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**REPORT OF THE II MEETING OF
THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE III (PCC.III)
ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS**

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III (PCC.III) was held in Porlamar, Isla Margarita, Venezuela, from March 13-17, 1995 in the Hilton Hotel.

I. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Opening remarks.
3. Appointment of the Final Report Drafting Group.
4. Approval of the First Meeting of the PCC.III. Report
5. Comments on PCC.III Working Program.
6. Comments to foster participation by Associate Members.
7. Comments on possible amendments to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL, with a view to making suggestions to COM/CITEL. Because of the size of these documents, they will not be distributed at the Meeting.
8. Meeting and Report of the Working Group Coordinator on the following matters:
 - 8.1 Regional data base on the use of the radio frequency spectrum with a view to promoting shared and harmonious use of it, including the aspect of frequency sharing.
 - 8.2 Low Earth Orbit Satellites, below 1GHz.
 - 8.3 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs).
 - 8.4 Personal Communications Systems and similar systems, including roaming cellular systems in the Americas.
 - 8.5 Amateur Radio Service.
 - 8.6 Preparation for the participation of the World Radiocommunications Conference, 1995.
9. Mobile Satellite Service and Low Earth Orbit Satellites above 1GHz.
10. Geostationary Orbit Satellite System.
11. Implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS), including the regional systems of the Satellite Mobile Service in 1.5/1.6 GHz related to it.
12. Remarks on next seminar's organization in reference to the introduction and development of new technologies.

13. Review of matters related to the findings of the Voluntary Group of Experts to Simplify the Radio Regulations.
14. Human Resources.
15. Agenda, place and date of the Third Meeting of the PCC.III.
16. Other related matters.
17. Approval of the Meeting Report.

II. MEETING AUTHORITIES

Chairperson Luis Brown
 CITEL Executive Secretary Roberto Blois
 Chairman of Final Report Drafting Group Santiago Aguerrevere

III. RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION PCC.III/RES.5 (II-95)
 SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FOR PCC.III SEMINARS**

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CONSIDERING:

1. that Members and Associate Members of CITEL should receive copies of seminar documents prior to the beginning of seminars;
2. that working languages of CITEL are English and Spanish;
3. that the resources of the on-site meeting secretariat should be devoted to support of the Permanent Consultative Committee and its technical working groups,

RESOLVES:

1. that documents related to a seminar should be provided to the CITEL Secretariat at least 45 days prior to the seminar;

2. that documents provided to the CITEI Secretariat may be either text or graphics suitable for reproduction by black-and-white photocopy or offset printing in A4 or letter (216 mm x 279 mm) size;
3. that documents should be provided to the Secretariat in both English and Spanish;
4. that documents received by the CITEI Secretariat 45 days prior to the seminar should be printed in booklet form;
5. that late documents brought to the seminar for distribution should be provided in both English and Spanish, and in the quantities of copies determined with the advice of the Executive Secretary.

RESOLUTION PCC.III/RES.6 (II-95)

CREATION OF STUDY GROUP WITHIN PCC-III IN CHARGE OF STUDYING MOBILE-SATELLITE SERVICES ABOVE 1 GHz

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WHEREAS:

1. Mobile-satellite services (MSS) can attain the main objective of the Maitland commission, which is to provide easy telephone-tone access before the year 2000 - the first critical element in telecommunications development
2. telecommunication is an essential element for the economic and social development of all countries and in order to improve life in general
3. systems providing Mobile-Satellite Service in frequency bands above 1GHz are operational.
4. provision of these service will include rural and remote areas
5. some of these systems are in advanced state of technical and financial development
6. some countries in the region have already granted a license to MSS providers, or are planning to do so
7. these systems will be operating in the near future
8. within CITEI, common goals for the benefit of their Members must be agreed on

RESOLVES:

1. to create a Group to study Mobile-Satellite Service above 1 GHz in order to facilitate use by the Member Countries of CITEI of frequency bands assigned to Mobile-Satellite Services, considering the

following points, among others:

- Use of the radio spectrum
- Possible band-sharing criteria
- Coordination procedures in accordance with those of the ITU.
- Strategies for the migration of users of other services in the same frequency bands
- Regulations of the Member Administration of CITEL.

2. to prepare a report on the regulatory framework of each of the Member Administrations and any recommendation necessary to obtain the benefits offered to CITEL Member Countries by Mobile-Satellite Services.

3. that this new Working Group should maintain an appropriate exchange of information with PCC.I.

