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COMMISSION (CITEL)



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year 2018 was highly significant for CITELE's capacity building and its positioning in the OAS. Especially noteworthy was the holding of the Plenipotentiary Conference and CITELE's leadership in raising the political profile of ICTs in the framework of the 48 Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly held in Washington, D.C., where CITELE benefited from the adoption of an individual resolution on the "PRIORITY ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION.

In terms of the budget, it was possible to secure a slight increase in the allocation earmarked for contracts from the Regular Fund of the OAS. Likewise, there was a 17% decline compared to 2018 for the item administrative overhead for the Secretariat. Furthermore, because of the amendment of Article 80 on Direct and Indirect Cost Recovery of the General Standards of the General Secretariat, it was possible to once again recover the exception for charging the Indirect Cost Recovery, amounting to 13% of the memberships of the contributions from associate members. The specific funds have stayed virtually the same compared to the budget for the preceding year.

Since 2016, CITELE and the subject of Telecommunications / ICTs continue to be highly relevant for the OAS General Secretariat valued as an essential tool for the development of the countries and deemed to be a cross-cutting component in the Organization so that, in its four pillars, that is, Democracy, Human Rights, Security, and Development, the use and appropriation of ICTs are ensured by the CITELE Executive Secretariat. CITELE is also playing an important role by bringing digital education to 23,000 students in the Caribbean through the OAS and ProFuturo Foundation initiative on the basis of an agreement signed in October to promote digital education in one hundred schools in five countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM): The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, and Jamaica, in the framework of achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas. At the 48 General Assembly of the OAS, the Amendment to the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit was adopted, providing benefits to the amateur radio service and responding to the interest of CITELE Member States that citizens of a Member State who are authorized to use the amateur service in his or her country be permitted to provisionally exercise the amateur service in the territory of the another CITELE member state under the conditions described in the Convention, with Argentina and the Dominican Republic being signatory countries.

In 2018, CITELE held the Seventh Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly on March 13 to 15, 2018, in Buenos Aires. It is CITELE's supreme decision-making body and acts as the Inter-American Forum for top-ranking authorities for telecommunications / ICTs of the member states of the Organization to exchange opinions and experiences, taking adequate decisions to steer its activities in order to achieve the goals and mandates that were assigned to it. At this Assembly, the member states unanimously adopted the Buenos Aires Declaration, whereby they agreed, among other matters, to promote digital inclusion, develop a harmonized and interoperable telecommunications/ICT environment, and improve CITELE's institutional and financial sustainability, as well as regional participation.

Furthermore, CITELE, through the COM/CITELE Conference Preparatory Working Group to address regional preparations for world conferences and meetings, worked hard to prepare inter-American proposals and coordinate the region for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, held on October 29 to November 16, 2018, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

It should be mentioned that, at the 33 Meeting of the Conference Preparatory Working Group held in Washington, D.C., along with the 33 Meeting of PCC.I, there was the meeting at which the work to draft the IAPs for **PP-18** was concluded, reaching a total of 54 inter-American proposals. It is emphasized that CITEL is the only organization representing the Americas in the negotiations taking place at the conferences and assemblies of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

In the activities of PCC.I, the proposal for a draft resolution for the OAS General Assembly “*HEMISPHERIC EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE USE OF STOLEN, LOST OR TAMPERED MOBILE TERMINAL DEVICES*” is noteworthy. It is aimed at having member states join forces to combat this scourge, which was examined by COM/CITEL so that it could be submitted for consideration, timely approval, and adoption at the 49 regular period of sessions of the OAS General Assembly in June 2019.

Likewise, CITEL, through PCC.II, is currently preparing and discussing the inter-American proposals that shall be submitted as a region to the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19), to be held on October 28 to November 22, 2019, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. This conference’s work consists of examining and, if necessary, amending the Radio Regulations, which is the international treaty governing the use of the radio frequency spectrum and the geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits.

CITEL activities for 2018 ended with the 35 Meeting of COM/CITEL, held on December 17 to 19 in Mar del Plata, Argentina, at which the CITEL Operations Plan was approved for 2019, as well as the Work Plan for drafting the follow-up indicators of the Committees. Likewise, in the framework of this meeting, the Rural Women’s Alliance: Empowering Rural Women through ICTs, aimed at joining forces for the empowerment of rural women in the Americas region, was signed.

In general, the Consultative Committees and the working groups have steadily moved forward on telecommunication/ICT, and spectrum standardization, broadband issues, the establishment of guidelines in various topics, the drafting of technical notebooks, the review of new provisions of the Radio Regulations, and various priority matters for the development of telecommunications / information and communication technologies in the region.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report of CITEI is published pursuant to the provisions of Article 90.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), and Article 17.j of the Statute of CITEI and Articles 72.h and 92.j of the Regulations of CITEI. Its contents are in keeping with the guidelines established by the OAS General Assembly in its resolution AG/RES. 1452 (XXVII-O/97) on preparation of annual reports on the activities of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization.

The present report covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 2018.

2. ORIGIN AND STRUCTURE OF CITEI

The Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEI) is an entity of the Organization of American States established by the General Assembly in its resolution AG/RES. 1224 (XXIII-O/93), in keeping with Article 53 of the Charter of the Organization. CITEI has technical autonomy in the performance of its functions, within the limits of the Charter of the Organization, the Statute of CITEI, and such mandates as the General Assembly of the Organization may assign to it.

2.1 *Objectives and functions of CITEI (Article 3 of the CITEI Statute)*

Objectives

- a. To facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continuing development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) (hereinafter telecommunications/ICTs) in the Hemisphere, in pursuance of sustainable development.
- b. To promote and foster the existence of appropriate telecommunications/ICTs that contribute to the integral development process in the region, with particular attention to underserved areas.
- c. To organize promote, and evaluate the periodic holding of meetings of technicians and experts to study planning, financing, construction, operation, standardization, technical assistance, maintenance, and other matters related to the use and development of telecommunications/ICTs in the Americas.
- d. To promote the unification of criteria and technical standards for the installation, operation, and maintenance of systems, in order to obtain maximum benefit from the facilities available to each country and to the region in general, in the global standardization framework of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other relevant standardization organizations.
- e. To promote and study technical assistance, in agreement with the governments of the respective countries, giving priority to the needs of developing countries.
- f. To foster the improvement and harmonization of administrative, financial, and operational procedures for the planning, installation, improvement, maintenance, and operation of the telecommunication/ICT networks of the member states of CITEI.
- g. To recommend studies and promote the adoption of official agreements among governments of member states of the Organization for the planning, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunication/ICT systems in the Hemisphere.
- h. To promote and encourage the study and dissemination of the impact of telecommunications/ICTs on the environment and climate change and their relationship to ICTs, in keeping with policies developed by the ITU and other organizations with competence in this area.

- i. To promote the harmonization, equitable access, and efficient use of the radio spectrum among the member states, devoting special attention to the needs of developing countries.
- j. To promote and encourage the use and appropriation of telecommunications/ICTs in the Hemisphere, particularly by women, girls, and people with special needs.
- k. To promote capacity-building in the member states of CITELE to better attain their objectives.
- l. To foster the engagement of the telecommunications/ICT industry, the academia, relevant organization of the civil society or others related to telecommunications/ICT or Internet sector in the work of CITELE.

Functions

- a. To serve as the Organization's leading advisory body in all matters relating to telecommunications/ICTs in the Hemisphere.
- b. To promote or undertake studies and programs for the sustainable development of telecommunications/ICTs
- c. To compile and disseminate to the member states of the Organization information pertaining to the fulfillment of the objectives of CITELE, as well as any other information that may be of interest, including the results of the work of the Commission.
- d. To maintain ongoing contact with the various international governmental and nongovernmental organizations in the field of telecommunications/ICTs, and to promote mutual cooperation and coordination of their activities with those of the member states of the Organization.
- e. To analyze, propose, and implement different forms of financing to support the approved plans and projects.
- f. To study the technical, legal, economic, policy, and regulatory aspects of telecommunications/ICTs of relevance to the region.
- g. To make recommendations in the area of telecommunications/ICTs to the governments of the member states of CITELE, taking into account those made by the ITU and by other relevant organizations.
- h. To consider matters related to inter-American cooperation in the field of telecommunications/ICTs assigned to it by the General Assembly and the Summit of the Americas.
- i. To promote the development of new applications that promotes the inclusion of the region's countries in the Knowledge-based Society.
- j. To identify mechanisms to encourage participation by all member states in the meetings of CITELE, and to increase the number of associate members.
- k. To promote the coordination of positions among the member states for the different international telecommunications/ICT conferences, assemblies, and meetings.

2.2 *Members and participants*

All member states of the Organization are Members of CITELE.

The following organizations and entities may participate as observers:

- a. Permanent Observers to the Organization.
- b. Subject to COM/CITELE's approval, those American States that are not Members of the Organization and which have asked to participate in the meeting.
- c. Subject to COM/CITELE's approval, those Non-American States that are Members of the United Nations or its specialized Agencies and which have asked to participate in the meeting.

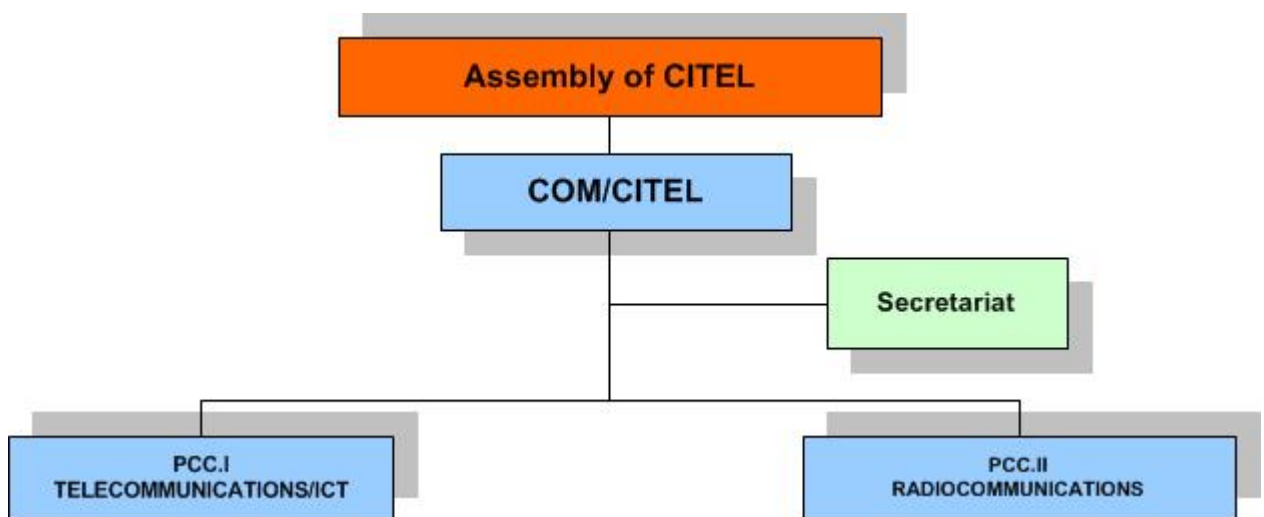
- d. Inter-American specialized organizations and entities of the Organization, and Inter-American intergovernmental regional organizations.
- e. The United Nations and its specialized agencies.
- f. International and national organizations that are parties to agreements or arrangements establishing relations of cooperation with the Organization, with its organs, organizations or agencies, when such agreements or arrangements provide for participation of observers.
- g. Subject to COM/CITEL's approval, those international, regional, sub regional and national agencies and organizations that are involved in telecommunications/ICT activities in the region and which have asked to participate in the meeting.
- h. The associate members of the Permanent Consultative Committees.

The Statute of CITELE provides that any academic entity, organization, institution, or industry related to telecommunications/ICTs which has legal personality in one of the member states and with the approval of any such State, or which has legal personality in a non-member state and with the approval of three member states of CITELE, may become as associate member of a Permanent Consultative Committee. Associate members may participate fully, with voice but without vote, in all activities of the Permanent Executive Committee selected. They may present technical documents, and receive the documents of the Committee of which they are associate members, and of its working and ad hoc groups. At December 31, 2018, CITELE had 99 associate members. Annex A contains a complete list of associate members.

2.3 Structure of CITELE

As of the Seventh Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITELE, the structure of CITELE is, according to Annex of the Regulations of CITELE:

- Assembly of CITELE
- Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITELE)
- Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I)
 - Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II)
- Secretariat



The Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) provide advice on matters pertaining to their respective purviews. They establish working groups and ad hoc groups when necessary to study topics of special interest. At present, there are 15 working groups that cover different aspects of telecommunications and radiocommunications, as well as rapporteurships on topics of priority to the region.

3. ACTIVITIES OF CITEL

Annex B hereto contains a list of the meetings held in 2018. Annex C contains a list of CITEL's quantifiable results for 2018, and Annex D the list of resolutions, recommendations, and decisions adopted by the Committees in 2018.

3.1 Seventh Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly

The Assembly of CITEL generally meets every four years and serves as the leading inter-American forum in which the highest telecommunications authorities of the Member States share opinions and experiences and review work programs to address challenges, facilitating and promoting by all means available to it the ongoing development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in the Hemisphere. The impact of telecommunications on society requires CITEL's commitment to the future. The challenge is to increase assistance to the countries of the region in planning, exploiting, updating, and maintaining more appropriate communications so as to provide access by all social strata of the population to information and knowledge.

