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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)
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FINAL REPORT

40 MEETING OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) was held in person with remote participation from November 30 to December 2, 2022, at Hotel Radisson Bogota Metrotel in Bogota, Colombia.

I. AGENDA¹

1. Adoption of agenda and schedule.
2. Establishment of meeting committees:
 - 2.1 Committee for Drafting the Final Report.
 - 2.2 Committee for Preparing the Operations Plan.
3. Report by the Chair of COM/CITEL.
4. Reports from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees.
5. Reports from the COM/CITEL Working Groups:
 - 5.1 Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.
 - 5.2 Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITEL.
 - 5.3. Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the ITU Council.
 - 5.4 Working Group for the Preparation of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences (PP).
6. Approval of the annual report on the activities of CITEL.
7. 2022 CITEL financial report.
8. Report of the activities of the Secretariat of CITEL, particularly regarding the support of projects for the development of telecommunications/ICT in the Americas.
9. Approval of the 2023 Operations Plan (activities, budget, and meeting scheduling for 2023).
10. Joint CITEL/ITU activities in the region.
11. Proposed amendments of the CITEL Statute and Regulations.
12. Study of OAS General Assembly resolutions affecting CITEL.
13. Report on the situation of CITEL's cooperation agreements.
14. Date, agenda, and venue of the next meeting.
15. Other business.
16. Adoption of the minutes and Final Report of the meeting.

¹ COM/CITEL doc. 364/22

II. AUTHORITIES OF THE MEETING

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| Chair of COM/CITEL: | Ms. Sandra Milena Urrutia Pérez (Colombia) |
| Alternate Chair of COM/CITEL: | Ms. Elisa Mercedes Fuentes Mejia (Colombia) |
| Executive Secretary of CITEL: | Mr. Oscar G. León Suarez (OAS/CITEL) |

FINAL REPORT DRAFTING COMMISSION:

Chair:

Colombia: Ms. Alba Marina Cañon

Member:

Canada: Mr. David Bedard

PARTICIPANTS:

a. Members States of COM/CITEL:

Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, and Uruguay.

Observers:

b. OAS Member States:

Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Trinidad & Tobago

c. CITEL Associate Members:

Argentina: NOKIA SOLUTIONS AND NETWORKS ARGENTINA S.A.

Argentina: INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC)

Argentina: TELEFONICA DE ARGENTINA

Argentina: CAMARA ARGENTINA DE INTERNET (CABASE)

Canada: ERICSSON CANADA

United States of America: DYNAMIC SPECTRUM ALLIANCE (DSA)

United States of America: GLOBAL MOBILE SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION (GSA)

United States of America: GLOBAL SYSTEM FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS (GSMA)

United States of America: GLOBAL VSAT FORUM (GVF)

Paraguay: TELEFONICA CELULAR DEL PARAGUAY

d. International and Regional Organizations:

Asociación Interamericana de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones (ASIET)

Centro Internacional de Investigación Científica y Creación en Telecomunicaciones, Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicaciones (CITIC)

Comisión Técnica Regional de Telecomunicaciones de Centroamérica (COMTELCA).

International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

III. RESOLUTIONS

COM/CITEL RES. 320 (XL-22)²

COURSE PROGRAM OF CITEL FOR THE YEAR 2023

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a. The Manual of Procedures for the Scholarship and Training Programs of the Organization of American States;
- b. That, in the framework of the Professional Development Program for 2023, the Regional Training Centers of CITEL shall be submitting proposals for courses during the first quarter of 2023; and
- c. That the results of the Competition of the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program are not as yet available, nor is there any information about the budget available for scholarships in 2023,

ACKNOWLEDGING:

That, through the Regional Training Centers of CITEL and the Academy Training Centers of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), effective training on telecommunications/ICT is enabled,

RESOLVES:

1. To empower CITEL's Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources, in coordination with the CITEL Secretariat, to: (a) select, on the basis of the budget available for scholarships, the higher training priority courses of the member states; (b) schedule the dates for the courses to comply with the rules of the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS; and c) to increase or re-allocate the amounts of the scholarships provided.
2. To establish that, when the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS invites applications to the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program for 2023, CITEL's Coordination Center shall participate in those cases where the institutes are interested in sharing the costs pertaining to the scholarships in accordance with the conditions of the OAS.
3. To hold virtual sessions on topical issues of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT).
4. To urge the Administrations to submit applicants for the scholarships that shall be offered for the program of courses for 2023 in order to take advantage of the opportunities being provided.

² COM/CITEL doc. 381/22 rev. 2

5. To thank the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the General Secretariat of the OAS for the continued and outstanding support provided for the dissemination of CITELE courses and to urge it to give the utmost priority to scholarships that are granted in coordination with the CITELE Secretariat, taking into account that telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT) have been recognized as supporting the integral and sustainable development of the Americas, under the principles of universality, equity, and affordability.

6. To thank the “*ITU Regional Office for the Americas*,” which through the Academy Training Centers of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the ITU Academy has substantially built up its cooperation with the CITELE Secretariat, awarding scholarships for the female leadership course to representatives of the telecommunications and ICT sector of CITELE member states, and continuing joint efforts to increase the courses and scholarships offered for the Americas region in 2023.

7. To thank “*CCATLAT*” for granting scholarships through the series of monthly virtual seminars. In addition to continuing its strengthening and joint work for capacity building and career development on current topics that are relevant for the members of CITELE.

8. To thank “*CITIC-Ecuador*” for granting scholarships through short seminars and for continuing to implement joint capacity-building activities in the region through the commitments taken on in the 2030 ICT Alliance and the Rural Women’s Alliance, making it possible to continue offering updating talks on topics of interest for the region.

9. To thank the “*CULLEN International*” for granting scholarships to the courses on “*EU proposal to regulate online platforms: digital markets act (DMA) and digital services act (DSA)*” for career development and continuing to promote this kind of training and key knowledge generation on strategic topics for the region.

10. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITELE:

a. To support, as required, CITELE’s Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.

b. To disseminate these courses as widely as possible, including via CITELE’s website.

c. To develop, with CITELE’s Regional Training Centers, the schedule of training activities on telecommunications/ICT, in the first quarter of 2023, in accordance with the priorities of CITELE’s Permanent Consultative Committees, in order to meet the region’s needs. The Executive Secretary is especially instructed to seek synergies and the development of courses to promote broader participation and with focus on youth, women, and countries of Central America and the Caribbean.

COM/CITEL RES. 321 (XL-22)³

**CREATING AN AD HOC GROUP TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE GUIDELINES FOR
ADOPTION AND SUBMISSION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND FOR THE
SELECTION OF SPOKESPERSONS OF CITEL**

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) The Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 291 (XXXIII-17), which approved the guidelines for the adoption of the Inter-American Proposals and for the selection of spokespersons of CITEL;
- b) The report of the recent ITU Plenipotentiary Conference presented by the Chair of the Working Group at the 40 Meeting of COM/CITEL, which includes the outcomes achieved and the challenges faced in preparation for and during that Conference,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That there is a consensus regarding the need to review and update procedures for adopting and submitting IAPs,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To create an Ad Hoc Group to review and update the guidelines for adopting and submitting Inter-American Proposals and for the selection of spokespersons of CITEL, as contained in resolution COM/CITEL RES. 291 (XXXIII-17).
- 2. To appoint Mr. Greg Ratta of the administration of United States of America and Ms. Maria Jose Franco of the administration of Uruguay as the group coordinator.
- 3. That the Group work through virtual and/or face-to-face meetings and finish in time to present to the 41 Meeting of COM/CITEL.
- 4. To invite CITEL Member States to send contributions to help enhance the procedures and to participate actively in the work of this group.

³ COM/CITEL doc. 387/22 rev. 1

COM/CITEL RES. 322 (XL-22)⁴

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN FOR 2023

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) The program-budget and draft calendar of meetings considered at the sessions of the Meeting of COM/CITEL; and
- b) The information on the situation of Associate Members presented by the Secretariat of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To adopt the calendar of meetings for 2023 contained in Annex 1 hereto.
- 2. To approve the draft program-budget for 2023 attached hereto as Annex 2.
- 3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to inform the Member States of any change in the circumstances affecting the budget for 2023 approved.

⁴ COM/CITEL doc. 382/22 rev. 1

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 322 (XL-22)

DRAFT CALENDAR OF CITEL FOR 2023⁵

| Meeting | Date | Place |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Mobile World Congress | 27 February to 2 March 2023 | Barcelona, Spain |
| World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2023 (WSIS) | 13 to 17 March 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland with remote participation |
| Radio Regulation Board (RRB-23.1) | 20 to 24 March 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| CITEL Working Group on Preparation for Regional and World Radiocommunication Conferences during the RPC23-2 | 27 March to 6 April 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Second Session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-23 (CPM23-2) | 27 March to 6 April 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 42 Meeting of PCC.I | 24 to 28 April 2023 | Punta Cana, Dominican Republic |
| 30 Meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) | 1 to 4 May 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 41 Meeting of PCC.II | 22 to 26 Mayo 2023 | Mexico |
| 53 OAS General Assembly | June 2023* | Dominican Republic |
| Radio Regulation Board (RRB-23.2) | 26 June to 4 July 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| ITU 2023 Session of the Council (C23) | 11 to 21 July 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 42 Meeting of PCC.II | 28 August to 1 September 2023 | Ottawa, Canada |
| Cluster of Council Working Groups & Expert Groups | 18 to 29 September 2023 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 3 rd ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-23 preparation*. | 27 to 29 September 2023 | TBD |
| 43 Meeting of PCC.I | 9 to 13 October 2023 | Asuncion, Paraguay |
| Seminar on industry advances in mobile device security against the alteration of the unique identifier | 10 October 2023 | Asuncion, Paraguay |

⁵ COM/CITEL doc. 370/22 rev. 1

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| 41 Meeting of COM/CITEL | 1 to 3 November 2023 | Colombia |
| Radiocommunication Assembly 2023 (RA-23) | 13 to 17 November 2023 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates |
| CITEL Working Group on Preparation for Regional and World Radiocommunication Conferences during the during WRC-23 | 19 November to 15 December 2023 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates |
| World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) | 20 November to 15 December 2023 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates |
| First Session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-27 (CPM27-1) | 18 & 19 December 2023 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates |



CITEL Meetings



ITU Meetings



Other Meetings

** to be confirmed

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 322 (XL-22)
BUDGET PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2023

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL) YEAR 2023

| (Amount in US\$) | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | REGULAR FUND (34F) | FUND ICR | REGULAR FUND | FUND ICR | SPECIFIC FUNDS | | TOTAL |
| | RF OAS | (34F) | CITEL- MEETINGS | (34G) | SF PCC.I | SF PCC.II | |
| INCOME | | | | | | | |
| OAS Regular Fund (Personnel) | 506,800 | | | | | | 506,800 |
| OAS Regular Fund (Non Personnel) | 150,200 | 51,400 | 53,000 | | | | 254,600 |
| Specific Funds Income of the PCC.I | | | | | 199,500 | | 199,500 |
| Specific Funds Income of the PCC.II | | | | | | 370,500 | 370,500 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | 657,000 | 51,400 | 53,000 | 0 | 199,500 | 370,500 | 1,331,400 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
| Secretariat of CITEL | | | | | | | |
| Salaries of 3 Staffs [Paid by the OAS Regular Fund] | 506,800 | | | | | | 506,800 |
| Performance Contracts (CPRs) of Consultants [Paid by the OAS Regular Fund & ICR] | 92,600 | 51,400 | | | | | 144,000 |
| 40% Salaries [Contribution Specific Funds of PCC.I] | | | | | 112,800 | | 112,800 |
| 60% Salaries [Contribution Specific Funds of PCC.II] | | | | | | 169,200 | 169,200 |
| Administrative Expenditures Regular Fund (See attached Table) | 48,800 | | | | | | 48,800 |
| Total Secretariat's Expenditures: | 648,200 | 51,400 | 0 | 0 | 112,800 | 169,200 | 981,600 |
| CITEL's Meeting and Activities | | | | | | | |
| 42 Meeting of PCC.I | | | | | 43,350 | | 43,350 |
| **Additional Resources for 42nd PCC.I Meeting | | | | | ** | | |
| 43 Meeting of PCC.I | | | | | 43,350 | | 43,350 |
| 41 Meeting of PCC.II | | | | | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| 42 Meeting of PCC.II | | | | | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| 41 Meeting of COM/CITEL | | | 53,000 | | | | 53,000 |

