

INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION

The Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is an entity of the Organization of American States, established by the General Assembly AG/RES.1224(XXII-O/93), in accordance with Article 52 of the Charter of the Organization. CITEL has technical autonomy in the performance of its functions, within the limits of the Charter of the Organization, its Statute, and the mandates of the General Assembly of the Organization.

Structure of CITEL

- a. The CITEL Assembly;
- b. The Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL);
- c. The Permanent Consultative Committees; and
- d. The Executive Secretariat.

The objectives of CITEL are to serve as the principal advisory body of the Organization in all matters related to telecommunications in the Americas, to facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continuing development of telecommunications in this hemisphere and to consider any other matters relating to Inter-American cooperation in the field of telecommunications as requested by the General Assembly, or the Councils of the Organization.

Membership

All the Member States of the Organization are Members of CITEL. In addition, other American States which are not members of the Organization are eligible for membership in CITEL and they are only required to submit a request to the CITEL Assembly and the General Assembly of the Organization.

Any recognized operating agency or scientific or industrial organization or financial or development institution related to the telecommunications industry, with the approval of the corresponding Member State of CITEL, may become an Associate Member of a Permanent Consultative Committee. Associate Members may fully participate in all the activities of that Permanent Consultative Committee, with voice but without vote. They may present technical papers and receive the documents of the Committee to which they pertain. Associate Members contribute to the support of the Commission through voluntarily choosing a contributory level according to the provisions specified in the CITEL Regulations.

The First CITEL Assembly February 1994

The First Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) was held in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, from 21 to 25 February, 1994, with the attendance of 18 Member States. The meeting was also attended by representatives of 3 Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States (OAS), 10 observers from international and regional organizations and private companies and industries.

COMPOSITION OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (COM/CITEL)

The Member countries of the Permanent Executive Committee were elected by secret voting. Those selected to serve on COM/CITEL are: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Chile, Dominica, Ecuador, Paraguay, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. These countries will serve on COM/CITEL until the Second CITEL Assembly in 1998.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES (PCCs):

The Assembly constituted three Permanent Consultative Committees to carry out the work program of the Commission. These committees are: 1) *Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services*, Honduras; 2) *Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting*, Canada; and 3) *Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications*, Mexico.

OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITEL ASSEMBLY

At its first meeting, the Assembly a) adopted a set of regulations to cover the operation of the Commission; b) set the membership fee for Associate Members; c) approved guidelines for the development of regional telecommunications; d) accepted the "Blue Book" on Telecommunication Policies for the Americas; e) adopted the "Montevideo Declaration"; f) established the CITEL Steering Committee, which is composed of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of COM/CITEL, and the Chairpersons of the three Permanent Consultative Committees; g) approved the Plan of Operation of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission for the 1994-1998 Period; and h) prepared the CITEL Budget guidelines for the 1995-1998 Period.

The Permanent Executive Committee COM/CITEL

There were two meetings of COM/CITEL during 1994. The first meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL was held in Montevideo, Uruguay on February 25, 1994 for the purpose of installing the Committee and electing its chairman and vice-chairman. COM/CITEL elected by acclamation Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala of Uruguay as Chairman and as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Adolfo Loza Argüello of Ecuador. The following subsidiary groups of COM/CITEL were established to assist in carrying out the responsibilities delegated to COM/CITEL by the Assembly:

- a) A Temporary Working Group to assist Member Countries in preparing the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994);
- b) An Ad Hoc Working Group for Telecommunications Development; and
- c) A Working Group for coordination with the human resource training centers

The 1994 regular meeting of COM/CITEL was scheduled to follow immediately after the Summit so that the Commission would be in a position to react and set in motion activities that respond to the decisions taken by the heads of State.

The *Summit of the Americas* directed CITEL to: a) evaluate various means to promote liberalization, common standards, interoperability of networks and the compatible use of the radio spectrum; b) promote greater consistency in the certification processes for telecommunications equipment; c) develop regional guidelines for the provision of international value-added services; and d) to coordinate the holding of a conference in 1996 of senior telecommunications officials to discuss further the decisions of the *Summit*.