Authorities of the Seven Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly:

Chair of the Assembly: Mr. Miguel De Godoy (Argentina)

Alternate Chair of the Assembly: Ms. Silvana Giudici (Argentina)

Vice-Chair of the Assembly: Ms. Marianella Bernal Parada (Colombia)

Vice-Chair of the Assembly: Mr. Edgar Rodas (El Salvador)

The Seventh Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly was held on March 13 to 15, 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is the supreme decision-making body of CITEL and acts as an Inter-American Forum for the highest-ranking authorities in telecommunications / ICT of the member states of the Organization to exchange opinions and experiences, taking adequate decisions to steer its activities so as to achieve the goals and mandates that were assigned to it.

In the Buenos Aires Declaration, the member states agreed, among other matters, to promote digital inclusion, develop a harmonized and interoperable telecommunications/ICT environment, and improve CITEL's institutional and financial sustainability, as well as regional participation. It also highlighted the need to continue strengthening the linkage with the private sector, by incorporating new associate members from all possible sectors and promoting that, in the framework of CITEL, recommendations be made and best practices/ principles established to promote issues for the benefit of connectivity as a new factor for ensure greater equality in society and continue capacity building and cooperation in drawing up strategies for the development and rollout of broadband in order to improve the region's connectivity and social, economic, and cultural development.

At this meeting, the Strategic Plan of CITEL was approved for the period 2018-2022, indicating the following vision for CITEL: "The full integration of the American States into the World Information

Society and the digital economy, with a view to enabling and accelerating social, economic, cultural, and environmentally sustainable development for all the region’s inhabitants through the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs).” And the following strategic goals were adopted for the period:

1. To promote digital inclusion.
2. To develop a harmonized and interoperable telecommunications/ICT environment.
3. To enhance CITELE’s institutional and financial sustainability and the region’s participation.

The Assembly adopted amendments to the Statute and Regulations of CITELE and set updated goals and mandates for the Permanent Consultative Committees.

It also elected new authorities for the period 2018-2022 by acclamation:

Chair of COM/CITELE: Republic of Argentina

Vice-Chair of COM/CITELE: Colombia

Chair of PCC.I: Peru

Chair of PCC.II: Mexico

Member states of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITELE (COM/CITELE): The Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, and Uruguay.

On March 12, 2018, the *High-Level Meeting on “Digital Inclusion for Development in the Americas”* was held, aimed at bringing together high-ranking government officials in charge of telecommunications/ICTs, the private sector, experts from the technical community, representatives from international organizations, civil society, and the academic sector in order to exchange information, best practices, viewpoints and outlooks relative to the Forum’s key issues, which were as follows: infrastructure, connectivity, and 5G; and the Digital Ecosystem. At the same time, on the basis of open discussions at the highest level, lines of action can be identified so that the countries of the Americas can pledge to work together to ensure the transition to a digital ecosystem in the region.

In the framework of this meeting, the *2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas* was signed by a new member: ISOC.

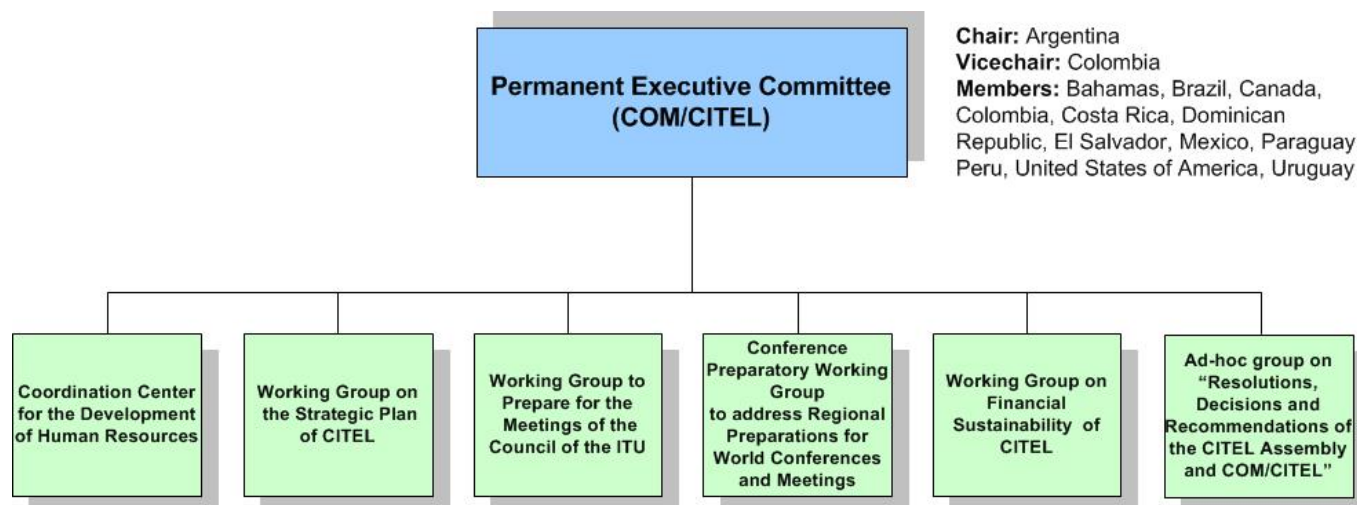
3.2 *Permanent Executive Committee of CITELE (COM/CITELE)*

Officers:

Chair: Ms. Silvana M. Giudici (Republic of Argentina)

Vice-Chair: Ms. Silvia Constain (Colombia)

Alternate Vice-Chair: Mr. Franklin Merchán (Colombia)



The Permanent Executive Committee is the executive body of CITEL and generally meets once a year.

In 2018, the 34 Meeting of Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on March 15, 2018, immediately after the Seventh Regular Assembly of CITEL came to an end. Among the issues adopted, the following are noteworthy: the establishment of the working group on the financial sustainability of CITEL, the Assembly's mandate, and adoption of the draft agenda, place and date of the 35 Meeting of COM/CITEL. Likewise, the Conference Preparation Working Group to address regional preparations for world conferences and meetings in order to continue the coordination of CITEL's work for the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) and the preparation of inter-American proposals for PP-18.

Several virtual meetings were held in 2018 to ensure compliance with the activities associated with COM/CITEL and preparing the region for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference.

In the framework of the PCC.I meetings held in 2018 in Lima (May 21 to 24, 2018) and Washington, D.C. (August 21 to 24, 2018), the *COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to address regional preparations for world conferences and meetings (CPWG)* met for its 32 and 33 meetings, respectively, to continue the work of CITEL and to prepare inter-American proposals for PP-18, which was held on October 29 to November 16, 2018, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

It must be mentioned here that the 33 Meeting of PCC.I, held in Washington, D.C., was the meeting where the work of drafting IAPs for PP-18 concluded, with a total of 54. They are listed below:

NO.	ACTION	RES/DEC	ISSUE
IAP/63A1/1	SUP	RESOLUTION 185	GLOBAL FLIGHT TRACKING FOR CIVIL AVIATION
IAP/63A1/2	MOD	RESOLUTION 48	HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
IAP/63A1/3	MOD	RESOLUTION 188	COMBATING COUNTERFEIT TELECOMMUNICATION/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY DEVICES
IAP/63A1/4	MOD	RESOLUTION 165	DEADLINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE

			REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES OF THE UNION
IAP/63A1/5	MOD	DECISION 11	CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS
IAP/63A1/6	ADD	DRAFT NEW DECISION [IAP-1]	CREATION OF COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
IAP/63A1/7	ADD	GR 178A	GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCES, ASSEMBLIES AND MEETINGS OF THE UNION
IAP/63A1/8	MOD	RESOLUTION 146	PERIODIC REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS
IAP/63A1/9	MOD	RESOLUTION 66	DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS OF THE UNION
IAP/63A1/10	MOD	RESOLUTION 157	STRENGTHENING OF THE PROJECT EXECUTION FUNCTION OF THE ITU
IAP/63A1/11	SUP	DECISION 13	MONITORING MECHANISM ON ITU PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
IAP/63A1/12	SUP	RESOLUTION 135	ITU'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IN IMPLEMENTING RELEVANT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS
IAP/63A1/13	MOD	RESOLUTION 203	CONNECTIVITY TO BROADBAND NETWORKS
IAP/63A1/14	ADD	DRAFT NEW DECISION [IAP-3]	ITU DECLINES THE ROLE OF SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR SPACE ASSETS UNDER THE SPACE PROTOCOL.
IAP/63A1/15	SUP	RESOLUTION 89	MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE DECREASED USE OF INTERNATIONAL TELEX SERVICE
IAP/63A1/16	NOC	RESOLUTION 119	METHODS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD
IAP/63A1/17	MOD	RESOLUTION 136	THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT IN EMERGENCY AND DISASTER SITUATIONS FOR EARLY WARNING, PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND RELIEF
IAP/63A1/18	MOD	RESOLUTION 196	PROTECTING TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE USERS / CONSUMERS
IAP/63A1/19	MOD	RESOLUTION 198	EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH THROUGH TELECOMMUNICATION / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
IAP/63A1/20	MOD	RESOLUTION 2	WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY FORUM
IAP/63A1/21	MOD	RESOLUTION 154	USE OF THE SIX LANGUAGES OF THE UNION ON AN EQUAL FOOTING
IAP/63A1/22	MOD	RESOLUTION 72	LINKING STRATEGIC, FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING IN ITU

IAP/63A1/23	ADD	DRAFT NEW DECISION [IAP-2]	DRAFTING PROCEDURES FOR THE HEARINGS OF CANDIDATES TO ELECTED OFFICIAL POSTS AND THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES OF THE ITU ON CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES BEFORE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCES
IAP/63A1/24	MOD	RESOLUTION 77	SCHEDULING AND DURATION OF CONFERENCES, FORUMS, ASSEMBLIES AND COUNCIL SESSIONS OF THE UNION (2019-2023)
IAP/63A1/25	SUP	RESOLUTION 111	CONSIDERING MAJOR RELIGIOUS PERIODS IN THE SCHEDULING OF ITU CONFERENCES, ASSEMBLIES AND COUNCIL SESSIONS
IAP/63A1/26	NOC	RESOLUTION 152	IMPROVEMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE DEFRAYL OF ITU EXPENSES BY SECTOR MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES
IAP/63A1/27	ADD	DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [IAP-1]	ITU JOURNAL: ICT DISCOVERIES
IAP/63A1/28	MOD	RESOLUTION 175	TELECOMMUNICATION / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS
IAP/63A1/29	MOD	RESOLUTION 151	RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT IN ITU
IAP/63A1/30	MOD	DECISION 5	REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE UNION FOR THE PERIOD 2016–2019
IAP/63A1/31	MOD	RESOLUTION 189	ASSISTING MEMBER STATES TO COMBAT AND DETER MOBILE DEVICE THEFT
IAP/63A1/32	MOD	RESOLUTION 177	CONFORMANCE AND INTEROPERABILITY
IAP/63A1/33	MOD	RESOLUTION 102	ITU'S ROLE WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE INTERNET AND THE MANAGEMENT OF INTERNET RESOURCES, INCLUDING DOMAIN NAMES AND ADDRESSES
IAP/63A1/34	MOD	RESOLUTION 180	FACILITATING THE TRANSITION FROM IPv4 TO IPv6
IAP/63A1/35	MOD	RESOLUTION 130	STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF ITU IN BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY IN THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
IAP/63A1/36	MOD	RESOLUTION 131	MEASURING INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES TO BUILD AN INTEGRATING AND INCLUSIVE INFORMATION SOCIETY
IAP/63A1/37	MOD	RESOLUTION 70	MAINSTREAMING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN ITU AND PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN THROUGH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
IAP/63A1/38	MOD	RESOLUTION 101	INTERNET PROTOCOL-BASED NETWORKS
IAP/63A1/39	MOD	RESOLUTION 179	ITU'S ROLE IN CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION
IAP/63A1/40	ADD	DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [IAP-2]	MEASURES TO IMPROVE, PROMOTE, AND STRENGTHEN ITU FELLOWSHIPS

IAP/63A1/41	MOD	RESOLUTION 166	NUMBER OF VICE-CHAIRMEN OF SECTOR ADVISORY GROUPS, STUDY GROUPS AND OTHER GROUPS
IAP/63A1/42	ADD	DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [IAP-3]	STREAMLINGING ITU RESOLUTIONS
IAP/63A1/43	ADD	DRAFT NEW DECISION [IAP-4]	SIXTH WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY FORUM
IAP/63A1/44	MOD	RESOLUTION 201	CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE DEPLOYMENT AND USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS
IAP/63A1/45	ADD	DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [IAP-4]	PARTICIPATION OF NEW ACTORS IN BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE
IAP/63A1/46	MOD	RESOLUTION 197	FACILITATING THE INTERNET OF THINGS TO PREPARE FOR A GLOBALLY CONNECT WORLD
IAP/63A1/47	ADD	DRAFT NEW DECISION [IAP-5]	CREATION OF REGIONAL GROUPS OF ITU-T STUDY GROUPS
IAP/63A1/48	MOD	RESOLUTION 133	ROLE OF ADMINISTRATIONS OF MEMBER STATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONALIZED (MULTILINGUAL) DOMAIN NAMES
IAP/63A1/49	MOD	ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION 71	ANNEX 1 OF RESOLUTION 71 – ITU STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2023
IAP/63A1/50	ADD	DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [IAP-5]	ADMISSION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (SMEs) IN THE WORK OF THE ITU
IAP/63A1/51	SUP	RESOLUTION 187	REIVEW OF THE CURRENT METHODOLOGIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF A FUTURE VISION FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF SECTOR MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES AND ACADEMIA IN THE ACTIVITIES OF ITU
IAP/63A1/52	MOD	ANNEX 2 OF RESOLUTION 71	ANNEX 2 (SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS) OF RESOLUTION 71
IAP/63A1/53	MOD	RESOLUTION 25	STRENGTHENING THE REGIONAL PRESENCE
IAP/63A1/54	MOD	RESOLUTION 139	USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND BUILD AN INCLUSIVE INFORMATION SOCIETY

At the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference of 2018 held on October 28 to November 16, 2018, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the Conference Preparatory Working Group to address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings met during the entire Conference, with the attendance of the following member states of CITEL: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, United States of America, and Uruguay. The outcome of this conference was highly satisfactory because, out of the 54 IAPs that were submitted, 47 were adopted in their entirety or their substantive elements were reflected in the final results of the conference, whether by the adoption of new resolutions, decisions, or recommendations and/or modifications to those already existing.