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| CPM23-2 | | | | | | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| WRC-23 & CPM27-1 | | | | | | 18,400 | 18,400 |
| Basic activities of the Secretariat of CITEL | | | | | | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Additional Resources for the Strategic Plan (Resol. COM/CITEL/RES. 266 (XXXI-15)) | | | | | | 19,900 | 19,900 |
| Total Meeting and Activities Expenditures: | 0 | 0 | 53,000 | 0 | 86,700 | 201,300 | 341,000 |
| <u>Other Expenditures</u> | | | | | | | |
| Support from the Secretariat to Meetings and International Representations | 8,800 | | | | | | 8,800 |
| Total Other Expenditures: | 8,800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,800 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES: US\$ | 657,000 | 51,400 | 53,000 | 0 | 199,500 | 370,500 | 1,331,400 |
| TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENDITURES: US\$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| **RESERVES | |
| **Additional Resources for 42nd PCC.I Meeting | \$ 10,000 |

PROJECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR 2023 (US\$)

SECRETARIAT REGULAR FUND

SECRETARIAT

34F + ICR

| Budget | | 48,800 | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Expenses estimated | Documents | | 0 |
| | Equipment | | 3,000 |
| | Supplies | | 500 |
| | Postage | | 0 |
| | Specially printed, Phone, Fax | | 100 |
| | Server Maintenance | | 2,000 |
| | LAN-Internet | | 4,300 |
| | LAN-Printer | | 350 |
| | Translation Costs (*) | | 23,200 |
| | Courier/S&H charges | | 200 |
| | AD&D Insurance | | 350 |
| | Zoom Video Communications | | 2,000 |
| | Software licenses (annual DOITS fee) | | 8,000 |
| | VPN (8) | | 3,200 |
| | Fellowships | | 1,600 |
| Total | | | 48,800 |

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| 4,000 |
| 19,200 |
| 23,200 |

PCC.I DRAFT BUDGET - 2023

(US\$)

| | | SPECIFIC FUNDS | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | SF PCC.I | TOTAL |
| INCOME | | | |
| Income - Specific Funds of PCC.I | | 199,500 | 199,500 |
| Voluntary Contributions | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME: US\$ | | 199,500 | 199,500 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| CITEL Secretariat | | | |
| Staff Salaries: | | | |
| Staff Salaries (40%) | [Contribution SF of PCC.I] | 112,800 | 112,800 |
| Total Secretariat Expenses: | | 112,800 | 112,800 |
| CITEL's Meetings and Activities | | | |
| 42 Meeting of PCC.I | | 43,350 | 43,350 |
| 43 Meeting of PCC.I | | 43,350 | 43,350 |
| Basic activities of the Secretariat of CITEL | | | |
| Additional Resources for the Strategic Plan (Resol. COM/CITEL/RES. 266 (XXXI-15)) | | | |
| Total CITEL's Meetings and Activities: | | 86,700 | 86,700 |
| Other Expenditures | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Other Expenditures: | | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES: US\$ | | 199,500 | 199,500 |
| TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENDITURES: US\$ | | 0 | 0 |

PCC.II DRAFT BUDGET - 2023

(US\$)

| | | SPECIFIC FUNDS | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | SF PCC.II | TOTAL |
| INCOME | | | |
| Income - Specific Funds of PCC.II | | 370,500 | 370,500 |
| Voluntary Contributions | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME: US\$ | | 370,500 | 370,500 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| CITEL Secretariat | | | |
| Staff Salaries: | | | |
| Staff Salaries (60%) | [Contribution SF of PCC.II] | 169,200 | 169,200 |
| Total Secretariat Expenses: | | 169,200 | 169,200 |
| CITEL's Meetings and Activities | | | |
| 41 Meeting of PCC.II | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| 42 Meeting of PCC.II | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| CPM23-2 | | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| WRC-23 & CPM27-1 | | 18,400 | 18,400 |
| Basic activities of the Secretariat of CITEL | | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Additional Resources for the Strategic Plan (Resol. COM/CITEL/RES. 266 (XXXI-15)) | | 19,900 | 19,900 |
| Total CITEL's Meetings and Activities: | | 201,300 | 201,300 |
| Other Expenditures | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Other Expenditures: | | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES: US\$ | | 370,500 | 370,500 |
| TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENDITURES: US\$ | | 0 | 0 |

COM/CITEL RES. 323 (XL-22)⁶

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS FOR THE RENEWAL
OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEL**

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the post of Executive Secretary is of critical importance for the functioning of CITEL;
- b) That the current contract of the Executive Secretary of CITEL with the General Secretariat of the OAS expires on September 21st, 2023;
- c) That article 17 of the CITEL Statute established the role of COM/CITEL regarding the selection process of the Executive Secretary of CITEL, becoming responsible, among others, of defining the profile, as well as the selection criteria of the candidate to occupy such position;
- d) That the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), taking into consideration the three candidates proposed by COM/CITEL in the year 2015, and in accordance with the General Standards to Govern the General Secretariat of the OAS, decided to appoint Oscar Giovanni León Suárez as Executive Secretary of CITEL;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION:

- a) That COM/CITEL considers management continuity as important, as well as the initiatives developed over the last four years by the current Executive Secretary.
- b) That the knowledge, experience and management skills of the current Executive Secretary have led to an improvement in the work of the CITEL Secretariat and all the Committees;

WHEREAS:

- a) That the projects presented by the current Executive Secretary and adopted by the COM/CITEL, as for example the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas, signed on June 14th, 2016 in the Dominican Republic by Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) companies and the General Secretariat of the OAS with goals for the year 2030, technical support for the implementation of the 21 guidelines for connectivity in rural or unserved areas, require continuity and adequate knowledge thereof so as to ensure the achievement of the goals set;

RESOLVES:

To kindly request the Secretary General of the OAS, taking into account the provisions of this Resolution, to consider the renewal of the Contract to the current Executive Secretary of CITEL for a period of five years.