COM/CITEL took action in three areas: 1) provided specific guidance for the completion of CITEL's **Strategic Plan** for the next five years taking into account the Action Plan adopted by the Summit of the Americas; and 2) directed the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) to place emphasis on those activities that best fulfill the objectives of the Summit; and 3) directed the Executive Secretary to bring to the attention of the Secretary General the impact of the decisions of the **SUMMIT** on the budget of CITEL.

The PCCs will accelerate their activities in addressing the legal, regulatory and technical means to promote liberalization, common standards, interoperability of networks and the compatible utilization of the radio spectrum.

The directives given by the *Summit* impact not only the program but also the budget of CITEL. In order to be responsive and to maintain a leadership role in the region, it is necessary for CITEL to increase the number of meeting days, the number of activities and expand the staff of the

Secretariat.

Activities that will be added to the PCCs program include an examination of the equipment certification processes now being employed by Member countries, the topic of value added services and modernization of existing networks.

In response to the expressed desires on Member countries, COM/CITEL established a **working group on development** activities to ensure that this important topic remained prominent on the CITEL program of activities. The working group is responsible for ensuring that the PCCs include in their program elements on development and that there isn't overlap of responsibilities and programs between and with the different development activities of the ITU.

In addition, modifications to the CITEL Regulations were adopted to overcome the cumbersome provisions regarding the private sector joining CITEL as an Associate Member. The old provisions put undue restrictions on the Executive Secretary and unnecessary work on the Chairpersons of the Permanent Consultative Committees.

In another area, COM/CITEL considered desirable the adoption of a new **Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Operator's Permit**. This Convention would allow a visiting radio amateur to operate in a country other than the country issuing the permit, provided that the countries involved are parties in the new convention. The new procedure would simplify the process envisioned by the 1987 Lima Convention.

Taking into account that the next CITEL Assembly does not meet until 1998, COM/CITEL decided, through Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 5/II-94, to recommend that the next General Assembly of the OAS approve the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Operators Permit. For this purpose, COM/CITEL is presenting the said Convention as an annex to this report.

STEERING COMMITTEE,

The Steering Committee is composed of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of COM/CITEL and the Chairmen of the PCCs.

The Steering Committee held its first meeting in Montego Bay, Jamaica in June where the primary matter of concern was the consideration of a working program for addressing how CITEL is to approach development activities in the future. The Steering committee offered suggestions to the chairman of the Ad Hoc group regarding possible alternatives that could be considered in accomplishing his assigned tasks.

ACTIVITIES OF PCC.I

PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

During 1994, the activities have been oriented to a more detailed development of the Mandate, to the preparation of the Work Plan and to the organization of PCC.I structure in order to fulfill the mandate of this Committee for the 1994-98 period, thus resulting in the strengthening of CITELE.

Preparations started in September for the Second Meeting of PCC.I to be held in Tegucigalpa from February 20 to 24, 1995. The agenda will include: the Second Meeting of the ad hoc Group on Legal Matters, a Seminar on Network Evolution, and the Second Meeting of the Working Group on Standards Coordination, and the follow-up of decisions approved at the First Meeting of PCC.I.

ACTIVITIES

First Meeting of PCC.I: The First Meeting of PCC.I was held in Ottawa, Canada, from August 22 to 26, 1994, and involved the following activities:

- a) The First Meeting of the Working Group on Standards Coordination took place;
- b) Two Seminars on Signals through Common Channel Nr.7 (SS7) and Personal Communications System (PCS);
- c) The Work Program of PCC.I for 1994-98 was approved¹; and
- d) Decisions were taken on the structure of PCC.I and the following Working Groups were established to carry out the Work Program:
 - * Working Group on Human Resource Development;
 - * Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services;
 - * Working Group on Standards Coordination; and
 - * The Working Group on Network Modernization.

Another important activity of PCC.I was the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Legal Matters. The Legal Working Group met in November for two days. The first day was a coordination session between CITELE, the International Branch of the American Bar Association and the Inter-American Bar Association for the purpose of organizing the effort necessary to conduct the Administrative Procedures Project which will result in Volume II of the Blue Book: "Telecommunication Policies for the Americas". The second day was strictly a meeting of the

¹ The plan will be revised to take into account the decisions of the **Summit of the Americas**.

Legal Committee and it addressed the proposals from the Caribbean to modify the Blue Book and to consider some additional topics the group might want to address.

