

SUPPORT FROM CITEL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE OUTCOMES OF THE SIXTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS^{1/ 2/} AND
THE HIGH-LEVEL WORLD CONFERENCES HELD IN 2012 AND IN PREPARATION
FOR INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION EVENTS
FOR THE 2013-2014 CYCLE

(Adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 5, 2013)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

That by resolution COM/CITEL RES. 242 (XXV-11), “Contribution by CITEL to the Sixth Summit of the Americas,” the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL invited the member states of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) to forward to the National Coordinator of the Sixth Summit of the Americas documents arising from different CITEL meetings that reflected the positive impact of telecommunications and of information and communication technologies (ICTs) on matters of high importance to the region, such as social inclusion, citizen security, natural-disaster prevention and mitigation, and promotion of access to and use of technology;

That the activities of CITEL in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) consolidate inter-American proposals, strengthen the regional bloc, and protect the interests of the countries of the Americas;

That CITEL discusses issues important to the member states, including those related to utilization of the digital dividend, plans for broadband, the definition and harmonization of frequency bands for access to mobile services, and emergency communications, among others;

The great effort made by CITEL, as the regional telecommunication organization for the Americas, at the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) of the ITU in presenting over 200 inter-American proposals to amend the Radio Regulations, the international treaty governing the use of the radio spectrum and geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits;

That by a decision of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I) at its third plenary session, 14 inter-American proposals were forwarded to the 2012 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from November 20 to 29, 2012; and 39 inter-American proposals to the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from December 3 to 14, 2012; and

¹. The Government of Nicaragua considers that the reference to the Summit in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, and the appeal to strengthen the so-called “Summit of the Americas” are inappropriate, ...

2. The Republic of Ecuador enters its express reservation to references to the Sixth Summit of the Americas, held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, ...

That CITEL participated actively in the preparations for the “Connect the Americas” Summit held in Panama City, Panama from July 17 to 19, 2012, the overarching objective of which was to mobilize the human, financial, and technical resources required to implement the results of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);

CONSIDERING:

That at the Sixth Summit of the Americas, mandates were adopted in the areas of “integration of physical infrastructure in the Americas”; “access to and use of information and communication technologies”; “poverty, inequality, and inequity”; disaster risk reduction and management”; and “citizen security and transnational organized crime,” which contain provisions directly related to the work of CITEL;

That WRC-12 adopted resolutions of high impact in the areas of mobile broadband, the digital dividend, interference, and the coordination and notification of satellite networks, and that it developed the agenda for WRC-15, which includes items with high impact on the region, since the radio spectrum is a finite resource, but frequency requirements and the numerous radiocommunication applications are increasing, so that regulatory procedures must be evaluated on an ongoing basis to ensure that needs of administrations are met;

That WTSA-12 adopted resolutions of great importance to world telecommunication evolution and development and to ongoing market innovation and growth;

That WCIT-12 updated the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs), the binding global treaty that contains the principles governing international voice, data, and video traffic and lays the foundations for ongoing innovation and market growth; and

That the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL will be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from February 10 to 13, 2014; that the Assembly is the inter-American forum for the exchange of views and experiences by the highest telecommunication/ICT authorities of the member states of CITEL, taking appropriate decisions to guide their activity; and that preparations for this meeting of the Assembly are to begin in 2013; and

REAFFIRMING:

That, in its capacity as the leading multilateral forum of the Hemisphere, the OAS has an exceptional part to play in strengthening connectivity in the region in order to contribute to its socioeconomic development; and

That the CITEL has a crucial part to play by establishing a reference point in the Americas with regard to the information society and that it has proven an effective mechanism for facilitating contributions by member states to international conferences,

RESOLVES:

1. To invite the member states to participate actively in the activities related to the preparations for 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15); the sixth regular meeting of the Assembly of Inter-American Telecommunication Committee (CITEL), to be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from February 10 to 13, 2014; the 2014 World

Telecommunication Development Conference to be held in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt, from March 31 to April 11; and the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference, to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from October 20 to November 7, as applicable, so that they come to these conferences with a strong and consensus-based regional position.

2. To emphasize that the core competencies of CITELE in the field of information and communication technologies (ICTs), such as assistance in bridging the digital divide; regional and international cooperation; radio spectrum management; and information dissemination, are of crucial importance in building the information society.

1. To urge CITELE to promote the development, coordination, and implementation of strategies, as applicable, in order to expand the use of ICTs, with support from the private sector and social actors of the Hemisphere, in accordance with commitments undertaken at the Sixth Summit of the Americas.

4. To instruct the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States to continue providing CITELE with the financial support necessary to ensure continuity in the implementation of its mandates.

5. To encourage the member states and associate members of CITELE to present proposals and contributions for the meetings of CITELE and, if possible, to provide voluntary financial contributions for efforts to promote the development, coordination, and implementation of strategies to develop and promote inter-American proposals pursuant to operative paragraph 1, and projects, as applicable, in order to expand access to and the use of ICTs in the Americas.

1. To request CITELE to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on the implementation of this resolution.

7. That execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

FOOTNOTES

1. ... in that during that event, the Heads of State and Government were unable to consider or adopt the Political Declaration, which reflected the common will of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for the sister republic of Cuba to participate unconditionally and on a footing of sovereign equality. We reaffirm that a “Summit of the Americas” cannot be held without the presence of Cuba. The mandates and operative paragraphs on the core themes were part of the Political Declaration and as the latter were not adopted, nor were the former. For that reason, Nicaragua disagrees with making references to these documents and mandates, which were not adopted.

2. ... on April 14 and 15, 2012, without prejudice to the contents approved by Ecuador in other negotiation contexts, as appropriate.