⁶ COM/CITEL doc. 398/22 rev. 1

COM/CITEL RES. 324 (XL-22)⁷

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON GENDER EQUALITY AND MEANINGFUL
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) the fundamental values and principles of the Member States of CITEL and its role in supporting democracy, human rights, security and development as key priorities of the Organization of American States (OAS);
- b) CITEL's unwavering support for Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment, inclusive of all women, girls, men and boys, of vulnerable and marginalized groups, of aboriginal and indigenous communities, and of people with disabilities and people with special needs;
- c) the fact that the United Nations Secretary-General has put "listen to and work with youth" and "place women and girls at the centre" as two of the 12 commitments in his 2021 report entitled "Our Common Agenda" towards the acceleration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- d) the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that strives to achieve gender equality and to empower all women and girls and foster gender mainstreaming as a cross-cutting issue over all goals and targets of the agenda;
- e) the need and rights of all young women, men, boys and girls to be meaningfully engaged in decision making processes addressing their Digital Future, particularly in the context of discussions and adoption of resolutions, decisions or recommendations at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- f) the importance for CITEL and its Member States to be fully engaged with the United Nations "Youth 2030", with the ITU's Youth Strategy and the Generation Connect Global Youth Summits;
- g) the importance for CITEL and its Member States to be fully engaged with the United Nations "Youth 2030" and with the ITU's Youth Strategy, including the Generation Connect Initiative and the Generation Connect Global Youth Summits;

RECALLING:

- a) PP RESOLUTION 70 (Rev. BUCHAREST, 2022): Mainstreaming a gender perspective in ITU and promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through telecommunications/information and communication technologies;
- b) PP RESOLUTION 139 (Rev. BUCHAREST, 2022): Use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies to bridge the digital divide and build an inclusive information society;

⁷ COM/CITEL doc. 375/22 rev. 4

- c) PP RESOLUTION 198 (Rev. BUCHAREST, 2022): Empowerment of youth through telecommunication/information and communication technology;
- d) WTDC RESOLUTION 55 (Rev. Kigali, 2022): Mainstreaming a gender perspective in ITU to enhance women's empowerment through telecommunications/ICTs;
- e) WTDC RESOLUTION 76 (Rev. Kigali, 2022): Promoting information and communication technologies among young women and men for social and economic empowerment;
- f) WTDC-22 / Americas Regional Initiative 2 AMS: Enhancement and expansion of digital-literacy, digital-skills and digital-inclusion programmes, especially among vulnerable populations;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- a) the need to continue supporting the successful activities and programs on Gender and Youth developed and undertaken by the ITU's BDT and by relevant agencies at the OAS;
- b) the adoption since 1996 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) of a number of resolutions highlighting the need for strengthening transparency and gender balance throughout the United Nations system;
- c) the Networks of Women (NOW) for the ITU Radiocommunication (ITU-R) and Development (ITU-D) Sectors and the Women in Standardization Working Group (WISE) in the Standardization Sector (ITU-T);
- d) the 2022 ITU Generation Connect Youth Call to Action "My Digital Future";
- e) the Declaration on Promoting Gender Equality, Equity and Parity in the ITU Radiocommunication Sector, approved at the World Radiocommunication Conference (Sharm el-Sheikh, 2019);

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a Working Group on Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment.
2. To adopt the Mandate and Terms of Reference included in the Annex hereof.
3. To appoint the administrations of Brazil and Canada as Co-Chairs and the administrations of Paraguay and Peru as Vice-Chairs of this Working Group.
4. To instruct the Working Group to prepare the work plan and performance indicators in the first quarter of 2023, in accordance with the objectives and goals foreseen during the work period, and in line with the dynamic of the activities undertaken.
5. To instruct the Working Group to use electronic means and hold virtual sessions as necessary to fulfill the Working Group objectives and goals in coordination with the Secretariat of CITEL.

ANNEX TO THE RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 324 (XL-22)

MANDATE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND AUTHORITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GENDER EQUALITY AND MEANINGFUL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Authorities:

Co-chairs: Brazil and Canada

Vice-chairs: Paraguay and Peru

Mandate:

To focus on the review and research of major issues, challenges, initiatives, policies and programs aimed at strengthening Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment in order to increase meaningful participation in and leadership of activities related to the inclusive development and use of telecommunications/ICTs.

Terms of reference:

- a) Establish a CITEL wide perspective on activities and initiatives aimed at strengthening Gender equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment by maintaining on-going coordination and consultation with PCC.I and PCC.II on activities aimed at the promotion of Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment, in particular to support the Americas Network(s) of Women for the Radiocommunication (ITU-R) and Development (ITU-D) Sectors, as well as the Women in Standardization Expert Group (WISE ITU-T) and exchanging lessons learned and best practices in improving these initiatives in the region.
- b. Encourage programs, projects, initiatives and capacity building activities, including through coordination and consultation with PCC.I and PCC.II, in telecommunications/ICT gender perspectives that promote a fully inclusive participation of all women and girls and the meaningful empowerment of young women and men in decision making processes at national, regional and international levels affecting their “Digital Future”, including at meetings, conferences and assemblies of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- c) Coordinate with the ITU regional office on follow-up mechanisms and activities to support the implementation of the United Nations “Youth 2030”, the ITU’s Youth Strategy and the Generation Connect Global Youth Summits, including any output documents.
- e) Support the relevant CITEL Working Groups in preparation for ITU Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings, including ITU Advisory Groups in the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) or Inter-American Contributions (IACs) that contain inclusive language related to Gender Equality a/o Meaningful Youth Empowerment.
- f) Coordinate as appropriate an exchange of information and best practices on Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment with other relevant agencies in the OAS, in particular the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) and the Youth Americas Business Trust.