The meeting attracted 54 individuals from 14 countries, two legal Associations and two regional telecommunications organizations: the Caribbean Telecommunication Union (CTU) and the Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Companies (Canto).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

This year saw the opening of the door for private sector participation in CITELE activities in their own right. By the end of the year, 22 institutions have joined as Associate Members of PCC.I.

The Chairman of PCC.I made a special presentation to the Permanent Missions of the Organization of American States on the Goals, Work Plan and Structure of PCC.I and also personally participated in the first meeting of the ad hoc Group on Legal Matters.

ACTIVITIES OF PCC.II

BROADCASTING

The first meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee-II met in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in August 1994. The agenda of the meeting dealt with the following topics.

The resolution of all incompatibilities resulting from the decisions taken at the ITU Regional Radio Conference on the AM Broadcasting Band, Rio 1981.

The Working Group dealing with the Rio incompatibilities concluded that accomplishing this objective would exemplify the mutual cooperation of the countries of Region 2, and that associate members, such as broadcasters, should be brought into the process to provide important advice and consent on matters that directly involve the affected stations.

Consensus was reached on the following:

- the work plan should be refined by the Working Group on Incompatibilities and Planning;
- administrations should correct and update the data on their stations;
- administrations should list the incompatibilities which are most important to them to resolve;
- resolution of incompatibilities and studies performed by the

Radiocommunications Bureau of the ITU should be based on calculations made in accordance with the Rio Agreement for signatories and any other agreed criteria between non-signatories;

- any seminar to be held on these matters should be sponsored by the ITU, rather than CITELE, so that non-signatories will be included.

Preparations for the 1995 ITU World Radio Conference

In order to lay the groundwork for the use of the 1992 World Administrative Radio Conference allocation at 1452 - 1492 Mhz for digital sound broadcasting, it is necessary to learn more about the characteristics of the channel. A measurement program has been undertaken in Canada to gather and compile information on the channel, with the initial emphasis on terrestrial transmission. Two important resolutions were adopted during the meeting. The First one concerned the establishment of a working group relative to CITELE preparations for Regional and World Radiocommunications Conferences, and the second one focused on broadcasting issues that are to be on the agendas of future ITU Radiocommunications Conferences.

Seminars - Digital Audio Radio Broadcasting (DAB) and High Definition Television (HDTV): 14 technical papers were presented;

During the seminar the subject of new broadcast information services and their migration to Digital Radio Broadcasting was discussed. It was concluded that in addition to higher quality audio services digital broadcasting systems are capable of providing lots of useful information for the receiver and for the listener such as value-added services. These value-added services may be generally divided into three categories: a) Service-related feature, b) Program-Related Services, and c) Independent data services.

It was agreed that the activities of the Working Group on DAB should be held in abeyance until DAB becomes a higher priority in the majority of the countries of the region. The subject, however, will continue to be on the agenda of the PCC.II activities.

It was also decided that a letter would be directed to each administration in Region 2 and would attempt to identify interest in subjects that are important to the region for future PCC.II meetings.

ACTIVITIES OF PCC-III

RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

The first meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III was held on August 22-26, 1994 in Ottawa, Canada. The Meeting was attended by 18 Member countries and for the first time, 12 Associate Members. As set forth by Article 23 of the CITEL Regulations, Brazil was appointed Vice-Chairman of PCC.III.

Discussions in that meeting focused on important subjects such as the working methods of PCC.III, the promotion of the participation of Associated Members and proposed amendments of the Regulations of CITEL. In addition the following working groups were established:

- Utilization of radioelectric spectrum in the Americas.
- Low orbit satellites operating below 1 Ghz
- Use of VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) terminals in the Americas.
- Earth mobile services.
- Amateur radio service.
- Preparation for the participation of the region in the ITU Radiocommunications Conferences.

A Seminar was also held on low orbit satellite applications operating below 1 Ghz.

In another area, there was a presentation made by the Chairman of the Joint Committee for the ITU Radiocommunications Regulations which dealt with the results of the Voluntary Group of Experts to Simplify the Radiocommunications Regulations.