The results of the elections were especially successful for the Americas Region because Ms. Doreen Bogdan (United States of America) was elected Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and Mr. Mario Maniewicz (Uruguay) was elected Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR). Ms. Chantal Beaumier (Canada) and Mr. Fernando Borjon (Mexico) were elected representatives of the Americas Region on the Radio Regulations Board (RRB). In addition, the following member states of the Americas Region were elected to the ITU Council: Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, Paraguay, El Salvador, Mexico, Bahamas, United States of America, and Canada.

The 35 Meeting of COM/CITEL was held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, on December 17 to 19, 2018. At this meeting, the Permanent Executive Committee approved CITEL's Operations Plan for 2019, as well as the calendar of meetings for 2019-2020. It also approved the program of scholarships and the annual report with two draft resolutions on CITEL attached thereto which it will be submitting to the General Assembly of the OAS for consideration and approval by member states on the following issues:

- ***HEMISPHERIC EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE USE OF STOLEN, LOST OR TAMPERED MOBILE TERMINAL DEVICES and***
- ***UNDERLYING ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL)***

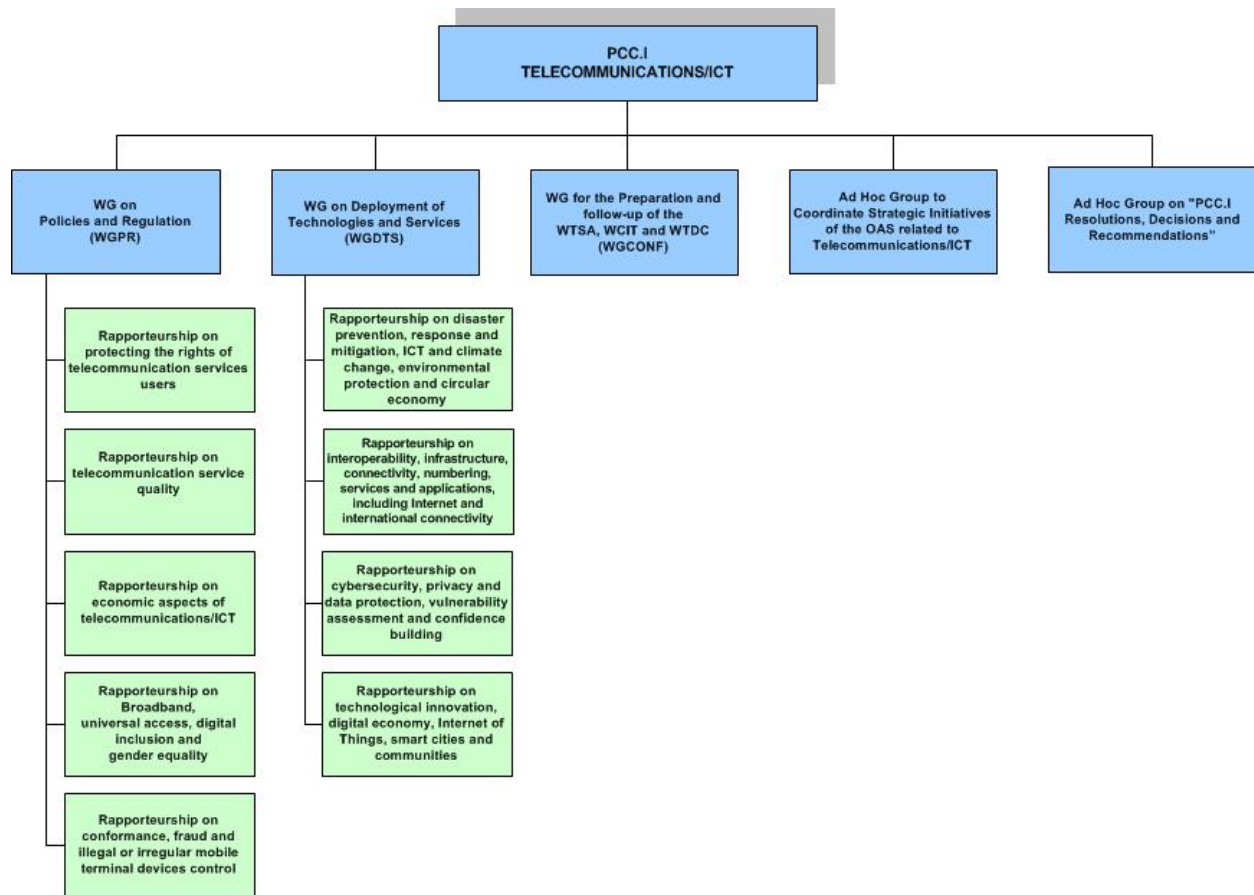
In addition, with a view to continue strengthening CITEL's Work Plan, it approved a resolution on continuing the work to develop indicators that are measurable and aligned with what was requested by the General Secretariat of the OAS. In turn, the PCCs were entrusted with the work of developing specific indicators, which must be submitted to the next meeting of COM/CITEL.

In the framework of this meeting, in the morning of December 17, there was the launch of the initiative called the ***WOMEN'S RURAL ALLIANCE: Empowering rural women through ICTs***, which started with a large panel of experts who shared their vision for this project from the standpoint of the administrations, private entities, and regional institutions. The initiative is aimed at promoting the adoption of concrete actions to improve connectivity in rural areas and develop capacity-building and digital services that would enable women to become involved in ICTs and, as a result, bridge the digital divide.

3.3 Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICTs (PCC.I)

Officers:

Chair:	Ms. Rosa Virginia Nakagawa (Peru)
Alternate Chair:	Mr. José Aguilar Reátegui (Peru)
Vice-Chairs:	Mr. Andrés Manuel Gubetich Mojoli (Paraguay) Ms. Blanco Noemi Coto (El Salvador)
Alternate Vice-Chair:	Edgar Eduardo Rodas (El Salvador)



The Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I) serves as the advisory body of CITEI in the area of telecommunications/ICTs, especially with regard to matters of telecommunication/ICT policy, regulatory aspects, standardization, cybersecurity, international Internet-related public policy matters—insofar as those matters involve telecommunication networks or ICT infrastructure—, universal service, economic and social development, environment and climate change, infrastructure development, and new technologies.

Main ongoing activities and new initiatives:

- **32 Meeting** (May 21 to 24, 2018, Lima, Peru)
- **33 Meeting** (August 21 to 24, 2018, OAS headquarters, Washington, D.C.)

In the framework of these meetings, the following events were held:

- Seminar on control of mobile devices with altered/duplicate identifiers: May 21, 2018, Lima, Peru.
- ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF), organized by the ITU: May 25, 2018 (Lima, Peru).
- “Multi-stakeholder dialogue on the future of Internet governance” organized by LACNIC, ISOC, and CITEI: August 20, 2018.

At the 32 Meeting of PCC.I (Lima), the Committee’s work focused on the mandates given to it by the Seventh Assembly of CITEI, aimed at reviewing the structure and preparation of the work plan for the

period. It works on reviewing the mandates and terms of reference of the working groups and rapporteurships, as well as the elections of its authorities. The structure of the Committee was approved and the work of improving the terms of reference continued at the 33 Meeting of PCC.I.

Likewise, at the 33 Meeting of PCC.I held at headquarters (Washington, D.C.), improvements were made to the mandates, terms of reference, and authorities of the working groups and rapporteurships, which were approved. In addition, approval was given to the procedure for drafting, adopting, reviewing, and submitting inter-American contributions (IACs) to the study groups, working groups, rapporteurships and consultative groups of the development sector (ITU-D) and the standardization sector (ITU-T) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The proposal for a draft resolution for the General Assembly of the OAS is also noteworthy: *“HEMISPHERIC EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE USE OF STOLEN, MISSING OR TAMPERED MOBILE TERMINAL DEVICES”* which is aimed at having member states join forces to combat this scourge. This draft resolution was sent to the 35 Meeting of COM/CITEL for its consideration and adoption, so that it can be referred for adoption at the 49 regular period of sessions of the General Assembly of the OAS in June 2019.

3.4 Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II)

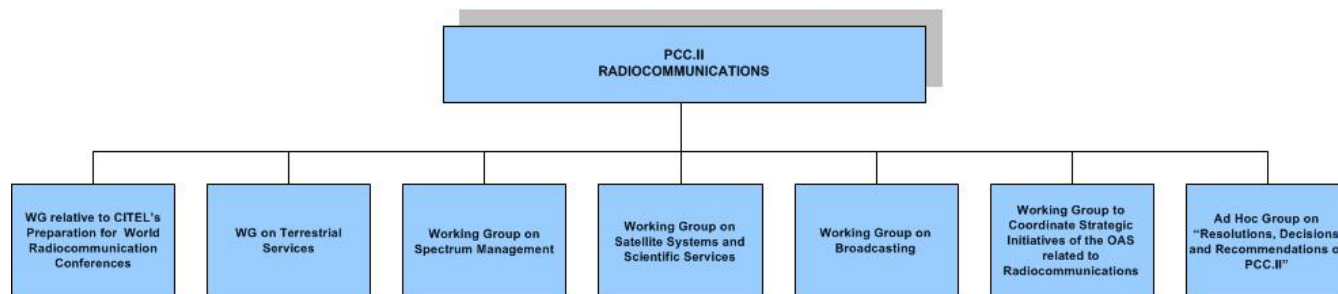
Officers:

Chair: Mr. Mario Germán Fromow Rangel (Mexico)
 Alternate Chair: Mr. José Arias (Mexico)

Vice Chairs: Mr. Hector Budé (Uruguay)
 Mr. Agostinho Linhares de Souza (Brazil)
 Mr. José León (El Salvador)

Permanent Consultative Committee II (PCC.II) serves as an advisory Committee of CITEL, promoting the planning, coordination, harmonization, and efficient use of the radio spectrum, and of the geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits for radiocommunication services including broadcasting.

The **31 Meeting of PCC.II** was held in Guadalajara, Mexico, from July 16 to 20, 2018, and the **32 Meeting of PCC.II** took place in Brasilia, Brazil, from December 3 to 7, 2018.



Main activities in progress and new initiatives:

- **Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) and World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19):**

The Working Group for the Preparation of CITELE for Regional and World Radiocommunication Conferences is already moving forward with the work needed to submit, to the World Radio Conference 2019 (WRC-19), inter-American proposals (IAPs) on the contents of the ITU Radio Regulations dating back to 1995, based on the experiences gained in prior processes such as for the WRC-15. The Administrations of the member states of OAS/CITEL have already held five of the eight meetings of PCC.II, in which, on the road to WRC-19, they are considering Preliminary Views, Preliminary Proposals, Draft Inter-American Proposals, and Inter-American Proposals, with respect to the items on the Agenda of WRC-19, as registered in the following outgoing documents from each Meeting of PCC.II:

- a. Compendium with all **Preliminary Views:** document **CCP.II-RADIO/doc.4356.**
- b. Compendium with all **Preliminary Proposals:** document **CCP.II-RADIO/doc. 4357.**
- c. Compendium with all **Draft Inter-American Proposals (DIAPs):** document **CCP.II-RADIO/doc. 4358.**
- d. Compendium with all **Inter-American Proposals (IAPs):** document **CCP.II-RADIO/doc. 4359.**

These and all the documents of PCC.II of CITEL, preparing for WRC-19, are available on CITEL's web page on internet: <https://www.citel.oas.org/es/paginas/pccII/wrc.aspx>

- **Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and Creating Procedures for Inter-American Contributions (IACs)**

According to the definition in Article 83 of the CITEL Rules of Procedure, an Inter-American Proposal (IAP) is a Preliminary Proposal or a Draft Inter-American Proposal, which has been supported by at least 6 (six) Administrations and is not opposed by more than 50% (fifty percent) of the total number of supports obtained.

The previous procedure to prepare and adopt Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) for a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) was established in 2015 by the 26 Meeting of PCC.II by means of its Resolution CCP.II/RES. 105 (XXVI-15).

At its 28 meeting, PCC.II issued its Decision CCP.II/DEC. 188 (XXVIII-16) "Creating an Ad Hoc Group for the updating of the procedure for Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and creation of the procedure for Inter-American Contributions (IACs)" which has been working the 29 and 30 meetings. At the 30 meeting, as established in Resolution CCP.II/RES. 121 (XXX-17), this Ad Hoc Group completed the work to update the procedure for IAPs, revoking the above-mentioned Resolution 105. At the 32 Meeting, the Ad Hoc Group completed the work on creating the procedure for Inter-American Contributions (IACs) and PCC.II issued the corresponding resolution (CCP.II/RES. 129 (XXXII-18)).

