

**INSTALLATION OF A MOBILE MEDICAL STATION IN HAITI**

The XVII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That in the framework of the Rapporteurship on “ICTs for social inclusion” of the Working Group on Development it was decided to approve, in particular, treatment of the topic of telehealth and its work plan proposed by the Coordination of the “Telehealth Network of the Americas”;
- b) That in document **CCP.I-TIC/doc. 2086/10** on the status of the work of the Telehealth Network, the Network Coordinator has indicated that the necessary arrangements are under way to have an operational Mobile Telemedicine Station (ETMo) in place in the first quarter of next year at the Argentine Mobile Field Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti;
- c) That any assistance that can be provided in Haiti through the Telehealth Network of the Americas is extremely valuable in view of the fragile social situation, which has been made many times worse by the terrible earthquake that struck in January of this year, a state of affairs further compounded by the epidemics currently in progress on the island;
- d) That the installation of the (ETMo) in the Argentine Mobile Field Hospital in Port-Au-Prince would address the problem of the digital divide through specific measures designed to reduce it, promoting inclusion and social ownership of telecommunications/ICT, bearing in mind the needs of minority and at-risk social groups;
- e) That the Coordination of the Telehealth Network of the Americas has given priority to all measures to support and advance initiatives to provide a health and technology solution that assists the fragile situation that our sister country, Haiti, is experiencing,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:**

- a) That the Network Coordination has already entered upon agreements with institutions such as the Medical School of Universidad Nacional de Rosario (Argentina), Fundación Era Digital, and the Argentine Air Force, the latter as the institution that manages the Argentine Mobile Field Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti;
- b) That the above institutions have promoted initiatives to collect the necessary funds to purchase and transfer the equipment needed to install a Mobile Telemedicine Station on the island;
- c) That, furthermore, the Argentine Air Force will guarantee the transportation of the equipment at the beginning of next year and of a team of health professionals that will operate the equipment to be installed,

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<sup>1</sup> CCP.I-TIC/doc. 2117/10

**RESOLVES:**

1. To support the initiative to install a Mobile Telemedicine Station in Haiti submitted by the Telehealth Network of the Americas, as noted in the declaration of support contained in the annex hereto.
2. To request the Secretariat of CITEL to adopt appropriate measures to promote and disseminate this initiative among member countries and associate members, in order to secure their support for this and future initiatives.

**ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 170 (XVII-10)****DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MOBILE MEDICAL STATION IN PORT-AU-PRINCE (HAITI)**

The Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), through its Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICT (PCC.I), wishes to support the initiative of the Telehealth Network of the Americas to install a Mobile Telemedicine Station in the Argentine Mobile Field Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

By giving priority to all measures designed to advance initiatives to provide a health and technology solution that supports the fragile situation that our sister country, Haiti, is experiencing, we are addressing the problem of the digital divide as well as promoting inclusion and social ownership of telecommunications/ICT, bearing in mind the needs of minority and at-risk social groups, in keeping with the mandate of the Rapporteurship on “ICT’s for social inclusion.”