Progress made by the PCC.III so far:

1. Taking into account CITEL Action Plan, the Working Plan to be carried out by the Committee in 1994-1998 was discussed and adopted.
2. PCC.III will work towards implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System ("GMDSS") in the Americas.
3. A Work Program for the *low orbit satellites below 1 Ghz Working Group* was approved.
4. A Recommendation was adopted on the "Designation of Spectrum for Personal Communications Services in the Americas".
5. A Recommendation was adopted regarding the "Introduction of digital technology in cellular systems and its repercussion in the services to roaming subscribers in the Americas".
6. A Recommendation was adopted regarding the international amateur radio permit and the text for an Agreement called "International Amateur Radio Permit".
7. A document on VSATs was prepared in order to update the Report prepared during the last

- Meeting of PTC.III that will be completed with the remarks by CITELE members. This activity is under way and will be reviewed at the next Meeting of the Committee.
8. A compilation of data on the status of utilization of the radioelectric spectrum in the countries of the Americas is being prepared, taking the 960-2500 Mhz range as a starting point. This information will be consolidated in a document to be distributed among the CITELE Members and Associated Members.
 9. Adequate measures were adopted for the creation of a Working Group on CITELE preparation for ITU regional and world conferences, paying special attention to the establishment of an appropriate coordination between PCC.II and PCC.III.
 10. CITELE activities on Training and Human Resources have been particularly emphasized, keeping the Committee participants updated on the activities developed as from the last Meeting of PTC-III, prior to PCC.III.

PCC.III is particularly concerned about maintaining a close cooperation with the other relevant COM/CITELE Committees or Groups for the joint analysis of pertinent matters. For example: the use of the radioelectric spectrum in the Americas, rural communications and development and training of human resources.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

The CITELE Secretariat initiated a number of new activities during 1994. The most significant of these involved the preparation of a Strategic Plan for CITELE, the planning and carrying out of a seminar aimed at informing the Permanent Representatives to the OAS about the organization and program of activities of CITELE, and the implementation of an electronic bulletin Board for CITELE.

The Strategic Plan

The strategic plan is intended to be a living document where the existing telecommunications environment is considered together with the objectives and program of activities for CITELE in order to ensure the Commission is responsive to the needs of the America's region. It is foreseen that COM/CITELE will, as a regular part of its agenda each year, review and revise as necessary the strategic plan. In this way, the plan will remain alive and have meaning to the Commission.

The Bulletin Board

The bulletin board is intended to provide a quick and easy method for Members and Associate Members to obtain the latest information on CITELE meetings (schedules, agendas and programs), publications and reports. It is also foreseen that the bulletin board can function as a mail box where messages can be retrieved and/or left for those that sign on to the bulletin board.

The Information Seminar

A seminar was held the afternoon of November 8, 1994 for the Permanent Representatives of the OAS. Its purpose was to inform them about the program of activities of CITELE and its organization. Emphasis was placed on the role being defined for the private sector in CITELE activities. CITELE was pleased that the Secretary General made time available to deliver the opening address at this event which is of importance to CITELE. Seventeen of the Permanent Representatives attended the half day seminar. The importance attached to this event is evident from the fact that many key officials of CITELE took part in this seminar.

Participation in Conferences and Meetings

The CITELE secretariat participated in the following meetings during 1994:

- a) the CITELE Assembly in Uruguay,
- b) the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference in Argentina,
- c) the General Assembly of the OAS in Brazil,
- d) the CITELE Steering Committee and the Working Group on Kyoto preparations all of which were held in Jamaica,
- e) a seminar in Acapulco, Mexico at the XXIII Pan American Convention of UPADI Engineers,
- f) the joint meeting of the PCCs, the working group on Kyoto preparations and the Ad Hoc Group on Development which were all held in Canada,
- g) a seminar in Buenos Aires at "Telecommunications 94" III Congress and International Exhibition,
- h) an information seminar held in Washington for the benefit of the Permanent Representatives to the OAS,
- i) the meeting of the ad Hoc Working Group on Legal Matters in Washington, D.C., and
- j) the COM/CITELE meeting in Montevideo.

CITELE Publications

The following items were prepared either solely by CITELE or prepared in conjunction with the ITU. They represent either mandated reports, the results of the working groups of the Consultative Committees or the initiative of the Executive Secretariat.

Resolutions, Recommendations and Decisions of CITELE
CITELE Annual Report 1994
CITELE Strategic Plan : 1995-1999
VSAT Information Paper
Intelligent Networks information Paper

CITEL Regulations
CITEL Statute
The Blue Book (a joint publication CITEL and the ITU)

OAS/CITEL Funded Fellowships for 1994

CITEL sponsored five training sessions during the year. The following information is provided for the purpose of informing all Members on the accomplishments of the fellowship program in 1994.

