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1. INTRODUCTION

This report is being published in conformity with the provisions of Article 90 (f) of the Charter of the Organization of American States. That article stipulates that the bodies, agencies and entities of the OAS must submit to the OAS General Assembly annual reports on the status of their activities, budgets and expenses.

CITEL's Statute provides in Article 17 (j), under Functions of COM/CITEL, that through the Secretary General, CITEL, must submit to the OAS General Assembly an annual report on the activities of CITEL, through the appropriate Council of the Organization. The contents of this Report follow the guidelines set by the OAS General Assembly in resolution AG/RES.1452 (XXVII-O/97) for preparation of the annual reports on the activities of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization.

This report covers the period extending from the start of the IV Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL), Montevideo, Uruguay, 11 November 1996, and the end of the V Meeting of COM/CITEL that was held from December 1 to 5, 1997.

2. ORIGIN AND STRUCTURE OF CITEL

The Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is an entity of the Organization of American States established by the General Assembly resolution AG/RES.1224 (XXIII-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.

2.1 OBJECTIVES OF CITEL

- a) To serve as the principal advisory body of the Organization in all matters related to telecommunications in the Americas.
- b) To facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continuing development of telecommunications in this hemisphere.
- c) To organize and sponsor 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 operation of telecommunications in the Americas.
- d) To promote the adoption of uniform technical standards within the framework of global standardization of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- e) To recommend studies and promote the adoption of official agreements between the governments of the member states of the Organization in connection with the planning, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications systems in the hemisphere
- f) To study the legal aspects of telecommunications, including the legal problems related to direct transmission via satellite, in order to prepare draft Inter-American conventions or agreements on these matters and to formulate a common position for the Member States of CITEL to take in this connection when dealing with the pertinent international agencies.
- g) To consider any other matter relating to Inter-American cooperation in the field of telecommunications as requested by the General Assembly or the Councils of the Organization.

2.2 MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPANTS

All the Member States of the Organization are Members of CITELE.

Also, may participate as Observers with the right to voice but without vote:

- X Permanent Observers to the OAS;
- X Subject to COM/CITEL's approval, those American States which are not members of the Organization and which have asked to participate in the meeting;
- X Subject to COM/CITEL'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;
- X Inter-American specialized organizations and entities of the Organization; and inter-American intergovernmental regional organizations;
- X The United Nations and its specialized agencies;
- X International and national organizations that are parties to agreements or arrangements establishing relations of cooperation with the Organization, with its organs or agencies when COM/CITEL so decides;
- X Subject to COM/CITEL's approval, those international, regional, sub-regional and national agencies and organizations that are involved in telecommunications activities in the region and have asked to participate in the meeting.

The Statute adopted for CITELE in 1993 allows 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 CITELE, to 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 are an Associate Member and its Working Groups. Associate Members contribute to the support of the Commission through voluntarily choosing a contributory level according to the provisions specified in the CITELE regulations. See the Annex, part A, for a list of Associate members, up to February 10, 1998. Up to that date, 52 new associate members of CITELE were accepted (a 39% increase comparing with 1996). As at February 10, 1998, there were therefore 186 associate members of CITELE. These numbers show the expanding importance of CITELE due to the multiplying new aspects of interest of the Americas region.

2.3 STRUCTURE OF CITELE

The present structure of CITELE which is shown below has been established to respond to the needs of member countries in promoting the development of telecommunications in the region.

- X The CITELE Assembly
- X The Permanent Executive Committee, COM/CITEL
- X The Permanent Consultative Committees, PCCs:
 - Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services (PCC.I)
 - Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting (PCC.II)
 - Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications (PCC.III)
- X The Executive Secretariat

Resolution 8 of the I Assembly of CITELE also established a Steering Committee to assist in the management and strategic planning of the Commission. The Consultative Committees establish Working Groups to analyze subjects of special interest for the Region. At present there are 28 Working Groups and Ad Hoc Working Groups that cover every

aspect of telecommunications and radiocommunications. Chapter 3 has a detailed explanation of their activities during this year.

3. ACTIVITIES OF CITEL

This chapter will give an overview highlighting and commenting on important results and activities.