4. That Mr. Omar López D. of Venezuela has been appointed Chairman of the Working Group, with the participation of representatives of Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay and the U.S.A.

RESOLUTION PCC.III/RES. 7 (II-95)

AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE OF THE THIRD MEETING OF PCC.III

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Third Meeting of PCC.III in Mexico City from 21 to 25 August, 1995.
2. To approve the draft agenda for the Third Meeting of PCC:III that is appended to this Resolution

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Opening remarks
3. Appointment of the Final Report Drafting Group
4. Approval of the Final Report of the Second Meeting of PPC.III
5. Comments on PCC.III's working methods
6. Comments to foster participation of Associate Members
7. Comments on possible amendments to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL.

8. Meeting and Report of the Working Group Coordinators regarding the following items.
 - 8.1 Regional Data Base regarding Radio Spectrum use (with a view to foster its common and harmonic use, including sharing)
 - 8.2 Low Earth Orbiting Satellites below 1 GHz
 - 8.3 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT)
 - 8.4 Personal Communication Services (PCS) and Similar System (including cellular roaming in the Americas)
 - 8.5 Radio amateur services (Report on the approval of the document of multilateral agreement in the OAS Assembly)
 - 8.6 Preparation for participating in the World Conference on Radiocommunications-1995
 - 8.7 Mobile Satellite Services and Low Earth Orbiting Satellites above 1 Ghz
9. Consideration of creation of a Working Group on Legal Matters
10. Geostationary Satellite Orbit Systems
11. Implementation of GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress & Safety System) including regional mobile satellite service systems in the 1.5/1.6 band and the Report on the IMO Meeting
12. Comments for organizing PCC-III Seminars on Introduction and Implementation of New Technologies
13. Final remarks on the results of the Voluntary Group of Experts for Simplifying Radiocommunications Regulations
14. Human resources
15. Coordination on tasks with PCC.I (on aspects such as: legal, PCS/wireless, VSAT, equipment certification, MSS)
16. Agenda, venue and date for the IV PCC.III Meeting
17. Other related topics
18. Approval of the Report of the Third Meeting

RESOLUTION PCC.III/RES.8 (II-95)

HARMONIZATION OF FREQUENCY USAGE AND PROCEDURES IN THE AMERICAS

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- 1) That CITELE is the regional telecommunications body with the broadest participation and representation of countries in the American Continent;
- 2) That CITELE is the ideal body for discussion and implementation of telecommunications issues and ideas which are common to a number of its Members;
- 3) That CITELE will be strengthened as it helps Members in better understanding its problems and fostering Regional cooperation for solving them;
- 4) That the rapid and continuous development of telecommunications call for more and diversified equipment to satisfy user's needs;

RECOGNIZING:

- 1) That telecommunications is an efficient instrument to integrate the Region;

CONSIDERING FURTHER:

- 1) That similar procedures for equipment certification among the several CITELE Members will accelerate introduction of new services and improve existing ones;
- 2) That the use of similar philosophies in the organization and provision of services will foster Regional development and integration,

RESOLVES:

- 1) To invite all CITELE participants to submit to the next PCC.III Meeting ideas/proposals to facilitate/simplify equipment certification in the Region, including considerations on common procedures and the possibility of promoting multilateral agreements whereby certification of certain types of equipment in one country can be recognized/accepted in others; in conducting these activities PCC.III should work in coordination with PCC.I, in order to avoid duplication of efforts.
- 2) To invite all CITELE participants to share their experiences of the concept of itinerant frequencies and its application, with an aim of eventually harmonizing frequencies and procedures in the Region.

NOTE: Itinerant frequencies are, for example, those used by road construction companies that move as the construction of the road progresses; the use of the frequencies are permitted in the road region during the time of the construction, without need for new licenses or permissions as the construction progresses and the base station moves.

- 3) To invite all CITELE participants to share their experiences of the TRUCKING services in the bands of 800 and 900 MHz, including experience with channel plans, use for private and public services,

reserves for public safety, etc., and consider the possibility of eventually harmonizing frequency usage and procedures.

4) To invite all CITELE participants to share their plans and ideas regarding the regulation and implementation of the Narrow-Band PCS services, below 1 Ghz, and consider the possibility of eventually harmonizing frequency usage and procedures.

5) PCC.III will work in coordination with PCC.I for purposes of avoiding duplication and identifying issues of common interest concerning equipment certification.

INSTRUCTS:

The Executive Secretary of CITELE to bring this Resolution to the attention of all Members of PCC.III, urging them to participate in the processes referred to in Resolves 1), 2), 3) and 4. above.