OAS/CITEL spent US\$ 88,000.00 on Fellowships & Training during 1994. CITEL contributed \$41,000 from its budget and \$ 47,000 came from the OAS fellowship program.

1. Course "Modernization of Telecommunications Network"
2. "The Blue Book"
3. "Common Channel Signalling System No. 7"
4. "Modernización de Redes de Telecomunicaciones"
5. "Administración del Espectro Radioeléctrico"

1994 BUDGET

1994 was a year of *major* transition for CITEL because it was the first year of operation for the Commission. Many changes and numerous activities occurred during the year which had a significant impact on the budget and operation of the Commission during 1994.

- a) The new Executive Secretary did not arrive until mid March,
- b) From January until mid March there was no CITEL Secretariat,
- c) The decisions of the 1st CITEL Assembly regarding the structure and chairmanship of the Permanent Consultative Committees were taken in February, and as a result, this year's schedule of activities did not get established until March 1994.

All these factors resulted in modifications to the planned budget. There were fewer meetings than anticipated and delays experienced in getting the secretariat operational. This allowed funds to be transferred between functions resulting in additional fellowships being made available. Specific information is reflected in the Following Table.

BUDGET 1994
(In Thousands US Dollars)

	APPROVED BUDGET	AMOUNT EXPENDED
SALARIES	226.7	213.5
OFFICE EQUIPMENTS	20.0	12.6
TRAVELS	14.0	22.8
MEETINGS	137.4	79.6
CITEL ASSEMBLY	50.0	39.2
TRANSLATION		4.2
COMMUNICATION ²		15.2
FELLOWSHIPS		41.0
TOTAL	448.1	428.1

² *Communications include: photocopies, telephone, fax and post*

List of Associate Members

The following Table presents the list of Associate Members, which Consultative Committee they have chosen to joint, who the point of contact is and the choice of contributory level (US\$ 1000.00/unit) at which they agree to help defray the expenses of the appropriate Consultative Committee. This table is current as of 1 December 1994.

CITEL - Diciembre, 1994/CITEL-December, 1994

MIEMBROS ASOCIADOS DEL CCP. I / ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PPC.I - 1994

PAIS COUNTRY	NOMBRE COMPANIA NAME OF COMPANY	UNIDAD UNITS
ARGENTINA	TELEFONICA ARGENTINA	1.0
ARGENTINA	CAMARA ARGENTINA DE DESARROLLO	1.0
ARGENTINA	COMPANIA ERICSSON S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	TELECOM ARGENTINA	1.0
ARGENTINA	CAMARA ARGENTINA DE TELEFONIA Y AFINES	1.0
ARGENTINA	TELINTAR S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	ERICSSON TELECOMUNICACOES S.A.	2.5
CANADA	NORTHERN TELECOM LIMITED	1.0
CANADA	SR Telecom Inc.	1.0
COLOMBIA	CAMARA COLOMBIANA DE INFORMATICA	1.0
COLOMBIA	OCCIDENTE Y CARIBE CELULAR S.A., OCCEL	1.0
CHILE	BELLSOUTH CHILE	1.0
MEXICO	TELEINDUSTRIA ERICSSON S.A.	3.0
MEXICO	MOTOROLA	1.0
REP.DOMINICA	CODETEL	1.0
U.S.A	MOTOROLA INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	SOUTHWESTERN BELL CORPORATION	1.0
U.S.A.	BELL ATLANTIC	1.0
U.S.A.	MCI COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	1.0
U.S.A.	COMMITTEE T-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1.0
U.S.A.	COMSAT WORLD SYSTEMS	1.0
U.S.A	PAN AM SAT L.P.	1.0
VENEZUELA	COMPANIA ERICSSON S.A.	2.0
VENEZUELA	CIA. ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS	1.0

MIEMBROS ASOCIADOS DEL CCP.II / ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PCC.II - 1994

PAIS COUNTRY	NOMBRE COMPANIA NAME OF COMPANY	UNIDAD UNITS
ARGENTINA	CAMARA ARGENTINA DE DESARROLLO	1.0

MIEMBROS ASOCIADOS DEL CCP.III / ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PCC.III - 1994

