

PCC.II/DEC. 112 (XV-10)¹

PCC.II CONTRIBUTION TO THE XXIV MEETING OF COM/CITEL

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting (PCC.II),

DECIDES:

1. To adopt the following statement:

“All Member States and associate members present strongly support this Decision. It highlights the importance of having the means to carry out current and future work, given the importance of the goals found in PCC.II’s mandate and the need to ensure that the America’s Region can fully develop and defend its interest at the global level.”

2. To instruct the Chairman of PCC.II to present to the XXIV Meeting of COM/CITEL, the information contained in Annex to this Decision.

ANNEX TO DECISION PCC.II/DEC. 112 (XV-10)

PCC.II Requirements to achieve its goals

This document is presented to COM/CITEL in the context of the discussions on the 2011 budget and the additional budgetary constraints that are expected as a result of recent decisions by the OAS.

PCC.II notes that past decisions to address budgetary constraints have included:

- The structural change that combined PCC.II and PCC.III which has increased the workload;
- The reduction of number of meetings per year from three to two which has reduced PCC.II’s ability to deliver timely outputs;
- The reduction of the number of days per meeting from five to four which has greatly strained PCC.II’s ability to have in-depth discussions, and;
- The use of associate member contributions to pay for Secretariat salaries which has greatly diminished the funds available to support PCC.II meetings and activities.

This situation is no longer sustainable as PCC.II is now, and has been for some time, in downward spiral of having less participation, less associate members, less discussions and therefore less relevant outputs.

Action needs to be taken to remedy the situation.

As a result, PCC.II has recently begun work to identify opportunities where activities can be focused, streamlined and strengthened in a manner that minimizes cost and maximizes relevance and value.

PCC.II has taken a number of actions, such as:

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- Holding paperless meetings;
- Changing its meeting time management to include shorter 60 minute meeting periods;
- Ensuring that associate members are able to fully participate in relevant aspects of PCC.II activities;
- Focusing its work on the Radiocommunications Sector of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU-R) activities, including in particular, preparations for Radiocommunication Assemblies (RA), Conference Preparatory Meetings (CPM) and World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC);
- Creating an Ad Hoc Working Group to address issues related to the Digital Dividend and Convergence, and;

In addition, given the financial situation, some Member States have had no choice but to finance PCC.II activities by hosting PCC.II meetings at no cost to CITEL and by providing their contributions in both English and Spanish.

These actions will contribute to alleviate budgetary pressures, optimize the interpretation resources, attract new associate members and increase participation of Member States.

However, these PCC.II actions alone are not sufficient. The lack of budgetary resources available in support of PCC.II meetings and activities needs to be addressed.

It is with this in mind that PCC.II has identified the following requirements:

- A minimum of 5 days per meeting;
- two PCC.II meetings per year;
- one special meeting of the Group for the Preparation of CITEL for Regional and World Radiocommunication Conferences prior to each World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC);
- interpretation for PCC.II coordination meetings during Radio Assembly (RA), Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) and WRC of the ITU-R;
- A revamped website where information is readily available and the interface is user friendly.

These requirements have not been identified lightly. They are the minimum needed to ensure the long term sustainability of a PCC.II and that is able to deliver on its mandate.