RESOLUTION PCC.III RES.9 (II-95)

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PCC.III WORKING GROUP
ON LEGAL MATTERS**

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee.III Radiocommunications

CONSIDERING:

1. That Article 5 of the CITELE Statute, the Assembly has set up the Permanent Consultative Committees;

2. That the First CITELE Assembly has established Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications, with its seat in Mexico, and formulated its mandate;

3. That said mandate calls for PCC.III to foster the harmonization of radiocommunications services, taking into account in particular the need to reduce to a minimum, factors that interfere with the working and operation of networks and service, as well as to encourage the use of modern technologies and the application of the ITU Radio Regulations;

4. That a legal group has been formed under PCC.I with their own terms of reference;

5. That there are distinct legal matters pertaining to radiocommunications that have not been addressed,

RESOLVES:

1. That, in preparation for the Third Meeting of PCC.III, Member Countries consider the need for

the establishment of a legal Working Group within PCC.III;

2. That recommendations be made whether an Ad Hoc or Permanent Working Group is appropriate if one is established;

3. That Members analyze and comment on the draft terms of reference presented in Annex 1 with a view to adopting a mandate at the Third Meeting of PCC.III should it decide to form a legal group.

REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To bring this Resolution to the attention of Members of PCC-III and to the Ad-Hoc Group on Legal Matters of PCC-I as far in advance as possible of the Third Meeting of PCC-III and to request comments on this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of PCC-III.

ANNEX 1

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The PCC.III Working Group on Legal Matters will advise PCC.III on legal and regulatory matters pertaining to radiocommunications, including the establishment of new radiocommunications systems and services;

2. Studies and analyses will include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

- a. Examination of legal and regulatory frameworks for radiocommunications with a view to liberalization and choice of different services
- b. Facilitation of trade in radiocommunications systems and services
- c. Fostering operation of satellite networks and earth stations throughout the Americas
- d. Promotion of international roaming
- e. Encouragement of open participation in the legal and regulatory processes.

3. PCC.III will work in coordination with the PCC.I for the purposes of avoiding duplication and identifying issues of common interest of a legal or regulatory nature.

RESOLUTION PCC-III/RES.10 (II-95)

SETTING UP A LINKAGE GROUP TO COORDINATE STANDARDS WITH PCC.I

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee.III Radiocommunications

CONSIDERING:

1. That at the PCC.I Meeting held in Tegucigalpa in Honduras in 1995, a sub-Working Group for

Services and Mobile Systems was set up within the Working Group on the Coordination of Standards.

2. That PCC.III is responsible for all matters related to radiocommunications services/systems.
3. That radiocommunications, which is the specialty of PCC.III, will enable the necessary contributions on the matter to be made to PCC.I.
4. That in Resolution COM/CITEL Res.8 (II-94) PCC.III is instructed to provide documents in 1995 on Personal Communication Systems (PCS) in order to foster the liberalization, setting of common standards, interoperability of networks and the compatible use of the radio spectrum.

ACKNOWLEDGING:

1. That there must be integration between the PCCs to coordinate all the radiocommunications standards required by PCC.III.
2. That these activities must be expedited in order to deliver results to COM/CITEL in 1995.
3. That Human Resources at CITEL are limited.

RESOLVES:

1. That the next Meeting of PCC.III consider the need for the establishment of a Linkage Group to be set up within PCC.III to take part in the activities of the Working Group on the Coordination of PCC.I Standards.
2. That fundamental functions of the Linkage Group could be:
 - To present the requirements arising from PCC.III.
 - To provide information on an ongoing basis on the activities undertaken in the Working Group on the Coordination of PCC.I Standards.
 - To ensure that the proposals generated in PCC.III are properly considered by the Working Group on the Coordination of PCC.I Standards.
3. That in the meantime, Mr. Javier Camargo prepare a document that, together with contributions from the Members, would allow the analysis of this situation.

RESOLUTION PCC.III./RES. 11 (II-95)

CONTINUATION OF THE WORKING GROUPS TASKS ON THE USE OF VERY SMALL APERTURE TERMINAL (VSATs) IN THE AMERICAS

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

CONSIDERING:

1. The report presented by the Working Group on the use of Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) in the Americas;
2. The increased use of VSAT Networks and recent technological developments in this area;
3. That the application of these technologies contributes to regional integration in the Americas;
4. That the VSAT Networks facilitate the development of telecommunication services in rural and isolated areas;
5. That the name given to the Working Group is limited to a specific technology.