PAIS COUNTRY	NOMBRE COMPANIA NAME OF COMPANY	UNIDAD UNITS
ARGENTINA	TELEFONICA ARGENTINA	1.0
ARGENTINA	COMPANIA ERICSSON S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	CAMARA ARGENTINA DE DESARROLLO	1.0
ARGENTINA	TELECOM ARGENTINA	1.0
ARGENTINA	CIA. IMPSAT S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	TELINTAR S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	ERICSSON TELECOMUNICACOES S.A.	2.5
COLOMBIA	CAMARA COLOMBIANA DE INFORMATICA Y TELECOM.	1.0
COLOMBIA	ERICSSON DE COLOMBIA	1.0
CANADA	SR Telecom Inc.	1.0
CANADA	NORTHERN TELECOM LIMITED	1.0
MEXICO	TELEINDUSTRIA ERICSSON S.A.	3.0
MEXICO	MOTOROLA	1.0
U.S.A	MOTOROLA INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	COMSAT WORLD SYSTEMS	1.0
U.S.A.	AT&T	1.0
VENEZUELA	COMPANIA ERICSSON S.A.	2.0
VENEZUELA	CIA. IMPSAT S.A.	1.0
VENEZUELA	CIA. ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS	1.0

COORDINATION WITH THE ITU

Cooperation and coordination with the International Telecommunication Union is an essential part of any of CITELE's activities and a good relationship with the ITU both in the Geneva headquarters and with the regional and area offices is essential. Throughout 1994, there has been an ongoing coordination in the preparation for ITU and CITELE meetings, seminars, training programs and the provision of fellowships. In addition, it should be pointed out that there exist a routine coordination mechanism in place that facilitates the exchange of information between CITELE and the ITU, and it is used frequently and it works well. During the course of the year there has been many opportunities to work with ITU Regional Representative in Brasilia and his staff as well as the headquarters staff. The ITU has participated on a regular basis in all of the Meetings of CITELE throughout the year and has actively contributed to the progress made in preparation for ITU Conferences, training programs and other activities.

Finally, a meeting was held between the ITU Deputy Secretary-General elect, Dr. Henry Chasia, and the Executive Secretary prior to the former's departure from Washington, D.C. to take up his new position beginning in January 1995. Dr. Chasia has already expressed his intention to continue and strengthen the ties between the ITU and CITELE. The Executive Secretary agreed to keep inform Dr. Chasia of the overall program of activities that CITELE has undertaken and how it is envisioned that the two organizations can accomplish many of the objectives jointly.

COM/CITEL RES. 5 (II-94)

**DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON AN
INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO PERMIT**

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

HAVING SEEN:

The Report of the Chairman of Permanent Consultative Committee III, and the draft Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) attached to this Resolution;

CONSIDERING:

That at the initiative of the Caribbean countries the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU, in Kyoto, Japan, adopted Resolution COM 4/14 which recognizes the importance of telecommunications for disaster mitigation and disaster relief, and urged administrations to take all practical steps to facilitate the effective use of telecommunications equipment for disaster relief operations, "by reducing and, where possible, removing regulatory barriers and strengthening transborder cooperation".

FURTHER CONSIDERING:

That Member States of CITEL would benefit from the adoption of the draft Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit, attached to this Resolution.

RECOGNIZING:

The Objective of CITEL to facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continuing development of telecommunications in the American States;

The benefits which have flowed from the implementation of the Lima Convention regarding the authorization of temporary operation by radio amateurs in Member countries; and

The need to improve further the authorization procedures for temporary operation so as to increase efficiency in the provision of amateur service and to reduce the administrative burden on

Member countries; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING:

That Article 30 of the Charter of the Organization of American States provides that "Inter-American cooperation for integral development is the common and joint responsibility of the Member States", which cooperation includes, among others, economic, scientific and technological fields;

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the General Assembly of the Organization of American States approve said Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP).