Draft Performance indicators:

- a) Percentage of participation of women and youth in CITELE meetings.
- b) Percentage of participation of women and youth in workshops and seminars conducted by CITELE.
- c) Percentage of participation of women and youth in key areas/leadership role in the work of CITELE.
- d) Number of CITELE case studies/best practices revised to include focus on women and youth as reported by PCC.I and PCC.II's substantive working groups.
- e) Number of CITELE workshops and seminars with focus on women and youth.
- f) Number of women and youth from the Americas region participating in conferences of the ITU.
- g) Number of women in leadership roles from the Americas region within working groups and conferences of the ITU.

Work Plan (2022-2026):

To be developed in due course.

COM/CITEL RES. 325 (XL-22)⁸

STRUCTURE OF COM/CITEL

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the proposal for the new structure of COM/CITEL contained in document COM/CITEL doc. 376/22 was adopted by consensus;
- b) That Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 321 (XL-22), adopted at this meeting, created the Ad Hoc Group to review and update the guidelines for the adoption and presentation of Inter-American Proposals and the selection of CITEL spokespersons;
- c) That Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 324 (XL-22), adopted at this meeting, established the Working Group on Gender Equality and Effective Youth Empowerment;
- d) That it is necessary to modify the structure of COM/CITEL to include these new groups, name changes and updated mandates, terms of references and officers of the working groups;
- e) That it is necessary to adopt a new structure for COM/CITEL in accordance with its functions as set out in Article 17 of the Statute, the CITEL Strategic Plan for 2022-2026, and the dynamism of the work of this committee,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To adopt the structure of COM/CITEL attached as Annex I;
- 2. To approve the mandates, terms of reference, and authorities of the Working Groups of COM/CITEL, attached as Annex II;
- 3. To revoke Resolutions: COM/CITEL RES. 140 (XII-02), COM/CITEL RES. 260 (XXIX-14), and COM/CITEL RES. 314 (XXXVII-20).

⁸ COM/CITEL doc. 399/22 rev. 2

ANNEX I OF RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 325 (XL-22)⁹

STRUCTURE OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (COM/CITEL)

The Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL) is the executive organ of CITEL. It is composed of representatives of thirteen Member States elected at the CITEL Assembly, who shall serve until next Regular Meeting of the Assembly. The COM/CITEL was composed with the Administrations of the countries listed below, elected by the Eight Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL for the period 2022-2026: Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, and Uruguay, together with Colombia as Chair of COM/CITEL and Costa Rica as Vice-chair and the site of the Nineth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL¹⁰.

Functions¹¹:

The following are the functions of COM/CITEL:

1. To implement the decisions of the CITEL Assembly, taking into account the recommendations of the General Assembly of the Organization and the mandates from the Summit of the Americas as they relate to telecommunications/ICTs.
2. To implement and enforce the objectives of Article 3 hereof.
3. To set the dates for both Regular and Special Meetings of the CITEL Assembly and the venue for the Special Meetings of the CITEL Assembly, and to change either or both as necessary.
4. To prepare the draft agendas for the Regular and Special Meetings of the CITEL Assembly and submit them to the governments of the CITEL Member States for their consideration, through the Executive Secretary, pursuant to Article 9 hereof.
5. To propose to the CITEL Assembly any amendments it may consider necessary to introduce to this Statute and the Regulations.
6. To establish a work program for the Secretariat and the Chair of COM/CITEL to implement the decisions of the CITEL Assembly.
7. To adopt any urgent measures that cannot be deferred until the following meeting of the CITEL Assembly, which shall remain in force until the CITEL Assembly can consider them.
8. Through its Chair or some other designated member of COM/CITEL, to represent CITEL at world, regional, or national meetings or conferences on telecommunications/ICTs or related activities.
9. With the cooperation of the Secretariat, to prepare studies, drafts of inter-American conventions and treaties, and any other documents relating to telecommunications/ICTs within the hemisphere.
10. To submit to the General Assembly an annual report on the activities of CITEL through the Secretary General and the appropriate Council of the Organization.
11. To establish such technical committees and working groups as it may deem necessary, determining their work programs.
12. Within the framework of CITEL's objectives, to plan and coordinate inter-American activities in the field of telecommunications/ICTs.
13. To review and approve a work program based on the program/budget approved by the General Assembly and an annual proposed budget for CITEL in pursuance of the provisions of Article 112 (c) of the Charter of the Organization, ensuring the strictest possible economy and mindful of the obligation upon CITEL to achieve satisfactory results from the work programs undertaken.
14. To approve the annual training plan and oversee its implementation.
15. To ensure fulfillment of the Strategic Plan adopted by the Assembly.

⁹ COM/CITEL doc. 378/22 rev. 1

¹⁰ Elected at the 8th Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly for the 2022-2026 period.

¹¹ Article 17 of the Statute of CITEL.

16. To approve the participation of observers and guests at the meetings of the CITES Assembly.
17. To coordinate CITES's preparations for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference and Council meetings.
18. To provide the OAS SG the profile and selection criteria for candidates to occupy the position of Executive Secretary of CITES and receive nominations from interested Member States.
19. To select three candidates to hold the position of Executive Secretary of CITES and provide the names to the Secretary General for his or her consideration to select one candidate in accordance with the OAS General Standards.
20. To participate in the process of determining the membership, recruitment, and selection of the Secretariat of CITES.
21. If no consensus is reached, Article 20 herein shall apply.