- **Review and update of IARP:**

Now that more than 20 years have elapsed since the adoption of the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP), PCC.II at its 27 Meeting resolved to establish an Ad Hoc Group for the purpose of reviewing and updating said Convention in line with present-day technological realities. At the 28 Meeting of PCC.II, a draft amendment to the articles of the

IARP was submitted to the consideration of the member states of CITEL; it was submitted to the consideration of the Administrations until the 29 Meeting of PCC.II. At the 29 Meeting, an agreement was reached about the final text, to be referred, along with Resolution CCP.II/RES. 115 (XXIX-17) on Reform of the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) for consideration at the 33 meeting of COM/CITEL (December 11 to 13, 2017) in the Dominican Republic. With the approval of COM/CITEL, the amendment was referred to the consideration of the Seventh Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL (Buenos Aires, Argentina, February 13 to 15, 2018) and after the document was approved by means of its Resolution CITEL/RES. 86 (VII-18) by CITEL's executive body, it was submitted for approval to the 48 Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, where, on June 4, 2018, by means of Resolution AG/RES. 2918 (XLVIII-O/18), the amendment formally became an international treaty. Once the text of the treaty was approved, it was available for signing by the member states of OAS/CITEL, on the basis of which it was signed by the Dominican Republic on the same day June 4 and by the Republic of Argentina on June 5, 2018. The Convention shall enter into force the thirtieth day as of the date on which two States have become Parties to the Convention and their depository shall be the General Secretariat of the OAS in Washington, D.C.

In 2018, the following activities are of note:

The 31 Meeting of PCC.II approved the following:

Resolutions

- Selection of CITEL spokespersons, and their roles and responsibilities during World Radiocommunication Conferences

Recommendations

- Digitalization of narrowband systems of land mobile service in the frequency bands 136-174 MHz and 410-470 MHz

Decisions

- Inviting CITEL member states to the signing, ratification and accession to the amendment of the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP)
- Participation in the ongoing activities of the Ad Hoc Group to Coordinate Strategic Initiatives of the OAS
- Updated information on resolutions, decisions, and recommendations approved by CITEL
- Draft structure of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II)
- Decision on ITU becoming supervisory authority of the International Registration System for Space Assets under the Space Protocol
- Continuation of the work to define the Strategic Plan for PCC.II

The 32 Meeting of PCC.II approved the following:

Resolutions

- Submission of Inter-American Contributions (IAC) of CITEL to the Assembly, the Advisory Group, and the Study Groups (SG) of the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Structure of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications

Recommendations

- Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) in 380-399.9 MHz

Decisions

- Authorities of the Ad Hoc Group to Coordinate Strategic Initiatives of the OAS with regard to Radiocommunications
- Rural broadband wireless access models to connect those who are not connected.

- **Seminars, workshops, and informative meetings**

The following seminars, workshops, and informational meetings were held in 2018.

Seminar/Workshop/Course	Speaker/Date/Site
Seminar on activities relative to advanced satellite services in the Americas region, specifically on the issue of “Satellite Communications: Bringing 5G and advanced technologies to all, wherever they are located	Wednesday, July 18, 2018 (afternoon), in the framework of the 31 Meeting of PCC.II (Guadalajara, Mexico, July 16 to 20, 2018)
Seminar on terrestrial IMT-2020	Wednesday, December 5, 2018 (afternoon), in the framework of the 32 Meeting of PCC.II (Brasilia, Brazil, December 3 to 7, 2018)

4. ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat has the following objectives and duties: acting as CITELE’s permanent central and administrative body; coordinating the administrative services needed to implement the decisions of the CITELE Assembly, COM/CITELE, and the Permanent Consultative Committees; and discharging the duties assigned to it by these bodies. In that respect, it is indispensable to ensure the best performance of the CITELE Secretariat in fulfillment of its mandate:

- The CITELE Secretariat has a team that is highly committed to its work, with admirable dedication, and that is working at an increasingly faster pace because of the large volume of meetings that are held in the framework of the bodies of CITELE and ITU.
- It is worth noting the demands of various preparatory processes, which are carried out on a parallel basis in many different forums, and for which CITELE staff must be careful to deliver results on time regarding all matters.
- In view of this reality, all member states are cordially invited to contribute additional specific funds or the allocation of staff from their respective government on secondment to support the CITELE Secretariat. Associate members are also invited to contribute additional financial resources that would make it possible to hire specialized staff that can contribute to strengthening the assistance that countries are requesting from the CITELE Secretariat.

4.1 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas

The *2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas* is an initiative of the OAS Secretary General that strives to promote the region’s development through ICTs, recognizing the need to support OAS member states on

the road to mainstreaming ICTs into their national policies in the framework of the **United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Objectives of the Alliance:

1. Work together to contribute to the global goal to connect 1.5 billion people more by the year 2020.
2. Ensure that every public school in the Americas is connected to the Internet before the year 2030, and to create relevant local contents.
3. Promote digital training and contribute to improving the quality of education, and develop talents for the new digital economy.
4. Strengthen democratic participation in the Americas through ICTs.

With the Alliance, the region's development is being promoted, through the ICTs, in order to mobilize resources and concrete products that might contribute, among other things, to promoting digital training to raise the quality of education in the Americas and developing talent for the new digital economy. The companies that are participating to date are: Millicom, CISCO, América Móvil, Telefónica, and the new membership in March this year of ISOC.

Advances of Millicom

COMMITMENT 1: By 2020, implement a sustainable volunteering program in all Millicom operating markets, with one key pillar of participation to provide digital education to under-served groups.

Current status: All Latin American markets where Millicom is present have in place or are in planning stage of a strategic volunteering program that includes Child Online Protection through the Crianza Tecnológica/Digital content, through which volunteers train children, adolescents, teachers and caregivers on the responsible, productive and creative use of the Internet. In 2019 all countries will have it implemented.

COMMITMENT 2: By 2020, implement Child Online Protection educational programs in all Millicom operating markets intended to promote and empower children, parents, teachers and our customers to be safe online.

Current status: Child Online Protection program has been implemented in all Latin American markets where Millicom operates through Crianza Tecnológica/Digital education program. Through this program Millicom / Tigo offers education tools on how to be safe online. This program is implemented through partner organizations that help train children, adolescents, teachers and caregivers on the responsible, productive and creative use of the internet, and also by Millicom/Tigo volunteers.

Since 2017 we have trained:

- Children and adolescents: 111,691
- Teachers: 4,731
- Parents: 29,347

COMMITMENT 3: By 2030 connect 2,100 educational community institutions in Latin America, including youth centers and public schools, and equip educators in these institutions with programs for child and youth safety online.

Current status: Total educational community institutions connected to the internet (Oct 2018): 1316

Country	Number of schools or universities connected to the Internet [NbU]	Number of students in the schools that Millicom has connected to the internet [NbU]
Bolivia	27	2,160
Colombia	-	-
Paraguay	422	71,892
Costa Rica	6	
Honduras	562	27,000
Guatemala	3	-
El Salvador	341	12,376
Total	1,361	113,428

Advances Telefónica - ProFuturo

The past October 16, 2018, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), Oscar León, the Executive Secretary of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), Kim Osborne, and the Director General of ProFuturo Foundation, Sofía Fernández de Mesa, signed a cooperation agreement at the headquarters of the international body in Washington, D.C., for the implementation of the educational innovation program promoted by ProFuturo in the five Caribbean countries selected for this first phase.



According to the commitment that was signed by both institutions, ProFuturo shall provide its innovative training and support proposal to the educational context offered by the education ministries of the Caribbean countries, contributing the use of technology as a tool for upgrading the quality of education.

As for the General Secretariat of the OAS, it shall support and facilitate dialogue with the Caribbean member states and local support for the implementation of the program in these countries, as well as the definition of a sustainability plan for the program in the region.

The education ministers of these Caribbean countries, in turn, shall take responsibility for rolling out the program in their respective states, providing the human team necessary to implement it, providing support to teachers and identifying the principal lines of action to draft a sustainability plan for the project.

The agreement achieves the goal set for this project, that is, to bring quality education to more than 23,000 girls and boys and 1,100 teachers from vulnerable environments in the Caribbean countries.

Prior to the signing of the cooperation agreement with the education ministries and on the basis of the needs of the countries, along with the working team of the ministries and ProFuturo, technical proposals have been drafted for the project, establishing the scope in each country.

The next steps are aimed at signing the cooperation agreement between the three parties: the education ministry of each participating country, the OAS, and the ProFuturo Foundation. Alongside this, the training strategy is being defined for the various target audiences involved in the project (ranging from the supervisory team to the management/implementing team) for the purpose of leaving an installed capacity in the governments from the start of the project's implementation.

This project includes, among its principal actions, the development of the management of knowledge and systematization of the project, which shall make it possible to ensure the quality of the intervention in the Caribbean region, aimed at sustainable scalability actions.

And, finally, the advisory process shall continue with the other countries of CARICOM in order to identify new areas of acting and the expansion of the intervention of ProFuturo in the region.

4.2 *Administrative and budgetary issues*

The CITEC Secretariat duly conducted a follow-up on the progress achieved in negotiating the resolution on the Program-Budget of the OAS for 2018.

At the 53 Special Meeting of the General Assembly of the OAS on October 30, 2018, by means of Resolution **AG/RES. 1 (LIII-E/18) – PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR 2019**, the Organization's budget was adopted, highlighting that the budget pertaining to the Regular Fund allocated to CITEC sustained a 17% decline compared to the budget for 2018 under the items corresponding to administrative overhead (not staff) of CITEC. Furthermore, the amount of \$120,000 was approved for the Regular Fund of CITEC exclusively for the hiring of two consultants for the purpose of providing support to activities, especially with regard to the ICT Alliance for the Americas.

Furthermore, because of the amendment to Article 80 on Direct and Indirect Cost Recovery of the General Standards of the General Secretariat, it was possible once again to recover the exception from being charged the Indirect Cost Recovery, corresponding to 13% of the memberships of the contributions of the associate members.

The specific funds remain virtually the same as the budget for the previous year.

4.3 Representation of CITELE in other forums

OAS/CITELE was represented at the meetings indicated below.

Meeting	Date and place	Spokesperson	Delegates
5 th Conference Preparatory Group 19 Meeting (CPG19) of CEPT	January 8 to 11, 2018 Budapest, Hungary		Brandon Mitchell (USA)
Workshop on APT Preparation for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 2 nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for PP-18 (APT PP-18-2)	January 29 to February 1, 2018 Hanoi, Viet Nam		Franz Zichy (USA)
Meeting and Workshop of the Spectrum Management Task Force (of CTU)	January 31 to February 2, 2018 Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago		Carmelo Rivera (USA) Chantal Beaumier (Canada)
34 th Annual General Meeting of CANTO (Guiding Digital Adoption to Lead Global Markets)	February 3 to 5, 2018 Trinidad & Tobago		Chantal Beaumier (Canada)
3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-19	March 12 to 16, 2018 Perth, Australia		Chantal Beaumier (Canada) Franz Joseph Zichy (USA) Brandon Mitchell (USA) Michael Mulinix (USA)
Com-ITU Meeting (of CEPT)	March 26 to 29, 2018 Copenhagen, Denmark		Oscar Avellaneda (Canada)
6 th Meeting of PTB of the CPG Project Team B (of CEPT)	April 10 to 13, 2018 Copenhagen, Denmark		Elisabeth Neasmith (Canada)
58 th ECC PT1 Meeting (CPG19) (of CTU)	April 16 to 20, 2018 Prague, Czech Republic		Christine DiLapi (USA)

Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society of Latin America and the Caribbean	April 18 to 20, 2018 Cartagena de Indias, Colombia	Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEL	
Informal Inter-regional preparatory process for ITU PP-18	April 24, 2018 Geneva, Switzerland		Santiago Reyes-Borda (Canada) Miguel Angel Muñoz-Petrichole (Mexico) Maria Victoria Sukenik (Argentina) and/or Daniel Carletti (Argentina)
Com-ITU Meeting (of CTU)	June 12 to 15, 2018 Prague, Czech Republic		Cecily Holiday (USA) Suzanne Radell (USA) Olga Madruga-Forti (USA) Greg Ratta (USA) Stephen Bereaux (The Bahamas)
3 rd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for PP-18 (APT PP-18-3)	June 18 to 21, 2018 Melbourne, Australia		Vernita Harris (USA) Kathryn O'Brien (USA) Franz J. G. Zichy (USA)
3 rd African Preparatory Meeting for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU-PP-18)	June 18 to 21, 2018 Algiers, Algeria	Kelly O'Keefe (USA) (spokesperson)	
6 th Latin American Telecommunications Congress	June 20 and 21, 2018	Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEL	
3 rd Preparatory Meeting for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU-PP18) (United Arab Emirates)	June 25 to 28, 2018 Muscat, Oman		Andrew Pegues (USA) (observer)
6 th Conference Preparatory Group Meeting CPG19-6 (Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority)	June 26 to 29, 2018 Turku, Finland	Dante Ibarra (USA) (spokesperson)	
Informal Inter-regional preparatory process for ITU PP-18 (ITU)	July 13, 2018 Geneva, Switzerland		Miguel Ángel Muñoz-Petrichole (Mexico) Amparo Arango (Dominican Republic) Roxanne Weber (USA)
4 th African Preparatory Meeting for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU-PP18)	August 13 and 14, 2018 Nairobi, Kenya		Neville Wlichcombe (The Bahamas) J. Paul Morgan (The Bahamas)

5 th Ordinary Session of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU)	August 15 to 17, 2018 Nairobi, Kenya		Mavis Johnson Collie (The Bahamas) Amb. Martín Gómez Bustillo (Argentina) Martín Gronda (Argentina)
International Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Congress (ICT) – ANDICOM 2018	August 29 to 31, 2018 Cartagena de Indias, Colombia	Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEL	
CEPT PT1 – IMT Matters	September 17 to 21, 2018 Dublin, Ireland		Dante Ibarra (USA)
CEPT Preparatory Meeting COM-ITU	September 18 to 21, 2018 Bonn, Germany	Cecily Holiday (USA) (spokesperson)	
3 rd ATU Preparatory Meeting for WRC-19	September 17 to 24, 2018 Cairo, Egypt	Bruce Lamb (USA) (spokesperson)	
4 th Arab States Preparatory Meeting (pp-18)	September 24 to 28, 2018 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Vernita Harris (USA) Paul Najarian (USA) (spokespersons)	
2 nd Informal Inter-regional Preparatory Meeting for ITU-PP-18	September 26 and 27, 2018 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia		
ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2018 for the Americas (RRS-18 Americas)	September 27 and 28, 2018 San José, Costa Rica	Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEL	
Seventh Annual Americas Spectrum Management Conference	October 2 and 3, 2018 Washington, D.C.	Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEL	

Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	October 29 to November 16, 2018 Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Santiago Reyes-Borda (Canada) Miguel Ángel Muñoz-Petrichole (Mexico) Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEL María Celeste Fuenmayor, CITEL Specialists	
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5. MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN THE WORK OF CITEL

In 2018, because of the new structure of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICT (PCC.I), the work of the Ad Hoc Group for the application of information and communication technologies (ICT) as a tool for the empowerment of women was absorbed by the new Rapporteurship on broadband, universal access, digital inclusion and gender equity, whose mandate is to examine and research the principal problems relative to the digital divide and universal access to broadband in order to promote actions and best practices aimed at achieving inclusion and the social appropriations of telecommunications / ICT, bearing in mind gender equality and the needs of minorities or vulnerable social groups.