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 5 (II-94)

**INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION
ON AN INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO PERMIT**

The Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

Taking into account the spirit of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), the provisions of the CITEL Statute, and the provisions of the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU),

Convinced of the benefits of the Amateur Radio activities and having regard for the interest of CITEL Member states in allowing citizens of any Member State who are authorized to operate in the Amateur Service in their country to operate temporarily in the Amateur Service in any other CITEL Member State,

Have agreed to enter into the following Convention for the use of an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP):

General Provisions

Article 1

1. While reserving its sovereignty over the use of the radio spectrum within its

jurisdiction, each State Party agrees to permit temporary operation of amateur stations under its authority by persons holding an IARP issued by another State Party without further examination. A State Party shall issue permits to operate in other State Parties only to its own citizens.

2. State Parties recognize the International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) issued under the conditions specified in this Convention.

3. No State Party, other than the issuing State Party, may levy fees or taxes on the IARP's.

4. This Convention does not modify customs regulations concerning transportation of radio equipment across national borders.

Definitions

Article 2

1. Expressions and terms used in this Convention shall carry the definitions of the ITU Radio Regulations.

2. The amateur and amateur-satellite services are radiocommunication services according to Article 1 of the ITU Radio Regulations, and are governed by other provisions of the Radio Regulations as well as by national regulations of the State Parties.

3. The term "IARU" shall mean the International Amateur Radio Union.

Provisions Relating to the International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP)

Article 3

1. The IARP will be issued by the permit holder's home Administration or, to the extent consistent with the home country's domestic laws, under delegated authority by the IARU organization of that State Party. It should conform with the standard form for such permit contained in the Annex to this Convention.

2. The IARP will be drafted in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish and in the official language of the issuing State Party if different.

3. The IARP will not be valid for operation in the territory of the issuing State Party, but only in the territory of other State Parties. It will be valid for one year in visited State Parties, but in no case beyond the date of expiration of the national license of the holder.

4. Radio amateurs holding only a temporary authorization issued in a foreign country shall not benefit from the provisions of this Convention.

5. The IARP shall include the following information:

- a) A statement that the document is issued in accordance with this Convention.
- b) The name and mailing address of the holder.
- c) The call sign.
- d) The name and address of the issuing authority
- e) The expiration date of permit.
- f) The country and date of issuance.
- g) The IARP operator class.
- h) A statement that operation is permitted only for the bands specified by the visited State Party.
- i) A statement that the permittee must abide by the regulations of the visited State Party.
- j) The need for a notification, if required by the visited State Party, of the date, place and duration of the stay in that State Party.

6. The IARP will be issued in accordance with the following classes of operating authority:

Class 1. Use of all frequency bands allocated to the amateur service and amateur-satellite service and specified by the country where the amateur station is to be operated. It will be open only to those amateurs who have proved their competence with Morse code to their own Administration in accordance with the requirements of the ITU Radio Regulations.

Class 2. This class permits utilization of all frequency bands allocated to the amateur service and amateur-satellite service above 30 MHz and specified by the country where the amateur station is to be operated.

Conditions of Use

Article 4

1. A State Party may decline to honor, suspend or cancel the operation of an IARP, in accordance with the laws in that State.

2. When transmitting in the visited country, the IARP holder must use the call sign prefix specified by the visited country and the call sign of the home license separated by the word "stroke" or "/".

3. The IARP holder must transmit only on frequencies specified by the visited State Party and must abide by all the regulations of the visited State Party.

Final Provisions

Article 5

State Parties reserve the right to enter into supplementary agreements on methods and procedures for the application of this Convention. However, such agreements may not contravene the provisions of this Convention. The State Parties shall inform the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States of any supplementary agreements they enter into, and that Secretariat shall, for the purposes of registration and publication, send a certified copy of the text of such agreement to the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 102 of its Charter, and to the General Secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union.

Article 6

This Convention shall be open for signature by the Member States of the CITELE.

Article 7

Member States of CITELE may become Parties to this Convention by:

- a. Signature not subject to ratification, acceptance or approval,
- b. Signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval followed by ratification, acceptance or approval, or
- c. Accession.

Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by deposit of the appropriate instrument with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, in its capacity as Depository.

Article 8

Each State may make reservations to this Convention at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, provided that each reservation concerns at least one specific provision and is not incompatible with the objectives and purposes of the Convention.

Article 9

1. In the case of those States that are Parties to this Convention and the Inter-American Amateur Radio Service Convention ("Lima Convention"), this Convention supersedes the "Lima Convention".

