

PCC.I/RES. 184 (XVIII-11)¹

**SUBMISSION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO THE WORLD
TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY AND THE WORLD
CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) That it is convenient to approve a procedure for the development of the activities in order to establish Inter-American common Proposals to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT);
- b) That it is necessary to include procedures that must be followed in the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and in the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) in order to modify an existing Inter-American Proposal (IAP);
- c) That it is necessary to include the procedures that WTSA and WCIT must follow in order to establish a new IAP on issues that emerge during a WTSA or a WCIT.

RESOLVES:

- 1. To adopt the procedure described in the Annex for the submission and modification of Inter-American Common Proposals to the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT).
- 2. That the Rapporteurship for the preparation of WTSA and WCIT will propose to the XIX PCC.I Meeting a text for enabling the adoption of new IAPs during the celebration of the WTSA and WCIT.
- 3. To revoke Resolution CCP.I/RES. 107 (X-07).

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 184 (XVIII-11)

PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND MODIFICATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY AND THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION,

1. OBJECTIVE

To establish the procedure that is to be followed by any document developed under the scope of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications (PCC.I) for submission to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and the World Conference on International Telecommunications of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), as an INTER-AMERICAN

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PROPOSAL. Separate IAPs will be developed specifically for WTSA and for WCIT. IAPs developed for one event can not and will not be used for the other.

To establish the procedure that must be followed to modify an IAP during a WTSA or WCIT

To establish a procedure for the elaboration of new IAPs by CITEL Member States attending the WTSA or WCIT for issues that emerge during the WTSA or WCIT.

In using this procedure, every effort should be made to reach consensus among CITEL Administrations.

2. DEFINITIONS

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

- a. RG-WTSA/WCIT: Rapporteur Group on the Preparation for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, and the World Conference on International Telecommunications dependent on the Working Group on Policy and Regulation of PCC.I.
- b. PROPOSAL: input submitted for discussion with a view to it becoming an INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.
- c. DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DRAFT IAP): PROPOSAL that after being considered and discussed by the Member States has been supported by more than 1 (one) Administration.
- d. INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP): It is the PROPOSAL or DRAFT IAP that the RG-WTSA/WCIT has concluded its considerations and discussions on, and that has been supported during the LIMIT MEETING or the FINAL MEETING by no fewer than six (6) Administrations and is not opposed by more than 50% (fifty percent) of the number of supports obtained.
- e. LIMIT MEETING: It is the pen-ultimate meeting of the RG-WTSA/WCIT held before the WTSA or WCIT, which will be held in order to meet the ITU rules and procedures.
- f. FINAL MEETING: It is the last Meeting of PCC.I before the WTSA or WCIT

A. ELABORATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS BEFORE THE WTSA OR WCIT

A1. STEPS

The steps in the procedure for the preparation and adoption of INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to be submitted before the WTSA and WCIT of the ITU are as follows:

Step 1. Evaluation of the Support and Opposition to the PROPOSAL or DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL

During the LIMIT MEETING or the FINAL MEETING, whichever applicable, the following items will be defined by the RG-WTSA/WCIT:

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

Step 2. Circulation of the INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The Secretariat will distribute the IAPs, the DRAFT IAPs and the PROPOSALS still being considered, to all Member States of CITEL, no more than two (2) weeks after the close of the LIMIT MEETING, clearly stating the maximum deadline to submit the position to them.

Step 3. Sending INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS to the ITU

The Secretariat of CITEL will send the IAPs to the ITU, following ITU rules and procedures.

A2. SUPPORT

The Administrations wishing to support a PROPOSAL, a DRAFT IAP or IAP, being considered, must do so either verbally or in writing, during a RG-WTSA/WCIT meeting or as a reply to the circular that will be sent.

A3. OPPOSITION

It is understood that the Administrations which oppose a DRAFT IAP or IAP shall indicate clearly the reasons of their oppositions.

The Administrations wishing to oppose a DRAFT IAP which has been circulated before the LIMIT MEETING or FINAL MEETING, whichever applicable, must do so during a RG-WTSA/WCIT or PCC.I Plenary meeting, orally or in writing.

It is understood that if an Administration chooses to oppose a given INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL during the WTSA or WCIT, such Administration will make every possible effort to notify the Rapporteur of the RG-WTSA/WCIT of its intention.

A4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A4.1. Obtaining Support

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

A4.2. IAP's Coordination

The Rapporteur of RG-WTSA/WCIT will make every possible effort to coordinate all DRAFT IAP and PROPOSALS, in order to not generating IAPs with opposite issues.

A4.3. Format for DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The heading of each DRAFT IAP being considered at the RG-WTSA/WCIT must include the following elements in the order indicated below:

- a. the names of CITELE Administrations that expressed their support.
- b. in square brackets the names of CITELE Administrations that have not yet made their position known;
- c. the names of CITELE Administrations that have expressed their opposition.

A4.4. Contact Points

Communications with the Administrations should be channelled through the contact points identified before the RG-WTSA/WCIT.

A4.5. Administrations Internal Activities

Administrations are encouraged to plan their national activities in such a way as to be prepared to state support for or opposition to DRAFT IAPs as early as possible or by the conclusion of the FINAL MEETING.

B: REVISION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AFTER THE BEGINNING OF A WTSA OR A WCIT

After the beginning of the meeting, it may become necessary to revise an IAP. Propositions of revisions should only be presented and considered during a CITELE meeting to be held during WTSA or a WCIT .

The decision to submit a revision will be based on the agreement of CITELE Administrations present at the ITU Meeting.

In the case of a revised IAP, only the names of the Administrations attending the WTSA or a WCIT and supporting the revised IAP will be listed on the heading. Administrations not in attendance will be informed of the revised IAP, by the CITELE Secretariat, once it is approved.

During a WTSA or a WCIT, it may be necessary to consider modifications to an IAP according to the deliberations that may take place either during the WTSA or the WCIT, on specific issues that emerge.

When this is the case, Member States of CITELE attending the WTSA or a WCIT and that originally supported the IAP will go over the issue in order to decide whether a modification proposal is applicable. If any of these Member States of CITELE do not support the modification proposal, the IAP will remain as it is.

If those Member States of CITELE at the WTSA or WCIT agree on proposing a modification or modifications, modifications will be submitted for the consideration of CITELE Member States at an RG-WTSA/WCIT meeting, and if none of the Member States present express their opposition, then the

modification or modifications will be considered as approved. However, if during the meeting of the RG-WTSA/WCIT, a CITELE Member State expresses its opposition, then the modified IAP will only be approved if more than 25% of the Member States present at the RG meeting do not oppose the modified proposal.

In the case of a modified IAP, only the names of the CITELE Member States attending the meeting and supporting the modified IAP will be listed on the heading. CITELE Member States not attending the RG-WTSA/WCIT meeting or not in the WTSA or WCIT itself will be informed by the CITELE Secretariat about the modified IAP once it has been approved.

Any CITELE Member State that wishes to add its name to the modified IAP will contact the CITELE Secretariat in order to follow the procedure established with the ITU.

A modified IAP voids, replaces, and eliminates the original corresponding IAP.

C. APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

The dispositions of this procedure must be applied and interpreted within the parameters of Resolution COM/CITELE RES.226 (XXI- 09).

Any issue not considered in this procedure must be resolved in a plenary session of the PCC.I, after the relevant consultations with the Rapporteur of the RG-WTSA/WCIT.