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to Members and Associated Members of PCC-III to promote the development, cooperation and coordination of the VSAT Networks which, by using modern technologies, can satisfy a wide range of telecommunications users and thus facilitate development and integration in the Americas.
2. To change the name of this Working Group to that of networks and Services that use Small Aperture Terminals, to adapt and extend its mandate.
3. That the Working Group on networks and Services that use Small Aperture Terminals continues the analysis and compilation of information relative to the use of VSAT Terminals and distributes it to the Members and Associated Members.
4. That the Working Group on networks and Services that use Small Aperture Terminals should also take into account the terms of reference suggested in Annex 1 which forms part of this Resolution.

URGES:

CITEL Member Countries to look into the possibility of adapting their regulatory frameworks, including the interconnection criteria for the VSAT Networks, with the object of contributing to a greater regional integration.

ANNEX 1

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE
WORKING GROUP ON "NETWORKS AND SERVICES
THAT USE SMALL APERTURE TERMINALS"**

1. The Working Group will be responsible for providing and disseminating detailed information about the use of VSAT terminals among the CITEL Member Countries.
2. To create a document updating procedure for the countries in the region which includes, among other things:
 - a. Technical norms
 - b. Regulatory framework
 - c. Interconnection criteria
 - d. Networks in operation
3. To ask the administrations of the countries in the region to forward to the Group as soon as possible information relative to:
 - a. Regulatory framework, including interconnection criteria,
 - b. Standardization technique,
 - c. Networks in operation, including technical characteristics, approximate number of stations, etc.

RESOLUTION PCC.III/RES.12 (II-95)

**PRESENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO PERMIT
TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

CONSIDERING:

1. That the concept of an international amateur radio permit was developed and approved within PCC.III;
2. COM/CITEL Resolution No.5 /II-94) which approved the Draft Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit and resolved to recommend that the General Assembly of the Organization of American States approve said Inter-American Conventional on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP);
3. That IARP will considered at the next General Assembly

RESOLVES:

1. To urge administrations and their representatives to the OAS General Assembly to support the

approval of the IARP,

2. To urge Member states to become parties to this Convention;

REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE-SECRETARY:

1. To prepare the IARP documentation to enable its approval by the General Assembly at its next meeting.
2. To bring this matter to the timely attention of the permanent representatives to the OAS and to administrations.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION PCC.III/REC.4 (II-95)

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FOR PCC.III MEETINGS

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

CONSIDERING:

- a. that, ideally, Members and Associate Members of CITELE should be able to receive copies of documents prior to meetings;
- b. that, at a minimum, Members and Associate Members should receive copies of documents at the meeting prior to consideration of the agenda item addressed by the document;
- c. that working languages of CITELE are English and Spanish,

RECOGNIZING:

Article 92 section 2 of the CITELE Regulations states:

The chairman's report and the technical contributions or proposals to be considered at each PCC Plenary meeting should be provided to all Members and Associate Members at least one month prior to the meeting. Additional technical contributions may be submitted up to the date of the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman.

RECOMMENDS:

1. that documents requiring translation, reproduction and distribution should be provided to the CITELE Secretariat at least 75 days prior to the meeting;
2. that documents requiring only reproduction and distribution should be provided to the CITELE

Secretariat at least 50 days prior to the meeting;

3. that in order to provide copies of documents to Members and Associate Members at least one month prior to the meeting, documents in both languages should be mailed by the CITEI Secretariat 45 days prior to the meeting;

4. that late documents submitted up to the date of the meeting should be provided in both English and Spanish, and in the quantities of copies determined with the advice of the Executive Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION PCC.III/ REC.5 (II-95)

REGIONAL SATELLITE SYSTEMS OPERATING IN THE 1530-1544/1626.5-1645.5 Mhz BANDS AND PROVIDING MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

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CONSIDERING:

a. That mobile-satellite systems will be operating in the 1530-1544 Mhz and 1626.5-1645.5 Mhz bands, within which GMDSS is being provided by the Inmarsat systems;

b. That five of the seven countries that are part of the additional allocation to the mobile-satellite service in these bands (RR 726C) are in Region 2.

c. That with the introduction of mobile-satellite systems within these frequency bands, the integrity, effectiveness and protection of maritime distress and safety communications must be continuously maintained;

d. That guidelines for mobile-satellite systems providing maritime distress and safety communications in these bands have been developed by the Radiocommunications Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and these guidelines will be considered at the meeting of the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO in May 1995 in London, UK;

e. That Member Countries CITEI have a major interest in preserving the effectiveness of maritime distress and safety communications.