In addition, the terms of reference of this rapporteurship include creating capacity and understanding in the CITEL Administration and in the region about how to design innovative policies, programs, and projects that make it possible to create capacities and empower women and girls through ICTs, working closely and fostering partnerships with CITEL members, civil society organizations, the private sector, and experts on gender issues focusing on the following issues, without any limitations:

- Policies: general frameworks for digital policies that take into account gender issues, focusing on digital rights and accountability of women and girls online.
- Accessibility: improving equality of access to digital technologies for women and girls, including affirmative action when appropriate.
- Skills: empowering women and girls on the basis of skills and education needed to convert them into ICT creators and to have them registered in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) career streams.
- Leadership: promoting women and girls as ICT leaders, models to emulate, in charge of decision making, and business entrepreneurs.
- Safe and inclusive online spaces: developing mechanisms to support safe online spaces for women and girls and reducing online violence against women.

- Security: promoting the development of national initiatives that use ICTs as an instrument to prevent violence against women and girls.
- Promoting actions in telecommunications / ICTs that contribute to achieving SDG 5: Gender Equality.

Likewise, at the 35 Meeting of COM/CITEL, an initiative of the Administration of the Republic of Argentina was launched: the ***Rural Women’s Alliance: Empowering rural women through ICTs***, aimed at promoting the adoption of concrete actions to improve connectivity in rural areas and ensure capacity-building and digital services that would enable women to become involved in ICTs and, as a result, bridge the digital divide.

It shall also hold the half-day seminar on Gender and ICTs. This seminar was postponed so as to be held at the 34 meeting of PCC.I scheduled in April 2019, because this committee yielded part of its time for the sessions of the COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to prepare for the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) held in Dubai in October.

The CITEL Secretariat continues to consolidate its ties with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), as well as joint activities and the coordination needed to tackle solutions related to the empowerment of women and girls with the positive use of information and communication technologies (ICT).

6. COOPERATION RELATIONS WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Cooperation by CITEL with international and regional organizations is a means to improve efficiency, avoid duplication of effort, and reduce dispute resolution time by considering different issues at an early stage. Note the existence of a draft model cooperation agreement between the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission of the Organization of American States and other organizations that includes a list of requirements needed for the consideration of requests for cooperation agreements.

Likewise, on the basis of these agreements, preparatory work for international conferences is facilitated, because CITEL also participates in inter-regional meetings with the criterion of strengthening dialogue with the representatives of regional telecommunication organizations worldwide on matters addressed in international telecommunication organizations, such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

6.1 *CITEL and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)*

COM/CITEL adopted Resolution COM/CITEL/RES. 269 (XXXI-15) “Santo Domingo Commitment,” which highlights the importance of CITEL’s regional presence and work, in addition to the need to have consensus-based candidacies in the Region for applying to high-ranking posts in the ITU for the benefit of the Americas.

CITEL participates as an observer at ITU, in view of the importance of keeping ongoing communication and coordination and consolidating the work that is being done in both ITU and CITEL. This has made it

possible to steer the efforts of the hemisphere so that they can be harmonized and create synergies with respect to ITU's work.

It is noteworthy that, in the context of the Agreement with ITU, PCC.I has established cooperation channels with the ITU Regional Office in order to hold international forums related to implementation policies and strategies for social inclusion of persons with disabilities on the basis of the accessibility of telecommunications, as well as the participation of ITU-T and ITU-D staff at the meetings and activities of this committee.

In 2018, ITU-R staff attended the 30 Meetings of PCC.II and presented the status of preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019.

Finally, it must be highlighted that the work of the CITELE Secretariat with the ITU Regional Office has been strengthened in terms of training for the purpose of:

- Joining efforts to provide training in the region and avoid overlapping.
- Aligning the interests of the CITELE Training Centers with those of the ITU Centres of Excellence.
- Strengthening the promotion and supply of training activities in telecommunications and ICTs to meet the needs of the countries.
- Incorporating issues prioritized by the PCCs into the above-mentioned training.

In 2018, CITELE and ITU continue to consolidate their cooperation ties by holding seminars, training sessions, workshops, and other types of events, in which it is expected that the participation and support of subregional organizations in telecommunication matters shall be incorporated.

Coordination of frequencies on the use of the VHF band (174-216 MHz) and the UHF band (470-860 MHz) for the Caribbean

The ITU, the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), the Regional Technical Telecommunications Commission (COMTELCA), and CITELE organized, from 2017 to date, Regional Meetings for the Coordination of Frequencies on the Use of the VHF band (174-216 MHz) and the UHF band (470-860 MHz) for the Caribbean. The fourth and last meeting was held in Belize City, Belize, on September 11 to 14, 2018. These meetings are organized for the purpose of facilitating the switchover from analog television to digital television and the allocation of the digital dividend, bearing in mind the wide separation in terms of distances required to ensure mutual compatibility between the broadcasting stations and the mobile stations in the VHF and UHF bands. The general goal is to prevent harmful interference from occurring, which could lead to many kilometers of displacement within the territory of the nearby countries involved. The result of these meetings is informal consensus-building in the regions of Central America and the Caribbean aimed at the subsequent finalization of formal agreements among the administrations involved, after formal notification of the allocation of the relevant frequencies to the ITU.

The Multilateral Accord for Central America and the Caribbean, as a result of the ITU Regional Frequency Coordination Meeting for the regions of Central America and the Caribbean (CAC) on the use of the VHF band (174-216 MHz) and the UHF band (270-860 MHz) are available at the following links by language:

- **English:**

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/Americas/Documents/CAC_multilateral_agreement-E.pdf

- **Spanish:**

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/Americas/Documents/CAC_multilateral_agreement-S.pdf

- **French:**

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/Americas/Documents/CAC_multilateral_agreement-F.pdf

Use of ICTs for emergency and disaster situations in the Americas Region

In the framework of the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference, on October 12, 2017, a Letter of Intent was signed by the ITU, CITELE, and subregional telecommunications organizations of Central America (COMTELCA) and the Caribbean (CTU) in order to **“Establish an Agreement on the Use of ICTs for Emergency and Disaster Situations in the Americas Region.”** Its purpose was to reaffirm the importance of developing a cooperation mechanism among the signatories to implement projects to use ICTs for emergency and disaster situations in the Americas.

As a result of the Letter of Intent signed by ITU, CITELE, COMTELCA, and CTU, a pilot project was prepared for the establishment of an Alternative Regional Emergency Telecommunication Network in the Region of COMTELCA to help the beneficiary countries to enhance their emergency telecommunication capacities and to improve emergency and disaster response. The pilot project shall be implemented in the beneficiary countries in 2018. Taking as a base the pilot project, a project shall be implemented for the use of ICTs in emergency and disaster situations in the Caribbean region, with implementation starting in the second semester of 2018.

Furthermore, these projects are directly related to Regional Initiative 1 of the Americas, approved at the WTDC-2017 based on the needs identified by the countries requesting assistance in all phases of disaster management.

The solution consists of providing the Emergency Operations Center (COE) with the equipment needed to connect to the amateur radio network Winlink 2000 (www.winlink.org), under redundancy characteristics. It is important to have redundancy in the coverage, because if one (or more) of the countries is hard hit by a natural disaster (earthquake, hurricane, etc.), the equipment in the remaining countries can support the affected countries.

Winlink 2000 is a world system to send and receive data (including emails) by means of amateur radio frequencies. This system is also used by international rescue groups. Just like regular emails, Winlink messages are sent to a specific address and can contain attached files such as images, meteorological maps, spreadsheets, ICS forms, etc. Emails can be sent between Winlink stations and normal SMTP / POP3 and email servers such as gmail.com

Winlink’s capacity to transfer messages between the system with various capacities (VHF / UHF, HF and standard email) hugely increases interoperability in an emergency system.

It addition, it makes it possible to identify the location of users. Moreover, because Winlink is a storage and delivery system, the stations do not have to establish simultaneous connections. This eliminates time constraints in communication.

It is also possible to establish direct peer-to-peer connections between two customer pieces of equipment (radio stations) that are within the radio propagation range without passing by an RMS. There are various situations in which peer-to-peer connections are useful:

(1) In an important emergency operation, the traffic through the Winlink system can be very heavy, as a result of which a direct connection between the two stations reduces the load in RMS and the Winlink system.

(2) A station equipped with only VHF/UHF could make a peer-to-peer connection to a station with a VHF/UHF and HF capacity, and the second station could therefore resend the message to the Winlink system using HF.

The countries benefiting from this project are: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama in Central America; Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Granada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago in the Caribbean.

The technical specifications have been established thanks to the cooperation of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) of the Americas region, through experts on Winlink.

The implementation of these projects shall help beneficiary countries increase their level of preparation for the management of emergencies or disasters (before, during, and after), but above all to save lives, especially by using telecommunications / ICTs. It shall contribute to a better national response to emergencies and disasters, because of the need of administrations to coordinate national actions with existing disaster response agencies or entities. These projects shall also exert a positive impact on regional coordination for a better regional response to disasters when national capacities are overburdened.

ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF)

Organized jointly with the ITU Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT), CITELE and the Administration of Peru, on May 25, 2018, the Regional Development Forum was held in Lima, Peru. It provided the opportunity to promote a high-level dialogue between the Regional Office for the Americas and the decision-making representatives of the member states and sector members. The Forum was used as a platform to assess strategic directions toward the Regional Operational Plan for the period 2018-2021, which includes a program proposed for the implementation of the five regional initiatives adopted by the WTDC-2017.

6.2 Organizations with which CITELE has signed a Cooperation Agreement

The table at the end of this section shows the 23 government agencies, international organizations, associations, associate members, and other institutions with which CITELE has signed cooperation agreements. It is noteworthy that, every year, cooperation agreements must be entered into with the Regional Training Centers for which CITELE offers scholarships. The list of these agreements is not included in this table.

This list and the agreements' commitments will be reviewed to confirm that they are consistent with the goals and targets of CITEL's Strategic Plan.

NUMBER	SIGNED	ORGANIZATION	SCOPE
1.	May 16, 1969	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	<p>An international organization of the United Nations system, in which governments and the private sector coordinate global telecommunications networks and services. An agreement was signed between the ITU and the OAS, not with CITEL in particular, in 1969.</p> <p>In April 2004, an agreement specific to the training program was signed with the ITU Centre of Excellence. To complement this Agreement, a specific tripartite agreement was concluded between CITEL, the ITU, and the Regional Training Centers that offer the courses, indicating a number of aspects, among them: each organization's responsibilities, number of scholarships, copyright, and evaluation of the quality of the material. These agreements normally remain in force until the conclusion of the different courses.</p> <p>A cooperation agreement on "Bridging the ICT Standardization Gap for the Americas region" was signed on August 20, 2007.</p>
2.	November 15, 1996	Hispano-American Association of Research Centers and Telecommunications Companies (AHCJET)	An association of research centers and telecommunication companies whose purpose is to promote and cooperate in the development of various technical, administrative, and training aspects in the telecommunications area, with a view to optimal promotion of the areas of research, study, and company administration.
3.	July 17, 2001	European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)	Carries out pre-standardization and standardization activities in areas common to telecommunications, information technology, and sound and television broadcasting, and produces European standards in the telecommunications area.
4.	August 20, 2001	Telecommunication Industry Association (TIA) (USA)	Pre-standardization and standardization activities in areas common to telecommunications, through a consensus-based process that includes all interested parties. It has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and has ensured TIA's compliance with ANSI's rules for openness and balance. TIA's objective is to contribute to worldwide standardization at the international level and it works very closely with European and Asian standards organizations.
5.	August 24, 2001	Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solutions (ATIS) Committee T1 (USA)	Establishes standards for planning, designing, and the operation of global end-to-end telecommunications and related telecommunication services
6.	December 14, 2001	Andean Community Telecommunications Enterprises Association (ASETA)	An international organization with broad experience in the telecommunication area
7.	March 21, 2002	European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)	An independent organization that cooperates with the European Union and the European Free Trade Association, other pertinent inter-institutional organizations, and other organizations associated with postal services and electronic communications