The major issues considered by CITEL during 1997 includes:

- X Increase of regional presence during international meetings.
- X Increase of effective cooperation with regional and international organizations, reducing possible duplication of efforts.
- X Analysis for the refinement of CITEL structure.
- X Study for the implementation of Electronic Document Handling techniques that will help on the rationalization of work.
- X Preparation of the Standards Coordinated documents so that they may be published and distributed.

The “products” of CITEL are Resolutions, Recommendations and Decisions. A few statistics can show the productivity of CITEL. With a budget for 1997 of US\$ 762,500 (0.9% of the total OAS budget¹) CITEL in 1997 organized 11 meetings, prepared 926 documents (35% more than in 1996) during the meetings and has approved 49 Resolutions, 11 Recommendations and 20 Decisions. The number of participants to those meeting totaled 1082 (39% more participation than in 1996) being in general formed by the high technical/management staff of countries and associate members. CITEL staff is 1 % of the total OAS staff.

The powerful forces that are driving CITEL forward are:

- telecommunications environments which are undergoing rapid and dramatic changes characterized by deregulation, liberalization, privatization, competition and globalization;
- telecommunications technology (mainly digital) which generates new solutions and opportunities at a rapid pace.

These forces more than ever are increasing needs of coordination/compatibilization, development and information of the member states of the region, being CITEL the forum where they can determine the course of their telecommunications infrastructures.

Please find below a summary explanation of the results of CITEL meetings held in 1997 (up to the Second Regular Meeting of the Assembly).

3.1 PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)

The Permanent Executive Committee meets once each year to review all the activities of the Permanent Consultative Committees and to approve the work programme for the next year.

3.1.1 FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1998 CITEL ASSEMBLY

This Working Group met on 13 August 1997 in Washington, DC, USA, and came to the conclusion that more time was needed to complete the assigned work. The countries were requested to contribute to the work of the group. Likewise, the draft revision and rearrangement of the regulations was tabled for the first time and the group noted the need of members to have sufficient time to review the proposals. This was another reason for

¹ Total OAS Budget for 1997, US\$ 84.333.500

deciding to request additional time for the ad hoc Group to complete its assigned tasks. The group also discussed how the image of CITELE can be improved and a small group was established to prepare proposals on the topic to be considered in December at the COM/CITELE meeting. The final report is document SFA-14/97.

3.1.2 MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH THE PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

This first meeting was held at Isla Margarita, Venezuela, on September 1, 1997. The discussions carried out during the meeting focused particularly on the seven priority issues identified by COM/CITELE on the occasion of the establishment of the Working Group. Four other issues were also considered based on contributions presented during the meeting.

The following are the issues considered by the meeting:

1. Formulation of plans for the development of telecommunications in rural and low-income urban areas;
2. Human Resources Development;
3. Management of the Radio Spectrum;
4. Methodology for the Development of Global Inter-Connection;
5. Regional Integration through Project Identification;
6. Methods for Global Mobile Personal Communication System (GMPCS) implementation;
7. Utilization of telecommunications as a means to preserve human life and public safety under natural disaster circumstances.
8. To promote greater participation of members through a better use of the channels;
9. Equipment certification;
10. Company incubator and business opportunities among developing countries;
11. Technology transfer between developing countries.

The Working Group prepared a draft report proposing the course of action to be taken regarding each of the above mentioned items. Following the Working Group Meeting, the ITU held its Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Conference and took the Working Group draft report as an input document to assist in the deliberations. The final report is document COM/CITELE-240/97 rev2.

3.1.3 V MEETING OF COM/CITELE

The meeting was held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, December 1 to 5, 1997. A detailed analysis of the strategic plan of CITELE resulted in the approval of resolutions such as the one that indicates the need to have available as soon as possible an electronic handling system. An extension of the duration of the Ad Hoc Working Group that is considering the structure and functioning of CITELE was approved. Also, a suggestion for modifications to the CITELE regulations and of guidelines on procedures and working methods of the PCC were prepared.

Among the Resolutions approved were the budget of CITELE for 1998 and 1999 and a working procedure for organizations to be recognized by CITELE to operate as a Regional Training Center. Following the procedure adopted, in this opportunity, the Centro-American Training Centre of COMTELCA was approved a Regional Training Centre of CITELE.

The Summit of the Americas of Santiago was also one of the subjects considered and a draft text was approved for the telecommunications section of the action plan to be approved by the Summit. This text was sent to Ambassador Martabit, General Coordinator for preparing the Summit of the Americas.