2. Except as provided in Section 1 of this Article, this Convention shall not alter or affect any multilateral or bilateral agreements in force concerning the temporary operation in the Amateur Service in CITELE Member States.

Article 10

This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date on which two States have become Parties to it. For the remaining States, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after their compliance with the corresponding procedure set out in Article 7.

Article 11

This Convention shall remain in force indefinitely, but may be terminated by agreement of the State Parties. Any of the State Parties to this Convention may denounce it. The instrument of denunciation shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States. After one year from the date of deposit of the instrument of denunciation, the Convention shall no longer be in effect for the denouncing State Party, but shall remain in effect for the other State Parties.

Article 12

The original instrument of this Convention, the English, French, Portuguese and Spanish texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, which shall forward a certified copy of its text to the Secretariat of the United Nations for the registration and publication, in accordance with Article 102 of its Charter, and to the General Secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall notify the State Parties of the signatures, deposits of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, accession and denunciation, and of reservations, if any.

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION
ON AN INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO PERMIT

ANNEX

INTERNATIONAL
AMATEUR RADIO

PERMIT

Name of Convention and date
Issued in: (Issuing country)
Expiration date:

Seal or logo with address of issuing
authority

**SEAL OF ISSUING
AUTHORITY**

Signature of issuing authority

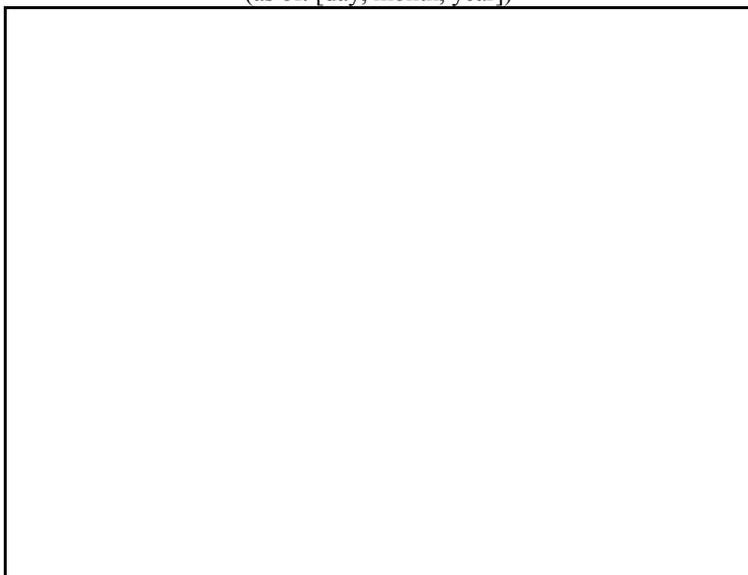
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This permit is valid in the territories of all the State Parties to the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (Convention) with the exception of the territory of the State Party where issued for the period of one year from the date of issue, or expiration of national license, whichever date occurs first, for the operation of amateur stations and amateur-satellite stations in accordance with the class indicated on the last page of this permit.

LIST OF STATE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

(as of: [day, month, year])



It is understood that this permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to the operation of an amateur station and amateur-satellite station in the country in which the station is operated.

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Surnames 1

Other names 2

Call sign 3

Place of birth 4

Date of birth 5

Country of permanent residence 6

Address 7

City, state or province 8

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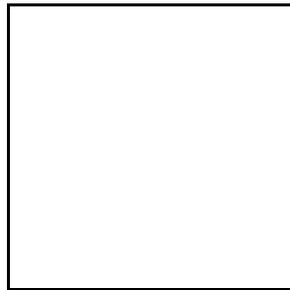
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Signature of operator

Class 1

Class 2



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HOLDER

- 1)The International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) requires your signature on the line directly beneath your photograph.
- 2)Your valid amateur radio license issued by your administration must accompany the IARP at all times.
- 3)Unless otherwise required by regulations of the country visited, station identification shall be (prefix of the visited country or region thereof) the word "stroke" or "/" followed by the call sign of the license accompanying the IARP.
- 4)The IARP is valid for one year from the date of issue of this permit, or expiration of national license, whichever date occurs first.
- 5)A visited country may decline to honor, suspend or cancel the operation of an IARP.
- 6)Some countries may require you to notify in advance the date, place and duration of your stay.