NUMBER	SIGNED	ORGANIZATION	SCOPE
8.	May 29, 2002	Unión Postal de las Américas, España y Portugal (UPAEP)	An intergovernmental organization whose mission is to coordinate the regulation of postal activity and postal policy in general among its member states to ensure that universal service is provided on an equal access basis as a means of ensuring quality of service and safeguarding customer's rights.
9.	August 14, 2002	Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (Federación de la Mancomunidad Regional en el Área de Comunicaciones) (RCC)	Created by the communications administrations of the states indicated in the agreement establishing a Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (December 17, 1991), with the aim of ensuring broad cooperation and carrying out coordinated activities among these states in the area of postal communications and telecommunications. (Azerbaijan Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Republic of Ukraine).
10.	August 16, 2002	Caribbean/Latin American Action (C/LAA)	An independent private organization for the promotion of private sector-led economic development in the Caribbean area and throughout the Hemisphere
11.	June 13, 2003	African Telecommunications Union (ATU)	An agency of the African Union (AU) established by the fourth regular meeting of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the African Telecommunications Union as the successor to the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU). Its objective is to promote the rapid development of info-communication in Africa in order to achieve, in the most efficient manner, universal service, universal access, and full inter-country connectivity
12.	August 25, 2003	International Astronautical Federation (IAF)	A nongovernmental, non-profit organization for the advancement of knowledge of space and the development and application of space resources to benefit mankind.
13.	October 1, 2003	Global VSAT Forum	An independent non-profit organization that promotes private sector-led economic development worldwide, including the Americas.
14.	October 21, 2003	CDMA Development Group (CDG)	A consortium of companies that have joined together to provide leadership in the adoption and evaluation of CDMA systems worldwide.
15.	August 31, 2004	3G Americas	To encourage and facilitate the deployment of GSM, GPRS, EDGE, and UMTS (WCDMA) in the Americas
16.	January 9, 2008	ICANN	ICANN, a non-profit public-interest entity, is the international organization responsible for managing and supervising coordination of the Internet domain name system and its unique identifiers. ICANN was created through a Memorandum of Understanding between the US Department of Commerce and ICANN to manage the transition of the Domain Names System (DNS) from the Government of the United States into the global community. The most recent version of the Memorandum of Understanding is meant to be the final text and sets forth a series of objectives for ICANN which, when they are achieved, will lead to a totally independent ICANN organization.
17.	October 2, 2008	Internet Society (ISOC)	An international organization whose mission is to provide world coordination and cooperation in connection with the Internet.

NUMBER	SIGNED	ORGANIZATION	SCOPE
18.	November 23, 2009	Francisco José de Caldas District University, Bogotá, Colombia.	<p>State or public institution of higher education, classified as a District University, established by Agreement No. 010 of February 5, 1948.</p> <p>The University's objectives include democratization of knowledge in order to regulate and guarantee, on behalf of the state, the societal right to critical and rigorous higher education of quality, on the basis of social equity and competitiveness, through research, teaching, and services to communities in local, national, and international contexts.</p>
19.	May 19, 2011.	Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)	<p>The CTU was established in 1989, in Nassau, The Bahamas, by treat. It was established by the Heads of CARICOM governments. In fulfillment of its objectives, the CTU may, inter alia: (i) Promote and assist in the formulation and implementation of bilateral or multilateral telecommunications programs within the Caribbean Region in cooperation with appropriate international or regional organizations; (ii) Organizes Conferences, Seminars and Workshops; and (iii) Provide a forum for the discussion and resolution of telecommunications issues concerning the Region.</p>
20.	February 2016 (in force for four years)	Memorandum of Understanding National Spectrum Agency of the Republic of Colombia	<p>Technical cooperation</p> <p>Regulatory framework with respect to cooperation mechanisms between the Parties on radio spectrum issues to promote the development of the telecommunications and ICT sector in the Americas Region.</p>
21.	February 2016 (in force for four years)	Memorandum of Understanding Dominican Telecommunications Institute of the Dominican Republic	<p>Technical cooperation</p> <p>Regulatory framework with respect to cooperation mechanisms between the Parties on telecommunications and ICTs to promote the development of the telecommunications and ICT sector in the Americas Region.</p>
22.	April 27, 2016 (in force for three years)	Memorandum of Understanding Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies of Colombia	<p>Technical cooperation</p> <p>Regulatory framework with respect to cooperation mechanisms between the Parties on telecommunications and ICTs to promote the development of the telecommunications and ICT sector in the Americas Region.</p>
23.	February 10, 2017 to February 9, 2019 (in force for two years)	Memorandum of Understanding ProFuturo Foundation OAS General Secretariat (CITEL Executive Secretary and Executive Secretary for Integral Development)	<p>Establish a regulatory framework for the implementation of the ProFuturo Digital Classrooms Project in some of the OAS member states, aimed at improving the quality of education using digital education in highly vulnerable environments, in fulfillment of the commitments and objectives of the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas.</p>

6.3 *Memorandum of Understanding with member states*

In the year being reviewed by the present report, the Executive Secretary of CITEL has signed Memorandums of Understanding with member states.

7. STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS SPONSORED BY CITEL

7.1 *Lima Convention*

The Inter-American Convention on Amateur Service was adopted in Lima, Peru, in 1987, at the Fifth Inter-American Telecommunication Conference [CITEL/RES. 130 (V-87)], and amended in 1988, at the First Special Meeting of CITEL [CITEL/RES. 141 (I/E-88)] to permit and facilitate full participation by member states of CITEL. This Convention provides for the use of amateur radio service by nationals of a member state in the territory of another member state.

This Convention came into force on February 21, 1990. The OAS General Secretariat is the depository for the original instrument and for the Convention’s instruments of ratification and accession.

Signatory country	Date of signature	RA/AC/AD	Date of deposit of instrument
Argentina	08/14/87	RA 03/11/90	12/06/90
Bolivia	08/14/87		
Brazil	08/14/87		
Canada		AD 04/06/89	05/18/89
Chile	08/14/87		
Colombia	08/14/87		
Guatemala		AD 12/05/89	01/22/90
Haiti	08/14/87		
Mexico		AD 03/13/89	06/21/89
Paraguay	09/07/95	RA 05/24/95	09/15/95
Peru	08/14/87		
Suriname	08/14/87		
United States of America	08/14/87	AC 02/21/91	03/20/91
Uruguay	08/14/87		
Venezuela		AD 10/14/88	11/30/88

RA= ratification

AC= acceptance

AD= accession

Signatures that are not subject to ratification, approval, or acceptance (under Articles 7.a and 10 of the Convention, these countries are Parties to the Convention) are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Haiti, Peru, and Suriname.

The signatures subject to ratification, approval, or acceptance (under Article 7.b of the Convention) are: United States of America and Uruguay.

7.2 *Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP)*

This Convention was adopted at the Second Meeting of CITEL’s Permanent Executive Committee, held in December 1994 [COM/CITEL RES. 5 (II-94)]. It was subsequently adopted in Montrouis, Haiti at the 25 Regular Session of the General Assembly [AG/RES. 1316 (XXV-O/95)].

This Convention provides for temporary operation of amateur radio stations in a member state by persons holding IARP permits issued by another member state without need for further review. Any member state may issue permits to its citizens to operate in another member state. The IARP Convention came into force on February 23, 1996. The OAS General Secretariat is the depository for its instruments of RA, AC, and AD.

Signatory country	Date of signature	RA/AC/AD	Date of deposit of instrument
Argentina		AD 01/29/97	03/03/97
Brazil	01/24/97	RA 08/19/99	09/28/99
Canada	09/27/95	AC 09/27/95	09/27/95
El Salvador	03/18/99	RA 02/08/02	03/08/02
Panama	04/09/02	RA 02/03/03	03/27/03
Paraguay		AD 06/20/06	11/21/06
Peru	09/15/95	RA 12/28/95	01/24/96
Trinidad and Tobago		AD 07/13/01	08/16/01
United States of America	06/08/95		
Uruguay	06/08/95		
Venezuela	02/05/95		

7.3 Protocol of Amendment to the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP)

At its 33 Regular Session, the OAS General Assembly, in resolution AG/RES. 1947 (XXXIII-O/03), adopted the Protocol of Amendment to the Inter-American Convention on an Amateur Radio Permit, intended to grant holders of the Radio Amateur License of the member countries of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) that have implemented CEPT's Recommendation T/R 61-01, "CEPT Radio Amateur License" the same rights and privileges granted to IARP holders of CITEL member states that become States Parties to the Protocol, while CEPT extends to holders of IARPs the same privileges and exemptions granted to holders of CEPT Radio Amateur Licenses of the member countries of CEPT that have implemented the aforementioned Recommendation.

This new procedure will reduce the countries' workload and, therefore, the costs involved, and will be of fundamental importance, particularly in emergencies. The OAS General Secretariat is the depository for instruments of RA, AC, and AD.

Signatory country	Date of signature	RA/AC/AD	Date of deposit of instrument
El Salvador		07/21/10	09/15/10
Panama	11/21/06	RA 01/02/08	02/05/08

This Protocol came into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which the two States became Parties to it.

7.4 *Amending the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP)*

On June 4, 2018, by means of Resolution AG/RES. 2918 (XLVIII-O/18), the General Assembly of the OAS adopted the Amendment to the IARP Convention, converting it formally into an international treaty. This amendment to the Convention combines the texts of previous versions of the Convention and its Protocol and updates it in line with the current reality of technology, thus establishing a new instrument.

The purpose of the amendment to the IARP Convention continues to be the same as that of the original, that is, to regulate temporary operations permits for amateur radio stations under the authority of a state party, to persons benefiting from an IARP from another state party, without any further examination.

This review of the IARP has the potential of increasing the integration of the continent's countries by means of radiocommunications and increasing the number of amateur radio operators who will be receiving benefits so that their national permits will be recognized abroad.

Signatory countries	Date of signing	RA/AC/AD	Date instrument deposited
Dominican Republic	06/04/18		
Argentina	06/05/18		

This amendment to the Convention shall come into force on the thirtieth day as of the date on which two states have become parties to it.

***NOTE:** Regarding this, OAS member states are urged to proceed forward with becoming states parties to the Convention's Amendment, rather than the original version of 1994 or the Protocol of Modifications of 2003, because the present Amendment of 2018 not only merges the above but also updates the consolidated texts.

8. TRAINING ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY OAS/CITEL

At present, CITEL provides most of its training via distance-learning with a tutor.

1.1 OAS/CITEL: Telecommunications / ICT for Professional Development

It is important to note that with the number of scholarships granted by CITEL, along with the Regional Training Centers recognized by CITEL and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Center of Excellence the ITU Academy thanks to the proactive and constant work of the CITEL Secretariat, it was possible to launch the following:

Three courses with OAS fellowships, although initially the Organization's Scholarship Committee approved only one course for CITEL because of a drastic cutback in the OAS program-budget for 2018 under this item. The OAS subsidizes 50% of the course's cost and the Regional Training Centers pays for the remaining 50%.

It is also stressed that the work of the CITEL Secretariat with the ITU Regional Office has been strengthened for the purpose of:

- Joining efforts for training in the region and avoiding overlapping.
- Aligning the interests of the CITEL Training Centers and the ITU Centers of Excellence.

- Strengthening the promotion and supply of training activities in telecommunications and ICTs in order to meet country needs.
- Above all, incorporating issues that were given priority by the PCCs into the training options.

Please find below three tables with information and statistics on the courses provided by CITEC in 2018 in compliance with Resolution COM/CITEC/RES. 290 (XXXIII-17). At the cutoff date of December 31, 2018, the following were awarded: a total of 49 CITEC/OAS scholarships with the Regional Training Centers recognized by CITEC; 202 individuals received ITU/CITEC training courses, and 84 ITU/CITEC individuals received scholarships; with a total of students from 19 member states of the OAS resulting from all OAS/CITEC and CITEC/ITU courses and scholarships.¹

TABLE 1

Scholarships for courses with the Regional Training Centers recognized by CITEC subsidized by the OAS

Name of course	Regional Training Center	Language and type of course	Deadline for submitting applications	Date(s) of course	Number of scholarships awarded	Beneficiaries of each CITEC course by country of origin 2018
m-Health	ANTEL	Spanish, online	September 10, 2018	October 1 to 26, 2018	15	14 BOL, CHI, COL (2), CR, ECU, HAI, HON (2), PER (4), USA
Online Business Development and Management	CCAT LAT	Spanish, online	November 14, 2018	December 3, 2018 to January 27, 2019	15	15 ARG (2), CHI, COL (2), CR(3), ESV, HON, PAR, PER (3), RD
Information Security and ISO 27001 and 27002 Standards	INICTEL	Spanish, online	November 26, 2018	December 10, 2018 to January 23, 2019	20	20 ARG, CHI (2), COL (2), CR (2), ECU (3), ESV (3), GUA (2), HON, NIC, PAR (2), URU

1. Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States of America, and Uruguay

TABLE 2*Distribution of scholarships OAS/CITEL/Regional Centers by member state (2018)*

1.	Antigua & Barbuda	
2.	Argentina	3
3.	Bahamas	
4.	Barbados	
5.	Belize	
6.	Bolivia	1
7.	Brazil	
8.	Canada	
9.	Chile	4
10.	Colombia	6
11.	Costa Rica	6
12.	Dominica	
13.	Ecuador	4
14.	El Salvador	4
15.	Grenada	
16.	Guatemala	2
17.	Guyana	
18.	Haiti	1
19.	Honduras	4
20.	Jamaica	
21.	Mexico	
22.	Nicaragua	1
23.	Panama	
24.	Paraguay	3
25.	Peru	7
26.	Dominican Republic	1
27.	Saint Kitts & Nevis	
28.	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	
29.	St. Lucia	
30.	Suriname	
31.	Trinidad & Tobago	
32.	United States of America	1
33.	Uruguay	1
34.	Venezuela	