Authorities:

Chair: Colombia
Vice-chair: Costa Rica

WORKING GROUPS OF COM/CITES

1. Working Group on Capacity Building and Human Resources Development
2. Working Group on Strategic, Financial and Operational Plan
3. Working Group on ITU Council (WGCL)
4. Working Group on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (WGPP)
5. Working Group Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment
6. Ad Hoc Group to review and update the guidelines for adopting and submitting inter-American proposals and for selecting CITES spokespersons

ANNEX II OF RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 325 (XL-22)

MANDATES, TERM OF REFERENCES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP OF COM/CITEL

1. Working Group on Capacity Building and Human Resource Development

Terms of Reference:

- a) To identify and promote specific training courses to meet the needs and priorities of CITEL members.
- b) To coordinate training programs for the CITEL Member States with Regional Training Centers.
- c) To coordinate the work with the ITU Academy Training Centers for the Americas.
- d) To draw up and disseminate a document describing what the training centers have to offer.
- e) To request liaison officers to provide a list of training demands in member countries.
- f) To encourage entities from member countries to devote additional efforts to human resource training and development.
- g) To prepare and keep an updated list of courses available at regional, sub-regional, and international telecommunication organizations.
- h) To prepare and keep an updated list of international events related to telecommunication human resource development and training.
- i) To request that the Secretariat publish to its website updated information on the activities of the Administration in its role as coordinator, its progress and the aforementioned lists, attempting to establish links with the electronic sites of organizations and events listed.
- j) To identify and promote training programs offered by operating companies and equipment manufacturers.
- k) To steadily contribute to the establishment of a more direct relationship with international organizations capable of providing training to the personnel of CITEL member countries, particularly in the field of telecommunications management, regulation and control.
- l) To manage the surplus of the COM/CITEL Reserve Fund.

The current regional training centers of CITEL are:

| Country | Center | Date of approval as Regional Training Center |
|--------------|---|--|
| 1. Argentina | <i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA) of Argentina</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 175 (XIV-04) |
| 2. Argentina | <i>Centro de Capacitación en Alta Tecnología para América Latina y el Caribe (CCAT-LAT)</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 211 (XIX-07) |
| 3. Argentina | Universidad Blas Pascal | COM/CITEL RES. 258 (XXIX-14) |
| 4. Brazil | <i>Universidade de Brasília</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 175 (XIV-04) |
| 5. Canada | Neotelis | COM/CITEL RES. 229 (XXIV-10) |

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| 6. Chile | <i>Centro Internacional de Capacitación en Telecomunicaciones</i> | CCP.I/ RES. 1 (I-94) |
| 7. Chile | <i>Centro Nacional de Electrónica y Telecomunicaciones, Facultad de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas, Universidad de Chile</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 175 (XIV-04) |
| 8. Colombia | <i>Universidad Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 175 (XIV-04) |
| 9. Colombia | <i>Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería “Julio Garavito”</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 175 (XIV-04) |
| 10. Colombia | <i>Asociación de Ingenieros de Colombia</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 124 (X-01) |
| 11. Colombia | <i>Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 203 (XVIII-06) |
| 12. Colombia | <i>Universidad ICESI</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 251 (XXVII-13) |
| 13. Ecuador | <i>Centro Internacional de Investigación Científica y Creación en Telecomunicaciones, Tecnologías de la Información y las Comunicaciones (CITIC)</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 239 (XXV-2011) |
| 14. United States of America | United States Telecommunications Training Institute, USTTI | CCP.I/ RES. 1 (I-94) |
| 15. México | <i>Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones, IFETEL</i> | CTP.I/ RES. 11 (III-93) |
| 16. Paraguay | <i>Centro de Innovación Tecnológica, Facultad de Ingeniería, Universidad Nacional de Asunción</i> | CCP.I/ RES. 1 (I-94) |
| 17. Perú | <i>Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones, INICTEL</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 72 (VII-98) |
| 18. Dominican Republic | <i>Instituto Tecnológico de las Américas (ITLA)</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 210 (XIX-07) |
| 19. Suriname | Telecommunications Corporation Suriname Telesur Training Research | CCP.I/ RES. 1 (I-94) |
| 20. Uruguay | <i>Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones, ANTEL</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 139 (XII-02) |
| 21. Uruguay | <i>Universidad Católica del Uruguay, UCU</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 139 (XII-02) |
| 22. COMTELCA | <i>Centro de Formación Centroamericana</i> | COM/CITEL RES. 47 (V-97) |

Authorities:

Chair: Argentina

2. Working Group on Strategic, Financial and Operational Plans

Terms of Reference:

Prepare the CITEL Strategic Plan including key performance indicators, ensuring clear linkages between strategic, financial and operational components, taking into account the application of results-based budgeting and results-based management.

Authorities:

Chair: Colombia
Vice-chairs: Argentina, Brazil and Costa Rica

3. Working Group on the ITU Council (WGCL)

Terms of reference:

- a) To report to the CITEL Member States on matters addressed by the ITU Council to identify those of genuine importance to the objectives and activities of CITEL and its Member States, including the decisions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) To coordinate the strategy to be developed within the Council and its Committees and Working Groups, always taking into account the specific characteristics and concerns of the subregions;
- c) To establish definite processes for coordination prior to and during the sessions of the ITU Council that include the Member States of the Council and those attending as Observers;
- d) To hold at least one meeting of CITEL at the ITU headquarters prior to the start of the annual session of the Council, and others as items are addressed, notwithstanding the budgetary constraints of CITEL;
- e) To establish priorities among matters to be addressed according to their importance and/or urgency;
- f) To coordinate with the Permanent Consultative Committees how to address Council matters and activities within their purview, in order to:
 - achieve results from the work done by the PCCs;
 - ensure that the Working Group reports to the PCC Chairs on Council decisions that relate to matters within the purview of the respective Committees; and,
- g) For the fulfillment of this mandate, to utilize any available electronic media (videoconferences, electronic mail, online community, etc.) between face-to-face meetings.

Authorities:

Chair: Argentina
Vice-chairs: Bahamas and Brazil

4. Working Group on the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (WGPP)

Mandate:

- a) To coordinate regional preparations for the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP), including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions.
- b) To undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- c) To coordinate the organization of the region's work during ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences (PP), including proposals for the designation of Chairs and Vice-Chairs and follow-up of Inter-American Proposals.

