a DIAP developed during the LIMIT MEETING must do so during a plenary session of the WG-WRC or PCC.II of the LIMIT MEETING or FINAL MEETING, orally or in writing.

A4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A4.1. Obtaining support

The CITELE Member State(s) that originally submitted a PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL shall undertake the task of coordinating and encouraging its support, in order that it becomes a DIAP and an IAP afterwards.

A4.2. Format for DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The heading of each DIAP, being considered in the PCC.II, must include the following elements in the order indicated below:

- a. the names of the CITELE Member States that expressed their support (these names will be typed in bold, in order to facilitate the management of supports)
- b. in square brackets, the names of CITELE Member States that have not yet made their position known;
- c. the names of the CITELE Member States that have expressed their opposition.

A4.3. Electronic Forum

A specific area of the CITELE’s Electronic Forum will include:

- a. all the DIAPs being considered, identifying the supports and oppositions received;
- b. all the IAPs, identifying the supports and oppositions received;

- c. date of the LIMIT MEETING; and
- d. date of the FINAL MEETING.

A4.4. Contact points

Communications with the CITEL Member States should be channeled through the contact points identified to CITEL in accordance with Article 24 of the Statute and Article 84 of the Regulations of CITEL.

A4.5. Superposition of competence

If the topic being considered involves areas of competence of other CITEL bodies, their opinions thereof must be obtained before the process is completed.

A4.6. Attitudes of CITEL Member States during the WRC

If after the deadline for their consideration efforts to reconcile differences have been unsuccessful, PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS and DIAPs that did not become IAPs may be submitted by the interested CITEL Member States to the WRC but must not include any reference whatsoever to CITEL.

It is understood that if a CITEL Member State chooses to oppose a specific IAP or CITEL position at the WRC, that CITEL Member State will make every effort to inform the Chair of the WG-WRC of their intention before expressing formally such opposition in any WRC session.

A4.7. National activities

CITEL Member States are encouraged to schedule their national preparatory activity in such a way as to be prepared to state support for or opposition to DIAPs as early as possible, or by the conclusion of the LIMIT MEETING.

B. MODIFICATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL DURING A WRC

During a WRC, it may become necessary to consider modifications to an IAP based on discussions held during the WRC with respect to specific agenda items.

When that is the case, the CITEL Member States present at the Conference and that originally supported the IAP will discuss the matter to decide whether a proposal for modification is applicable. If any of those CITEL Member States do not support the proposal for modification, the IAP remains unchanged.

If those CITEL Member States agree to propose the modification, it shall be submitted to the consideration of the WG-WRC, and if none of the CITEL Member States present at the meeting of that group expresses its opposition, then it is approved. However, in case there is opposition by a CITEL Member State during the WG-WRC meeting, the IAP-MOD is only approved if not opposed by more than 25% of CITEL Member States present at that meeting.

In the case of an IAP-MOD, only the names of the CITEL Member States present at the meeting and supporting the modified IAP will be listed on the heading. CITEL Member States not in attendance of the WG-WRC meeting or the WRC will be informed by the CITEL Secretariat of the modified IAP once it is approved at the meeting.

Any CITELE Member States desiring to have their names added to the IAP-MOD will contact the Secretariat of CITELE for them to follow the established procedure with ITU.

An IAP-MOD rescinds, supersedes and extinguishes the corresponding original IAP.

C. New INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS during a WRC

Proposals for new IAPs will not be considered during a WRC with the following exceptions:

- i) New proposals for agenda items of future WRCs;
- ii) WRC agenda item issues which were not anticipated prior to the WRC.

This possibility is not to be used as alternative to the established procedures previously set for developing an IAP and shall not consider specific proposals previously considered.

Since the WRC is a dynamic process, WRC agenda item issues which were not anticipated prior to the WRC may arise that require a regional position. A case in point are proposals from other regional organizations for future conference agenda items for which CITELE is required to state a position of support, opposition or neutrality. Establishing a CITELE position on other issues may also be beneficial.

Upon the identification of the need to develop a new IAP (including the establishment of a CITELE position), the responsible spokesperson will circulate the proposed text to WG-WRC participants through the CITELE Secretariat and call for a discussion of interested Member States present at the Conference. The IAP will be considered approved if not opposed by more than two (2) Member States present at the Conference.

In the case of proposals for new agenda items for future conferences, it is expected that these will eventually need to be consolidated and prioritized in a list under the principle of the difference between the number of supports and oppositions of administrations.

In the case of an IAP-WRC, only the names of the Member States present at the WG-WRC meeting and supporting the new IAP will be listed on the heading. CITELE Member States not in attendance will be informed by the CITELE Secretariat of the IAP-WRC once it is approved. CITELE Member States desiring to have their names added will contact the CITELE Secretariat.

D. APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

The provisions of this procedure must be applied and interpreted in accordance with Resolution COM/CITELE RES. 226 (XXI-09).

Any topic that is not covered in this procedure must be resolved in a plenary session of PCC.II after the respective consultation with the Chair of WG-WRC..