TABLE 3
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(Preliminary information)

Course	ITU Centre of Excellence	Course dates	Cost (US\$)	OAS member states beneficiaries of ITU-CITEL courses in 2018 (Preliminary information)
Internet of Things and Its Role in the Digital Economy (ITU-CITEL)		OCT 15 to NOV 9	FREE OF CHARGE Maximum 50 participants	1. Argentina 2. Bolivia 3. Chile 4. Colombia 5. Costa Rica 6. Ecuador 7. El Salvador 8. Guatemala 9. Mexico 10. Panama 11. Dominican Rep. 12. Suriname 13. Uruguay
LTE Radio Access Technology	INICTEL	SEPT 24 to OCT 21	290	
Continuing Education Program Strategic Management for Telecommunications 2018/2019	Universidad Blas Pascal	September 24, 2018 to December 20, 2019 15 months	US\$400 per module US\$3,600 Total cost of program	
Certificate in Cyberdefense and Cybersecurity Policies and Strategies Course No. 3 Guidelines for Using Information: Data and Big Data	CITIC	SEPT 3 to OCT 26	395	
Introduction to Satellite Communications Part II: DVB-S and DVB-S2 Part II	INATEL	SEPT 3 to 28	125	

² For further information about this training, please see the webpage of the ITU Academy on Internet:
https://academy.itu.int/index.php?option=com_joomdle&view=coursescatalog&layout=default1&Itemid=476&lang=en

Risks, Opportunities, and Responsibility for the Management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)	CITIC	SEPT 2 to 27	99
“ITU-ITSO Training in Satellite Telecommunications” *Onsite course in Quito, Ecuador	ITSO	Onsite / in Spanish SEPT 10 to 14	Participation free of charge
Cybersecurity: First Steps to Tackling a Major Challenge	UNLP	AUG 13 to SEPT 7	300
Risks, Opportunities, and Responsibility for the Management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)	CITIC	JUNE 18 to JULY 13	99
Introduction to Satellite Communications Part II: DVB-S and DVB-S2	INATEL	JUNE 4 to 29	125
Communication Protocols for the Internet of Things	INICTEL	MARCH 5 to 30	290
Introduction to Satellite Communications: Basics	INATEL	MARCH 26 to APR 29	125
Digital TV Systems (Part I): Coding and Multiplexing	INATEL	MARCH 26 to MAY 15	225
Communications in Optic Access Networks	INICTEL	APR 16 to MAY 11	280
Natural Disaster Emergency Warning Broadcast System (digital television and FM radio)	INICTEL	JUNE 11 to JULY 6	300
Principles of Spectrum Management	CINTEL	MAY 1 to 25	150

Basics of Economic Spectrum Management	CINTEL	MAY 7 to JUNE 1	300
Internet Exchange Points: Added Value in the Region	CCAT-LAT	MAY 7 to JUNE 1	400
Risks and Opportunities of Telecommunications, ICTs, and Climate Change	CITIC	MAY 7 to JUNE 1	99
Risks, Opportunities, and Responsibility for the Management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)	CITIC	MAY 7 to JUNE 1	99
ICT Role for Smart Sustainable Cities (*In English)		MAY 14 to JUNE 15	FREE OF CHARGE
CSIRT*: Coordinating the prevention, detection, and management of incidents and the response to and mitigation of cyberattacks *Computer Security Incident Response Team, in Spanish	UNLP	MAY 7 to JUNE 15	400
Information and Communication Technologies: Digitalizing Society	CCAT-LAT	JUNE 4 to 30	300
Technology and Business with Internet Protocol Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) and Voice over LTE (VoLTE)	INICTEL	AUG 6 to 24	290

9. BUDGET OF CITEL

9.1 Budget and Execution for 2018

	Actual allocation (in US\$1000s)	Expenditure as of 12/31/2018
Scholarships	0.0	0.0
Travel	22.3	31.4
Document preparation	1.2	0.0
Office equipment and supplies	1.6	3.4
Contract services (translators, interpreters, support staff)	35.4	38.8
Other items	24.5	5.2
Subtotal	85.0	78.8
Executive Secretariat staff	461.8	461.8
TOTAL	546.8	545.8

9.2 Budget for 2019

The projected allocation to CITEL from the OAS Regular Fund for 2019 is US\$.669,300

	Allocation for 2018 (in US\$1000s)	Allocation for 2019 (in US\$1000s)
Staff costs	461.8	472.6
Activity costs	85.0	196.7
TOTAL	546.8	669.3

9.3 Scholarships

Because of budget cuts for CITEL in the Regular Fund for 2018, CITEL did not allocate any budget under the item for Scholarships.

9.4 External funds

Any incorporated agency, organization, or institution related to the telecommunication industry may, with the approval of the corresponding member state of CITEL, become an associate member of a Permanent Consultative Committee. Applications from entities wishing to become associate members of a PCC are forwarded by the member state together with notification of the contributory unit selected. Since January 1, 2017, the value of the contributory unit has been US\$6,000 for each Permanent Consultative Committee, adopted by Resolution COM/CITEL. RES.8 (III-E-16) approved Ad referendum to next Assembly of CITEL:

- The value of the contributory “unit” of the Associate member is set at USD6,000.00 for each Permanent Consultative Committee in which they participate.
- Modify the following modification to Article 87.1 of the Regulations of CITEL:

Associate members shall contribute to the funding of their respective PCC, voluntarily choosing the level of contribution. The minimum contributory level shall be “a quarter” of a unit for associate members belonging to academia for both PCC; “one” unit for associate members with legal personality in one of the member states and “one and one half” units for the others. All these contributions may be increased in minimum “one half” unit levels

As of December 31, 2018, CITEL had received a total US\$ 465,273 equivalent to 92% from estimated for year 2018 from associate members, distributed as follows:

	PCC.I	PCC.II
2018	155,058	306,294
2017	0.00	4,921
TOTAL:	155,058	311,215

For 2018, as of December 31, 2018, a total of US\$ 53,839 in contributions remains unpaid.

	PCC.I	PCC.II
2018	26,501	27,338

CITEL has 99 associate members. Arrears in payment of contributions are as follows:

	PCC.I	PCC.II	TOTAL
2017	24,016	22,537	46,553

The following table shows (in US\$) how external (specific) funds were used by each PCC as of December 31, 2018:




COMMITTEE	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	OBLIGATIONS	BALANCE
PCC.I				
Initial balance as of 1/1/18	70,802			
Income as of 12/31/18	155,058			
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>225,860</i>	<i>151,235</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>74,625</i>
PCC.II				
Initial balance as of 1/1/18	213,788			
Income as of 12/31/18	311,215			
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>525,003</i>	<i>196,706</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>328,297</i>
TOTALS to 12/31/2018	750,863	347,941	0.00	402,922

10. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF CITEL FOR 2019

DRAFT CALENDAR OF CITEL FOR 2019-2020

Meeting	Date	Place
Cluster of Council Working Groups	28 January to 1 February 2019	Geneva, Switzerland
Second Session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-19 (CPM19-2)	18 to 28 February 2019	Geneva, Switzerland
33 Meeting of PCC.II	8 to 12 April 2019	Monterrey, Mexico
34 Meeting of PCC.I	29 April to 3 May 2019	Lima, Peru
Cluster of Council Working Groups	5 to 7 June 2019	Geneva, Switzerland
2019 ITU Council	10 to 20 June 2019	Geneva, Switzerland
OAS General Assembly	26 to 28 June 2019	Medellin, Colombia
34 Meeting of PCC.II	12 to 16 August 2019	Canada
Cluster of Council Working Groups	9 to 20 September 2019	Geneva, Switzerland
35 Meeting of PCC.I	16 to 20 September 2019	El Salvador
Radiocommunication Assembly 2019 (RA-19)	21 to 25 October 2019	Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
Working Group for the Preparation of CITEL for Regional and World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC-19)	27 October to 22 November 2019	Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC-19)	28 October to 22 November 2019	Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
36 Meeting of COM/CITEL	4 to 6 December 2019	Argentina
Cluster of Council Working Groups**	3 to 14 February 2020 // 10 to 21 February 2020	Geneva, Switzerland
36 Meeting of PCC.I	Third week of April 2020	Peru

35 Meeting of PCC.II	To be determined	Mexico
Cluster of Council Working Groups**	4 to 8 June 2020	Geneva, Switzerland
2020 ITU Council	9 to 19 June 2020	Geneva, Switzerland
37 Meeting of PCC.I	Third week of August 2020	Paraguay
Cluster of Council Working Groups**	7 to 18 September 2020 // 21 September to 4 October 2020	Geneva, Switzerland
36 Meeting of PCC.II	To be determined	El Salvador
World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)	Last quarter of 2020	To be determined
37 Meeting of COM/CITEL	2 to 4 December 2020	Argentina

	CITEL Meetings
	ITU Meetings
	Other Meetings

** to be confirmed by ITU

11. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

a) In preparation for the 49 Regular Session of the General Assembly, to be held in June 2019, the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL), at the 35 meeting of COM/CITEL held in Mar del Plata in December 2018, decided it would send, for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly of the OAS, two draft resolutions. The first draft resolution is on the “**UNDERLYING ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL)**,” on the workings of CITEL, and the other draft resolution is on “**HEMISPHERIC EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE USE OF STOLEN, LOST OR TAMPERED MOBILE TERMINAL DEVICES.**”.

- A. Associate Members**
- B. List of Meetings Held in 2018**
- C. Quantifiable Results of CITELE for 2018**
- D. Titles of Resolutions, Recommendations, and Decisions Adopted in 2018**

ANNEX A

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS LIST OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PCC.I: TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT (As of December 31, 2018)

No.	Country	Company's Name	No. of Units
1	Argentina	CAMARA ARGENTINA DE INTERNET (CABASE)	1.0
2	Argentina	NOKIA SOLUTIONS AND NETWORKS ARGENTINA S.A.	1.0
3	Argentina	EMPRESA ARGENTINA DE SOLUCIONES SATELITALES S.A. (AR-SAT)	1.0
4	Argentina	GOOGLE ARGENTINA SRL	1.0
5	Argentina	ONEWEB S.A.	1.0
6	Argentina	TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.	1.0
7	Argentina	TELEFONICA DE ARGENTINA	1.0
8	Belgium	MOBILE & WIRELESS FORUM (MWF)	1.5
9	Brazil	QUALCOMM SERVIÇOS DE TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
10	Brazil	SAMSUNG ELECTRÔNICA DA AMAZÔNIA LTDA	1.0
11	Canada	ERICSSON CANADA	1.0
12	Chile	CISCO SYSTEMS CHILE	1.0
13	Colombia	BRANCH OF MICROSOFT COLOMBIA INC.	1.0
14	Colombia	UNIVERSIDAD DISTRITAL FRANCISCO JOSE DE CALDAS	0.3
15	Costa Rica	INSTITUTO COSTARRICENSE DE ELECTRICIDAD (ICE)	1.0
16	Costa Rica	ASJET	1.0
17	Mexico	HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
18	Mexico	ORGANIZACION DE TELECOMUNICACIONES DE IBEROAMERICA	1.0
19	Panama	DIGICEL (PANAMA), S.A.	1.0
20	Paraguay	COMPAÑIA PARAGUAYA DE COMUNICACIONES S.A. (COPACO S.A.)	1.0
21	Paraguay	TELEFONICA CELULAR DEL PARAGUAY (TIGO PARAGUAY)	1.0
22	Peru	VIATTEL PERU S.A.C. (BITEL)	1.0
23	Uruguay	REGISTRO REGIONAL DE DIRECCIONES DE INTERNET PARA AMERICA LATINA Y CARIBE (LACNIC)	1.0
24	USA	AMERICAN REGISTRY FOR INTERNET NUMBERS (ARIN)	1.0
25	USA	ATIS	1.0
26	USA	AT&T	1.0
27	USA	CISCO SYSTEMS INC.	1.0
28	USA	FACEBOOK INC.	1.0
29	USA	GSMA LATIN AMERICA	1.0
30	USA	INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC)	1.0
31	USA	IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC.	1.0
32	USA	ROBERT BOSCH LLC	1.0
33	USA	QUALCOMM, INC.	1.0
34	USA	VERIZON COMMUNIACTIONS	1.0
35	Venezuela	COMPAÑIA ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS DE VENEZUELA (CANTV)	1.0
Total Units:			34.8

LIST OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PCC.II: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS
(As of December 31, 2018)