Authorities:

Chair: Mexico
Vice-chair: United States of America

5. Working Group on Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment¹²**Mandate:**

To focus on the review and research of major issues, challenges, initiatives, policies and programs aimed at strengthening Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment in order to increase meaningful participation in and leadership of activities related to the inclusive development and use of telecommunications/ICTs.

Terms of reference:

- a) Establish a CITEL wide perspective on activities and initiatives aimed at strengthening Gender equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment by maintaining on-going coordination and consultation with PCC.I and PCC.II on activities aimed at the promotion of Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment, in particular to support the Americas Network(s) of Women for the Radiocommunication (ITU-R) and Development (ITU-D) Sectors, as well as the Women in Standardization Expert Group (WISE ITU-T) and exchanging lessons learned and best practices in improving these initiatives in the region.
- b) Encourage programs, projects, initiatives and capacity building activities, including through coordination and consultation with PCC.I and PCC.II, in telecommunications/ICT gender perspectives that promote a fully inclusive participation of all women and girls and the meaningful empowerment of young women and men in decision making processes at national, regional and international levels affecting their “Digital Future”, including at meetings, conferences and assemblies of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- c) Coordinate with the ITU regional office on follow-up mechanisms and activities to support the implementation of the United Nations “Youth 2030”, the ITU’s Youth Strategy and the Generation Connect Global Youth Summits, including any output documents.
- d) Support the relevant CITEL Working Groups in preparation for ITU Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings, including ITU Advisory Groups in the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) or Inter-American Contributions (IACs) that contain inclusive language related to Gender Equality a/o Meaningful Youth Empowerment
- e) Coordinate as appropriate an exchange of information and best practices on Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment with other relevant agencies in the OAS, in particular the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) and the Youth Americas Business Trust.

Draft Performance indicators:

- a) Percentage of participation of women and youth in CITEL meetings
- b) Percentage of participation of women and youth in workshops and seminars conducted by CITEL
- c) Percentage of participation of women and youth in key areas/leadership role in the work of CITEL

¹² COM/CITEL doc. 375/22 rev. 3

- d) Number of CITEI case studies/best practices revised to include focus on women and youth as reported by PCC.I and PCC.II's substantive working groups.
- e) Number of CITEI workshops and seminars with focus on women and youth.
- f) Number of women and youth from the Americas region participating in conferences of the ITU
- g) Number of women of the Americas region in leadership roles within working groups and conferences of the ITU

Authorities:

Co-chairs: Brazil and Canada
Vice-chairs: Paraguay and Peru

6. Ad Hoc Group to review and update the guidelines for adopting and submitting Inter-American Proposals and for selecting CITEI spokespersons¹³

Mandate:

1. Review and update the guidelines for adopting and submitting Inter-American Proposals and for the selection of spokespersons of CITEI, as contained in resolution COM/CITEI RES. 291 (XXXIII-17).
2. Carry out its work through virtual and/or face-to-face meetings and conclude this work to be presented at the 41 Meeting of COM/CITEI.

Authorities:

Coordinators: United States of America and Uruguay

¹³ COM/CITEI doc. 387/22 rev. 1

COM/CITEL RES. 326 (XL-22)¹⁴

DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE FOR THE 41 MEETING OF COM/CITEL

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the 41 Meeting of COM/CITEL from November 1 to 3, 2023 in Colombia.
2. To approve the draft agenda for the 41 Meeting of COM/CITEL attached to the present Resolution.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 326 (XL-22)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of agenda and schedule.
2. Establishment of meeting committees:
 - 2.1 Committee for Drafting the Final Report.
 - 2.2 Committee for Preparing the Operations Plan.
3. Report by the Chair of COM/CITEL.
4. Reports from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees.
5. Reports from the COM/CITEL Working Groups:
 - 5.1 Working Group on Capacity Building and Human Resources Development
 - 5.2 Working Group on Strategic, Financial and Operational Plan
 - 5.3 Working Group on ITU Council (WGCL)
 - 5.4 Working Group on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (WGPP)
 - 5.5 Working Group Gender Equality and Meaningful Youth Empowerment
 - 5.6 Ad Hoc Group to review and update the guidelines for adopting and submitting inter-American proposals and for selecting CITEL spokespersons
6. Approval of the annual report on the activities of CITEL.
7. 2023 CITEL financial report.
8. Report of the activities of the Secretariat of CITEL, particularly regarding the support of projects for the development of telecommunications/ICT in the Americas.
9. Approval of the 2024 Operations Plan (activities, budget, and meeting scheduling for 2024).

¹⁴ COM/CITEL doc. 383/22 rev. 1

10. Joint CITEL/ITU activities in the region.
11. Proposed amendments of the CITEL Statute and Regulations.
12. Study of OAS General Assembly resolutions affecting CITEL.
13. Report on the situation of CITEL's cooperation agreements.
14. Date, agenda, and venue of the next meeting.
15. Other business.
16. Adoption of the minutes and Final Report of the meeting

IV. DECISIONS

COM/CITEL DEC. 115 (XL-22)¹⁵

FORWARDING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY “THE KEY ROLE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL) IN ADVANCING TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES”

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

DECIDES:

1. To forward the attached draft resolution to the OAS General Assembly for consideration and approval.
2. To attach this draft resolution to the Annual Report for 2022 to be presented by CITEL to the OAS General Assembly.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to take the steps necessary to implement the mandate contained in this decision.