Taking into account the excellent results obtained in the first presentation of common proposals of the region to the World Radiocommunication Conference, 1997, a first draft document was prepared to be presented to the World Development Conference to take place in Valleta, Malta, March 1998. This document was sent to all member states for their consideration. The final report is document COM/CITEL 340/97.

3.2 STEERING COMMITTEE

The IV Meeting was held in Washington, DC, USA, on August 12..

The key points of discussion were as follows:

1. A special notice should be sent to all Associate Members informing them of the upcoming Assembly;
2. A draft agenda for the CITELE Assembly was prepared and sent to COM/CITEL;
3. Proposed modification of the terms of reference of the Steering Committee will be forwarded to COM/CITEL for action; and
4. At the direction of the Chairman of COM/CITEL, the Secretariat has prepared a response to the Coordinator for the Santiago Summit Preparations which includes a proposal for the telecommunications portion of the Action Plan of the Santiago Summit.

In the future, with the modifications to its terms of reference, the steering committee will be taking a stronger role in the overview of all CITELE activities. The final report is document STE-84/97.

3.3 PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I: PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (PCC.I)

Chairman: Mr. Gilberto Aquino (Honduras)
Vicechairman: Mr. Thomas Plevyak (Bell Atlantic)

3.3.1 VI MEETING OF PCC.I

The first CITELE Colloquium was held during the PCC.I meeting in Isla Margarita, Venezuela 10-14 March. The colloquium, was chaired by Sergio Martinez of CITI Colombia. The topic of the colloquium dealt with the proposed revision of the International Settlement Rate Benchmarks. As a result of the colloquium, PCC.I has established an Ad Hoc Group chaired by Trinidad & Tobago. Mexico and Argentina are the Vice-chairmen.

PCC.I revised the Mandates of the Working Groups of Modernization of Networks and New Services; of the Ad Hoc Group on Certification Processes; of the Ad Hoc Group on Value Added Services; and of the Working Group on Basic and Universal Services. This was done to ensure that the various groups were working to fulfill the directives given to CITELE by the Summit of the Americas and the Meeting of Senior Telecommunications Officials.

The meeting also decided that it is important to distribute the results of its work to all the member countries and to the associate members so that a wider audience could benefit from the result of its work. This is particularly true for the Standards Coordination Working Group. The final report is document PCCI-362/97.

3.3.2 WORKING GROUP ON STANDARDS COORDINATION (WGSC), AD HOC GROUP ON VALUE ADDED SERVICES AND AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ACCOUNTING RATES OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONY

These WG met on 28 July-1 August 1997 in Asuncion, Paraguay. The WGSC subgroups dealing with Signaling System Nr.7, mobile services and Intelligent networks reviewed the Standards Coordination Documents of the WGSC in preparation for the publication of these documents. These documents represent the agreements reached in CITEL on the implementation of Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), Signaling System Nr.7 (SS7), Personal Communication Service (PCS) and Intelligent Network Technologies. The working group also had a briefing and discussion covering the latest information available on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the global implementation of hand held satellite terminal equipment.

The Ad Hoc Group on Value Added Services has now focused its activities on the implementation of the Guidelines previously adopted. A draft of a formal agreement was prepared and sent to PCC.I which will consider it. If approved, this agreement will be a significant step forward for CITEL.

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Accounting Rates of International Telephony met and considered various alternatives to the present system of accounting rates for international telephony. As expected, this topic generated a lot of discussion. The group decided to accept an invitation by The Bahamas to hold its fourth meeting in August for the purpose of preparing specific proposals for the consideration of PCC.I in October. It was decided that at least one alternative to the present accounting rates system would be presented in October.

3.3.3 WORKING GROUP OF ACCOUNTING RATES OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONY OF PCC.I

The Working Group of Accounting Rates of the PCC.I met at Nassau, the Bahamas, for the third time this year on the 29 - 30 August, 1997. The goals of the group were directed to advance data, studies, and analysis of relevant country experiences, impacts on the carriers and the private sector, to develop the applications of international criteria emerging from studies at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and to propose models for examining and determining the accounting rates.

3.3.4 VII MEETING OF PCC.I

The Permanent Consultative Committee I met in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, on October 13-17. PCC.I sponsored a seminar on the implications of Interconnection.