RECOMMENDS:

That the CITEI Member Countries:

1. Bring this issue to the attention of both their maritime and satellite authorities noting that these guidelines will be under consideration by the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO.

2. Support the issuance of the guidelines in 1995 for circulation to IMO Member governments and SOLAS contracting governments.

3. Participate in the meeting of the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO to be held in May in London, UK.

INSTRUCTS:

The Executive Secretary of CITEC to distribute this RECOMMENDATION to all Member Countries of CITEC.

RECOMMENDATION PCC.III/REC.6 (II-95)

IMPROVING EMISSION VERIFICATION SYSTEMS

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

CONSIDERING:

a) That radioelectric frequency spectrum is essential for the operation of radiocommunications systems;

b) That its use is every day greater because of the growth of the systems due to the increasing demand for the services being offered, and because of the introduction of new technologies for the provision of new services;

c) That the entities responsible for the administration of radioelectric spectrum in each Administration also supervise its efficient utilization;

d) That steps for the reassignment of frequency sub-bands for the introduction of new services based upon international agreements require a more efficient use of this resource,

e) That some Administrations have begun a process of restructuring (reforming) the use of radioelectric spectrum because of the saturation of some bands, necessitating the manufacture of equipment with new technical characteristics.

RECOMMENDS:

That Administrations, to the degree possible within their means, improve their emissions verification systems, in order to evaluate the utilization of bands assigned to their corresponding services, which will also permit the maintenance of a valid data base with respect to authorized assignments, as well as the proper planning process for this resource .

V. DECISIONS

DECISION PCC.III/1(II-95)

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III decided to instruct the Executive Secretary to distribute the Draft Recommendation in the Annex I to all Members of PCC.III requesting that they send their comments to the Chairman of the Working Group regarding the text of the Draft Recommendation.

ANNEX I

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION PCC-III/REC

DESIGNATION OF SPECTRUM FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE AMERICAS IN THE 2 GHz BAND

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

a) That Personal Communications System (PCS) represents an opportunity for a major improvement in mobile or portable communication services for individuals or businesses which would be integrated into a variety of competing networks.

b) That PCS should be available to users both nationally and throughout the entire Americas, and should be based on the principles established by the 1994 ITU World Telecommunications Development Conference which include Universality of Service and Diversity of Service

c) That both these objectives will be enhanced if a requisite degree of interoperability exists;

d) That one element of such interoperability is compatibility of spectrum use;

e) That various technologies for PCS now under evaluation by technical entities within the Americas will soon reach the marketplace;

f) That ITU Recommendations for Future Public Land Mobile Telecommunication Systems FPLMTS/IMT-2000, are currently being developed, some of which have already been published.

RECOMMENDS:

1. That in the Americas the frequency band [1850-1990 Mhz] is designated for implementation of PCS.

2. That, as the above frequency band [1850-1990 Mhz] overlaps with the frequency bands planned for FPLMTS/IMT-2000, which are scheduled to start service around the year 2000, subject to market considerations, CITEL Member Administration, in the introduction of PCS systems, consider strategies for the evolution toward FPLMTS.

3. That experiences gained in the early introduction of PCS systems (including market experience) be taken into account in the evolution towards FPLMTS.

INSTRUCTS:

The Executive Secretary of CITEL to distribute this Recommendation to all PCC.III Members, requesting their comments on its text to be sent to the Chairman of the Working Group.

DECISION PCC.III/DEC.2 (II-95)

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee decided that the Chairman of the Working Group on VSATs, after revising the report on the use of VSATs in the Americas, forward the Report to the Chairman of PCC.III with the purpose of sending it to the Chairman of COM/CITEL with the objective of sending it to the Members of CITEL as a contribution of PCC.III, which would be updated of future Meetings of PCC.III.

VI. DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE SECOND MEETING OF PCC.III

1. Summary Minutes of the First and Second Plenary Sessions: PCC.III-111/95-Rev.1;
2. Summary Minutes of the Third Plenary Session: PCC.III-119/95-Rev.1;
3. Summary Minutes of the Fourth and Fifth Plenary Sessions: PCC.III-138/95;
4. Summary Meeting of the Sixth Plenary Session: PCC.III-143/95;
5. List of Documents: PCC.III-140/95;
6. List of Participants: PCC.III-141/95