ANNEX I TO DECISION COM/CITEL DEC. 115 (XL-22)

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FORWARDING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY “THE KEY ROLE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL) IN ADVANCING TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES”

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

Resolution AG/RES. 2987 (LII-O/22), “The Key Role of the Organization of American States in Advancing Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies through the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission,” adopted on October 6, 2022; and,

Resolution AG/RES. 2985 (LII-O/22), “Program-Budget of the Organization for 2023,” adopted on October 6, 2022, as regards the mandates relating to CITEL;

¹⁵ COM/CITEL doc. 380/22 rev. 2

NOTING resolution CITEL/RES. 80 (VII-18), “Strengthening CITEL within the OAS,” adopted by the Seventh Regular Meeting of Assembly of CITEL, in which CITEL invites the OAS General Assembly to renew its commitment to the financial sustainability of CITEL; and

CONSIDERING:

That telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs) are key enabling tools for social, economic, cultural, and environmental development and, therefore, for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

That CITEL is the specialized agency of the OAS for telecommunications and ICTs and, as such, effectively contributes to the implementation of the four OAS pillars and the mandates and initiatives of the Summits of the Americas, to which end it has encouraged, along with the region’s political leaders, actions such as the launch of the public-private initiative 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas, calls for greater investment in broadband infrastructure, the promotion of broadband access in the interest of social inclusion, and the Rural Women’s Alliance – Empowering Rural Women Through ICTs;

That, reflecting its unique membership-based role and its ability to bring together academia, the private sector, the technical community, and government, CITEL promotes the interests of the entire Hemisphere at the World Telecommunication and Radiocommunication Assemblies and Conferences of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) through the adoption of Inter-American proposals;

That, according to the ITU, to date one-third of the region’s population does not have access to broadband connectivity, and that it is important to continue strengthening CITEL as the crucial arena for cooperation in communications and ICTs in the Americas, most particularly in its role in the debate of and reaching agreement on digital inclusion, the development of telecommunication infrastructure, radio spectrum use, and the creation of an enabling environment for investment in ICTs;

That Resolution AG/RES. 2966 (LI-O/21) "Initiatives for the expansion of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in rural, unserved and underserved areas" proposed by CITEL, has generated great interest in the Member States of the OAS and, the Secretariat of CITEL are carrying out technical support for its implementation in Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. Similarly, steps are being taken to implement it in Paraguay and in other States of the Americas;

That it is necessary to improve coverage and identify the development of models to bridge the digital divide, with CITEL making recommendations for the expansion of telecommunications/ICTs in rural areas and in unserved or underserved areas;

That CITEL has undertaken actions in coordination with the ITU, CTU, and COMTELCA to improve communications and response capabilities with a view to building resilience to disasters and emergency situations in the region; and

That, having assessed the positive results of the work it has been doing, it is necessary to guarantee the financial sustainability of CITEL in order to ensure that it is equipped with the tools required to continue with its work and to implement its 2022–2026 Strategic Plan in line with the Organization’s Comprehensive Strategic Plan,

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage member states to intensify horizontal cooperation and the exchange of information, experiences, and best practices among them in the area of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs), with the support of the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL).
2. To encourage member states to implement activities in their countries and in the region with the aim to advance in the strengthening of telecommunications/information and communication technologies as key drivers of sustainable development, and to invite them to participate in the various activities organized by CITEL.
3. To reaffirm that CITEL plays a fundamental role in facilitating and promoting digital inclusion and transformation, and the sustainable development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) in support of the fundamental pillars of the Organization of American States (OAS).
4. To request that, in the draft program-budget for 2024 for its consideration by the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs and adoption by the General Assembly, the OAS General Secretariat continue taking into account the financial needs of CITEL in keeping with Resolution CITEL/RES. 80 (VII-18), adopted at the Seventh Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL, and with Resolution AG/RES. 2985 (LII-O/22), “Program-Budget of the Organization for 2022,” adopted at the fifty-second regular session of the OAS General Assembly, so that the Commission can continue fulfilling its goals and mission and optimize its operation.
5. To request that the Secretariat of CITEL report to the OAS General Assembly, during its fifty-fourth regular session, on the implementation of this resolution, whose execution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

COM/CITEL DEC. 116 (XL-22)¹⁶

DEVELOPMENT OF INDICATORS FOR CITEL'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2022-2026

The 40 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

DECIDES:

1. To instruct the Working Group on Strategic, Financial and Operational Plan of COM/CITEL to continue their work virtually to prepare the indicators for the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan and to determine the Target Indicators for the OAS Strategic Plan under CITEL's responsibility as per the following schedule:

| Virtual Meeting Dates | Deadline to receive Contributions/Comments |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1st Meeting: February 24, 2023 | February 16, 2023 |
| 2nd Meeting: March 23, 2023 | March 16, 2023 |
| 3rd Meeting: May 12, 2023 | May 4, 2023 |
| 4th Meeting: June 16, 2023 | June 8, 2023 |

2. To invite the Member States and Associate Members of CITEL to send their contributions, comments and inputs to the Chair of Working Group, Mrs. Elisa Fuentes (efuentes@mintic.gov.co) with copy to Mr. Franklin Merchán (fmerchan@mintic.gov.co) and the CITEL Secretariat (citel@oas.org), and to participate in the virtual sessions pursuant to the provisions of Article 79 of the CITEL Regulations.

3. To revoke the decision COM/CITEL DEC. 100 (XXXV- 18).

1. Invitar a los Estados Miembros y Miembros Asociados de la CITEL a que envíen sus contribuciones, aportes e insumos a la Presidenta del Grupo de Trabajo, Sra. Elisa Fuentes (efuentes@mintic.gov.co), con copia al Sr. Franklin Merchán (fmerchan@mintic.gov.co) y a la Secretaría de la CITEL (citel@oas.org), y a que participen de las sesiones virtuales siguiendo lo previsto en el artículo 79 del Reglamento de la CITEL.

2. Derogar la decisión COM/CITEL DEC. 100 (XXXV- 18).

¹⁶ COM/CITEL doc. 400/22 rev. 2

V. LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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| Minutes of the Inaugural Session and First Plenary Session: | COM/CITEL doc. 401/22 |
| Minutes of the Second Plenary Session: | COM/CITEL doc. 402/22 |
| List of Documents: | COM/CITEL doc. 362t/22 rev. 1 |
| List of Participants: | COM/CITEL doc. 363t/22 |
| Final Report of the Meeting: | COM/CITEL doc. 403/22 |

VI. REVOKED INSTRUMENTS AT THIS MEETING

- COM/CITEL RES. 140 (XII-02)
 - COM/CITEL RES. 260 (XXIX-14)
 - COM/CITEL RES. 314 (XXXVII-20)
 - COM/CITEL DEC. 100 (XXXV- 18)
-