The Standards Coordination Group finalized a review of their CSDs prior to publication. The Value Added Services Group continued its work on preparation of a draft Convention covering the implementation of these services in the Americas. In addition, they have forwarded their draft Convention to the Legal office of the WTO for their review and comments. The Ad Hoc group on Accounting Rates prepared a list of principles for the consideration of members as they look over possible alternatives to the present accounting rate system. Also, a number of the countries present, draft a resolution and requested the Executive Secretary to send it to the ITU for consideration of Study Group 3 of the ITU-T, and finally, PCC.I extended the life of the Ad Hoc group so that they may continue their work.

The meeting decided to hold a series of seminars in place of what would normally be the first meeting of PCC.I in 1998. As a result of the decision taken at Foz do Iguacu, there will be in April of 1998 a "CITEL/PCC.I TELECOMMUNICATIONS FORUM" sponsored by the following working groups: Equipment Certification Process, Network Modernization, Standards Coordination (Telecom Network Management & Intelligent Networks), the GII, and Basic and Universal Services. The final report is document PCCI-492/97.

3.4 PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE II: BROADCASTING (PCC.II)

Chairman: Mr. Ralph Zeitoun (Canada)
Vice Chairman: (Argentina)

Due to new technologies and the convergence of the sectors of telecommunications, broadcasting and information this Committee is considering the improvement of its structure to adapt itself to the members needs.

The Third Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting (PCC.II) was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago , February 17-21, 1997. At the Opening Session, CITELE was honored by the participation of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago the Honorable Basdeo Panday. The Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, Ambassador Christopher Thomas, in the opening ceremony emphasized the need for CITELE to endeavor to achieve broader participation of member countries in its activities so that it would be possible to achieve full integration and bring maximum benefit to the member countries. He also highlighted the increased participation of Caribbean countries in CITELE activities and he was pleased to see that they are not only participating but also taking a leadership role.

During the course of the meeting a Seminar on “Developments in Broadcasting” and a Workshop on Digital TV and Digital Video Compression took place.

The Working Group on Digital Audio Broadcasting considered the present status of Regulatory and planning activities leading towards the implementation of a Digital Sound Broadcasting within the 1452 - 1492 MHZ band which was allocated at WARC-92 for satellite and terrestrial digital sound broadcasting. There was a revision on the milestones reached towards the implementation of DRB and culminating in the announcements by the public and private Broadcasters in late 1996 to commence DRB Broadcast in 1997.

It was decided to convene discussions on a bilateral or multilateral basis for the purposes of resolving the pending incompatibilities of the AM Rio Plan of 1981. A set of guidelines was established to help the countries on the process.

The meeting also prepared common positions of the member countries on High Frequency bands allocated to the Broadcasting service and appendices 30 and 30A (Planning of the broadcasting satellite services and the corresponding procedures).

Finally and as to the subject of illegal stations, countries were urged to comply within their territories with all the legal provisions contained in the specific Agreements to which they are party and to include in their national legislation provisions of criminal, administrative and civil penalties for illegal stations and their owners. The final report is document PCC.II-151/97

3.5 PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE III: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (PCC.III)

Chairman: Ms. Salma Jalife (Mexico)
Vicechairman: Mr. Amadeu Castro Neto (Brazil)

The Radiocommunication sector is attracting a great interest in the region due to the new technological developments, the possible application of digital techniques to space and terrestrial systems and the reduction of costs due to these new techniques. Nevertheless, the increased use of these systems implies the need of more spectrum and orbital positions and for that reason is essential to have an efficient use of these resources. One of

the major projects undertaken by PCC.III in 1997 was the elaboration of common proposals to present during the World Radiocommunication Conference of the ITU of 1997.

3.5.1 VII MEETING OF PCC.III

The Seventh Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications was held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, April 7 to 11, 1997. During this meeting Ms. Salma Jalife from Mexico was introduced as chairperson of the Committee in substitution of Mr. Luis Manuel Brown.

Among the decisions approved we bring out the establishment of an action plan in relation to the development of a regional data base on the use of frequencies. Deadlines were established to submit the information, the upper limit of the range of frequencies was expanded from 2500 to 3700 Mhz and the basic procedures to put the information in electronic form were defined.

Taking into account the importance of the Fixed Wireless Access Systems (FWA) it was decided to establish a rapporteur's group to prepare a report on bandwidth and capacity requirements and on general characteristics of the system to support the different services that could be offered.