No.	Country	Company's Name	No. of Units
1	Argentina	EMPRESA ARGENTINA DE SOLUCIONES SATELITALES S.A. (AR-SAT S.A.)	1.0
2	Argentina	TELEFONICA DE ARGENTINA	1.0
3	Argentina	INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC)	1.0
4	Brazil	ABRASAT – ASSOC. BRASILEIRA DAS EMPRESAS DE TELCOM. POR SATÉLITE	1.0
5	Brazil	AL YAH SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS (YAHSAT)	1.0
6	Brazil	ASSOCIAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE EMISSORAS DE RADIO E TELEVISÃO (ABERT)	1.0
7	Brazil	EMBRAER S.A. - EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE AERONAUTICA S.A.	1.0
8	Brazil	GSMA BRAZIL (Ex-GLOBAL MOBILE ASSOCIATION (GSMA))	1.0
9	Brazil	HISPAMAR SATELITES S.A.	1.0
10	Brazil	INTEL SEMICONDUCTORES DO BRASIL	1.0
11	Brazil	MOTOROLA DO BRASIL	1.0
12	Brazil	QUALCOMM SERVIÇOS DE TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
13	Brazil	SAMSUNG ELECTRÔNICA DA AMAZÔNIA LTDA	1.0
14	Brazil	SES DTH DO BRASIL LTDA	1.0
15	Brazil	STAR ONE S.A.	1.0
16	Brazil	SINDITELEBRASIL - SINDICATO NACIONAL DAS EMPRESAS DE TELEFONIA S.A. E DE SERVIÇO MOVIL CELULAR E PERSSOAL	1.0
17	Canada	LS TELCOM LTD.	1.0
18	Canada	NORTH AMERICAN BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION (NABA)	1.0
19	Canada	TELESAT CANADA	1.0
20	Costa Rica	INSTITUTO COSTARRICENSE DE ELECTRICIDAD (ICE)	1.0
21	Colombia	BRANCH OF MICROSOFT COLOMBIA INC.	1.0
22	Colombia	GOOGLE COLOMBIA	1.0
23	Colombia	TES AMERICA ANDINA LTDA.	1.0
24	Colombia	UNIVERSIDAD DISTRITAL FRANCISCO JOSE DE CALDAS	0.3
25	Colombia	UNIVERSIDAD ICESI	0.3
26	Mexico	APPLE	1.0
27	Mexico	ERICSSON TELECOM, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
28	Mexico	EUTELSAT AMERICAS	1.0
29	Mexico	HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
30	Mexico	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS DE MEXICO S.A.	1.0
31	Mexico	QUALCOMM INTERNATIONAL, INC.	1.0
32	Nicaragua	NICASAT	1.0
33	Paraguay	COMPAÑIA PARAGUAYA DE COMUNICACIONES S.A. (COPACO S.A.)	1.0
34	Peru	VIATEL PERU S.A.C. (BIATEL)	1.0
35	Uruguay	ASOCIACION INTERNACIONAL DE RADIODIFUSION (AIR)	1.0
36	USA	5G AMERICAS	1.0
37	USA	AT&T	1.0
38	USA	CISCO SYSTEMS INC.	1.0

39	USA	CTIA	1.0
40	USA	DIRECTV LATIN AMERICA, LLC	1.0
41	USA	ECHOSTAR CORP.	1.0
42	USA	FACEBOOK INC.	1.0
43	USA	GLOBALSTAR, INC.	1.0
44	USA	GLOBAL VSAT FORUM (GVF)	1.0
45	USA	GSMA LATIN AMERICA	1.0
46	USA	INMARSAT GLOBAL, LTD.	1.0
47	USA	INTELSAT CORPORATION	1.0
48	USA	IRIDIUM SATELLITE LLC	1.0
49	USA	LIGADO NETWORKS (Ex-SKY TERRA L.P.)	1.0
50	USA	LOCKHEED-MARTIN CORP.	1.0
51	USA	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC.	1.0
52	USA	NOKIA SOLUTIONS AND NETWORKS	1.0
53	USA	OMNISPACE LLC	1.0
54	USA	QUALCOMM, INC.	1.0
55	USA	ROBERT BOSCH LLC	1.0
56	USA	SES AMERICOM	1.0
57	USA	SITA - SOCIÉTÉ INTERNATIONALE DE TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS AÉRONAUTIQUES S.C.	1.0
58	USA	SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES CORP. (SpaceX)	1.0
59	USA	THE BOEING COMPANY	1.0
60	USA	UTILITIES TELECOM COUNCIL (UTC)	1.0
61	USA	ViaSat, INC.	1.0
62	USA	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	1.0
63	USA	WorldVu Development, LLC	1.0
64	Venezuela	COMPAÑIA ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS DE VENEZUELA (CANTV)	1.0
		Total Units:	62.5

ANNEX B

LIST OF MEETINGS HELD IN 2018

Meeting	Date	Place
Virtual Meeting to discuss proposals related to amending basic ITU texts	February 14, 2018	On line (WebEx)
High Level Forum on Digital Inclusion	March 12, 2018	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Seventh Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL	March 13 to 15, 2018	Buenos Aires, Argentina
34 Meeting of COM/CITEL	March 15, 2018	Buenos Aires, Argentina
COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (Preparations of CITEL for PP-18)	March 15, 2018	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Eighth Summit of the Americas	April 13 and 14, 2018	Lima, Peru
32 Meeting of PCC.I	May 21 to 24, 2018	Lima, Peru
Seminar on Control Systems of Mobile Devices with altered/duplicate identifiers.	May 21, 2018 (During the Session of the Group on Politics and Regulations – 32 Meeting of PCC.I)	Lima, Peru
COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (Preparation of CITEL for PP-18)	May 23 & 24, 2018 (During the session of the 32 Meeting of PCC.I)	Lima, Peru
Regional Development Forums (RDF)	May 25, 2018	Lima, Peru
48 General Assembly of the OAS	June 4 & 5, 2018	OAS Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
31 Meeting of PCC.II	July 16 to 20, 2018	Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on the future of Internet Governance ISOC / LACNIC / CITEL	August 20, 2018	OAS Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (Preparation of CITEL for PP-18)	August 20 to 24, 2018 (During the session of the 33 Meeting of PCC.I)	OAS Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
33 Meeting of PCC.I	August 21 to 24, 2018	OAS Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
Final Meeting of the 2018 Session of the Council	October 27, 2018	Dubai, Arab Emirates
Informal Meeting of Heads of Delegation (PP-18)	October 28, 2018	Dubai, Arab Emirates

Meeting	Date	Place
COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (Preparation of CITEL for PP-18)	October 29 to November 16, 2018	Dubai, Arab Emirates
ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 (PP-18)	October 29 to November 16, 2018	Dubai, Arab Emirates
32 Meeting of PCC.II	December 3 to 7, 2018	Brasilia, D.F. Brazil
35 Meeting of COM/CITEL	December 17 to 19, 2018	Mar del Plata, Argentina

ANNEX C

QUANTIFIABLE RESULTS OF CITEL FOR 2018

December 31, 2018

Item	Achieved/ Planned
Number of face-to-face meetings organized by CITEL in 2018	8
Number of preparation virtual meetings organized by CITEL in 2018	44
Number of participants in meetings in 2018	1,213
Number of documents processed in meetings of CITEL in 2018	2,165
Number of resolutions approved by the Committees	36
Number of recommendations approved by the Committees	4
Number of decisions approved by the Committees	25
Number of seminars, workshops, and virtual classes conducted by the Committees	
Number of on-line telecommunication courses offered in CITEL's program in 2018	
Number of on-site telecommunication courses offered in CITEL's program in 2018	
Number of associate members as of December 31, 2018	99
Number of Regional Training Centers in 2018	
Number of cooperation agreements signed as of December 31, 2018 (The Agreements with the Regional Training Centers are not included)	

ANNEX D

TITLES OF RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DECISIONS ADOPTED IN 2018 (Date: From January 1 to December 31, 2018)

D.1 VII ORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF CITEL

RESOLUTION

CITEL/RES. 78 (VII-18)	REQUEST TO EXEMPT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF CITEL FROM INDIRECT COST RECOVERY (ICR)
CITEL/RES. 79 (VII-18)	STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL FOR 2018-2022
CITEL/RES. 80 (VII-18)	STRENGTHENING CITEL WITHIN THE OAS
CITEL/RES. 81 (VII-18)	DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE OF THE 34 MEETING OF COM/CITEL
CITEL/RES. 82 (VII-18)	DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE FOR THE 35 MEETING OF COM/CITEL
CITEL/RES. 83 (VII-18)	REVIEW OF THE FINANCING SOURCES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION
CITEL/RES. 84 (VII-18)	CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR SELECTING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEL
CITEL/RES. 85 (VII-18)	ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES
CITEL/RES. 86 (VII-18)	SUBMITTING THE "AMENDMENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON AN INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO PERMIT (IARP)" TO THE OAS ASSEMBLY
CITEL/RES. 87 (VII-18)	UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY CITEL
CITEL/RES. 88 (VII-18)	MODIFICATIONS TO CITEL STATUTE AND REGULATIONS
CITEL/RES. 89 (VII-18)	DEVELOPMENT OF INTER-AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY GROUPS, STUDY QUESTIONS AND ADVISORY GROUPS THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

RECOMMENDATIONS

No Recommendations were approved in this period

DECISIONS

No Decisions were approved in this period

D.2 PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)

RESOLUTION

COM/CITEL/RES. 296 (XXXIV-18)	DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE FOR THE 35 MEETING OF COM/CITEL
COM/CITEL/RES. 297 (XXXV-18)	COURSE PROGRAM OF CITEL FOR THE YEAR 2019
COM/CITEL/RES. 298 (XXXV-18)	DESIGNATION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL FOR THE PERIOD 2018-2022
COM/CITEL/RES. 299 (XXXV-18)	MONITORING AND EVALUATION INDICATORS OF THE PCCs
COM/CITEL/RES. 300 (XXXV-18)	ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN FOR 2019
COM/CITEL/RES. 301 (XXXV-18)	DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE FOR THE 36 MEETING OF COM/CITEL
COM/CITEL/RES. 302 (XXXV-18)	SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY "HEMISPHERIC EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE USE OF STOLEN, LOST OR TAMPERED MOBILE TERMINAL EQUIPMENT"
COM/CITEL/RES. 303 (XXXV-18)	RECOMMENDATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE APOINTMENT OF THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITEL
COM/CITEL/RES. 304 (XXXV-18)	FACILITATING ACCESS TO AND INFORMATION ON CITEL'S DOCUMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
COM/CITEL/RES. 305 (XXXV-18)	DESIGNATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF ARGENTINA AS GENERAL COORDINATOR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

RECOMMENDATIONS

No Recommendations were approved in this period

DECISIONS

COM/CITEL/DEC. 99 (XXXIV-18)	ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF CITEL
COM/CITEL/DEC. 100 (XXXV-18)	DEVELOPMENT OF INDICATORS FOR CITEL'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2018-2022
COM/CITEL/DEC. 101 (XXXV-18)	SUPPORT OF CITEL TO THE NOMINATION OF MR. LWANDO BBUKU FROM THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE ITRS
COM/CITEL/DEC. 102 (XXXV-18)	WORK PLAN OF THE WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE ITU COUNCIL
COM/CITEL/DEC. 103 (XXXV-18)	FORWARDING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE UNDERLYING ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION

AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES/TELECOMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL)

COM/CITEL/DEC. 104 (XXXV-18) SUBMISSION OF RURAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN THROUGH ICTs TO PCC.I AND PCC.II

D.3 PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I: TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (PCC.I)

RESOLUTION

PCC.I/RES. 291 (XXXII-18) QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE RIGHTS OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE USERS

PCC.I/RES. 292 (XXXII-18) WORKSHOP TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ICTs

PCC.I/RES. 293 (XXXII-18) STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUPS AND RAPPORTEURSHIPS OF PCC.I

PCC.I/RES. 294 (XXXII-18) AGENDA, SITE AND DATE OF THE 33 MEETING OF PCC.I

PCC.I/RES. 295 (XXXIII-18) IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MANDATES, TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND AUTHORITIES OF THE WORKING GROUPS AND RAPPORTEURSHIPS OF PCC.I (ANNEX II – RESOLUTION CCP.I/RES.293 (XXXII-18))

PCC.I/RES. 296 (XXXIII-18) INTEGRATING EFFORTS AND COODINATION OF THE WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP TO COORDINATE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES OF THE OAS, PCC.I, AND PCC.II

PCC.I/RES. 297 (XXXIII-18) AGENDA, VENUE, AND PLACE OF MEETINGS 34 AND 35 OF PCC.I

PCC.I/RES. 298 (XXXIII-18) INTER-AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS (IACs) FROM CITEL TO THE STUDY GROUPS, WORKING GROUPS, RAPPORTEURSHIPS, AND CONSULTATIVE GROUPS OF THE DEVELOPMENT SECTOR (ITU-D) AND STANDARDIZATION SECTOR (ITU-T) OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

RECOMMENDATIONS

PCC.I/REC. 27 (XXXII-18) PROMOTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF IPv6

PCC.I/REC. 28 (XXXIII-18) DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL OR REMOTE AREAS TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

DECISIONS

PCC.I/DEC. 277 (XXXII-18) QUESTIONNAIRE ON ROAMING AGREEMENTS

PCC.I/DEC. 278 (XXXII-18) INITIATIVE TO RAISE AWARENESS AND PUBLICIZE ITU ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE QUALITY OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN ORDER TO COLLECT

	INFORMATION FROM MEMBER STATES AND PROMOTE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ITU-T STUDY GROUPS
PCC.I/DEC. 279 (XXXII-18)	DEADLINE EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION ITU-D 19 IN THE AMERICAS REGION
PCC.I/DEC. 280 (XXXII-18)	QUESTIONNAIRE ON SHORT MESSAGE SERVICES IN CASE OF INCOMING DISASTERS
PCC.I/DEC. 281 (XXXII-18)	CHAIR OF THE AD HOC GROUP TO COORDINATE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES OF THE OAS RELATED TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT
PCC.I/DEC.282 (XXXIII-18)	QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE RIGHTS OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE USERS
PCC.I/DEC. 283 (XXXIII-18)	CITEL INDICES FOR BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAS REGION
PCC.I/DEC. 284 (XXXIII-18)	SENDING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY “HEMISPHERIC ATTEMPTS TO COMBAT THE USE OF STOLEN, MISSING OR TAMPERED MOBILE TERMINAL DEVICES” TO THE 35 MEETING OF COM/CITEL
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