Recognizing the strength that results from submitting common proposals by the member states of CITEI in international fora, CITEI continued with the preparation of the World Radiocommunication Conference of the ITU for 1997. The final report is document PCC.III-695/97

3.5.2 VIII MEETING OF PCC.III

The Meeting of PCC.III was held in Brasilia, Brazil from June 16 through 20, 1997, and concentrated on advancing and finalizing the CITEI Report to prepare for the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference of 1997, which contains joint positions of the countries of the region. Pursuant to the rules of procedure adopted, thirteen joint proposals were reached between the countries regarding various items on the WRC-97 agenda.

Resolutions were also considered and adopted on topics such as use of the 2 GHz band in the Americas and use of the spectrum allocated to IMT-2000. In particular, as regards the 2 GHz band, a Recommendation was adopted seeking global harmonization of the band through inclusion of the allocation of Region 2 in Regions 1 and 3. The final report is document PCC.III-785/97.

3.5.3 IX MEETING OF PCC.III

The IX Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from September 22 to 26, 1997.

This successful meeting had a very important attendance in the different activities included in the very busy agenda. In particular, we point out that the preparatory work for the ITU's World Radiocommunication Conference was completed and resulted in 45 CITEI common proposals to the Conference. The WRC will adopt an international treaty on spectrum usage, which will greatly influence the way radiocommunication systems will develop in the future (are included here from television and broadcasting to mobile telephone systems, maritime security, aeronautical and satellite orbital positions).

Due to the special interest of some issues three seminars were held as well with high experienced speakers in the respective selected fields which were: a Seminar on "Mobile Satellite Service below 1 GHz", a Seminar on "International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT-2000)" and the Seminar on the "World Trade Organization".

In addition, during this meeting several recommendations were prepared concerning applications in the 1910-1930 MHz band and a possible technical and procedural frame for the use of the specified band for low power PCS systems and terminals to ensure the coexistence between the systems operating in the same band and in the same geographical area.

The harmonization of the spectrum usage for LMDS/LMCS systems, around 27 GHz was another issue that was also analyzed in detail and resulted in a recommendation. In this case, it was decided to request information to the different CITELE administrations concerning the implementation of these systems in their countries. The final report is document PCC.III-936/97.

3.6 III MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON LEGAL MATTERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF PCC.I, II AND III.

The JWGLM is the only CITELE entity that has the mandate to address the legal aspects that arise in all the PCCs and its goal is to advise and provide information on the referred subjects. Among its priorities we point out the one that arises from the mandate of the Summit of the Americas to evaluate the regulatory and legal means to promote liberalization.

The III Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Legal Matters and Administrative Procedures of PCC.I, II and III met at the OAS Headquarters on 14-15 August to review the significant progress made on the Administrative Procedures Project and to consider other future activities. The meeting examined the detailed outline of the report being prepared which will eventually identify the differences in the administrative procedures employed in member countries. At present, there are 12 chapters being proposed and an expanded outline on each chapter was presented. A working paper was distributed which was in fact, the initial compilation of contributions on the 12 chapters which were prepared by various authors.

The meeting also decided to organize a seminar covering Legal and Regulatory Matters in telecommunications to be as part of its next meeting. In addition, the group is looking into the possibility of initiating long term training in the legal and regulatory area of telecommunications. The final report is document JWGLM-50/97.

4. SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

In response to a request from the coordinator for the Santiago Summit Activity, the Chairman of COM/CITELE has consulted with the member countries and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as to the items to be suggested for inclusion in the action plan for the Santiago Summit. Emphasis was placed on further efforts to the items identified by the Miami Summit and on the implementation of a Regional Information Infrastructure throughout the Americas and to attain an economical access to telephone services and INTERNET.

5. ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

5.1 GENERAL ACTIVITIES

During the past year the main activities of the Executive Secretariat included the following items:

- X Prepared, planned and sent out invitations to every meeting of COM/CITELE, PCCs, Working Groups

and Ad Hoc Working Groups.

- X Prepared documents for each meeting and organized the meeting.
- X Sent out the resulting documents to the OAS Permanent Missions, OAS Permanent Observer Missions, representatives to CITEL in each country, Associate Members, and International Organizations.
- X Prepared presentations for different fora that highlight CITEL activities.

Documents were sent in the working languages of CITEL as appropriate. For each meeting four separate documents were sent to the OAS Permanent Missions, representatives to CITEL in each country, Associate Members, and International Organizations:

- X Final report containing the agenda of the meeting, resolutions, recommendations and decisions;
- X Summary minutes of the plenary sessions;
- X List of documents of the meeting; and
- X List of participants.

In addition the Secretariat also:

- X Answered requests of information from the member states, permanent observer missions to the OAS, associate members, organizations and international and regional organizations, persons or entities interested in CITEL activities.
- X Prepared the CITEL Bulletins which contain information on the outstanding events of CITEL
- X Prepared and updated CITEL web page in INTERNET.
- X Prepared the budget.
- X Prepared reports requested by the General Secretariat of the OAS.
- X Tracked the contributions of the Associate members and prepared the related documentation in case of new members.
- X Prepared booklets/brochures to explain the work being done by CITEL.

5.2 CITEL WEB PAGE-INTERNET

CITEL began to update the home page of CITEL in Internet. Also, and in close consultation with the Department of technology of the Information a project was drafted to allow the Working Groups of CITEL to have access to a mailing list and a discussion forum. A search engine will be introduced in CITEL web page and an access to databases.

The information available today in the web page includes the following:

- X History and structure of CITEL.
- X Regulations, Statute, and Treaties.
- X Summit of the Americas.
- X Authorities of CITEL.
- X Announces.
- X Bulletins.
- X Assemblies of CITEL.
- X Final reports of the meetings.
- X Information on How to be an Associate Member of CITEL.
- X Conventions and agreements.
- X Calendar of meetings.

- X Agendas for the following meetings.
- X Fellowships available.
- X Links to other telecommunication web pages.
- X Results of the Seminars.

This information is available in spanish and english. The Address of the home page is:

Spanish <http://www.oas.org/SP/CITEL/citel.htm>
 English <http://www.oas.org/EN/PROG/CITEL/citel.htm>

This address will be changed soon to <http://citel.oas.org/citel.htm> or <http://www.citel.oas.org/citel.htm>.

5.3 CITEL REPRESENTATION IN OTHER FORA

The Secretariat participated in the following additional meetings that did not fall within the regularly scheduled CITEL activities to promote the public image of CITEL.

18 - 25 January, 1997	19th Annual Pacific Telecommunications Conference Honolulu, Hawaii.
19 - 21 March, 1997	Second Seminar on Value Added Services Lima, Peru.
1 - 6 June, 1997	XXVII Regular Session of the General Assembly of the OAS Lima, Peru.
28 - 29 August, 1997	Working Group of Accounting Rates of the PCC I Nassau, The Bahamas.
6 - 9 October, 1997	IV International Seminar on New Technologies and Services on Telecommunications - SEMINT 97 Foz do Iguacú, Brazil.
27 October - 22 November, 1997	1997 World Radiocommunication Conference Geneva, Switzerland
6 - 7 November, 1997	Seminar on Domestic Regulations Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Please find below a brief explanation of the main activities:

X Meeting of the Pacific Telecommunications Council

This meeting took place from January 14 to 18, 1997 and representing CITEL attended the Executive Secretary. Among the issues considered was the coordination with other sub-regional organizations one of the major challenges facing CITEL at the present time. It has been recognized for some time now that for CITEL it is very important an ongoing program to bring into the main stream of its activities the sub-regional organizations and the ITU. During the PTC Meeting CITEL had the opportunity to exchange information regarding the major projects of its program of activities with 12 sub-regional organizations and to explore ways in which the various organizations could develop mutually beneficial ways to cooperate and interact.

X Second Seminar on Value Added Services

The associate members of PCC.I in collaboration with the Government of Peru organized a Seminar in Lima, Peru, March 19-21, 1997. There participated 95 representatives of 13 member countries and international organizations as INTELSAT, ASETA, CTU and the Executive Secretariat of CITEI. The objective of the Seminar was to do a follow-up of the activities after the adoption of the Guidelines for the Implementation of Value Added Services with a view to define procedures to accelerate its implementation. In addition were also discussed the benefits for value added services of a more liberal regulatory environment.

X XXVII Regular Session of the General Assembly of the OAS

It was held June 1 to 5, 1997, in Lima, Peru, and CITEI was represented by the Chairman of COM/CITEI, Mr. Ernesto Dehl, and the Executive Secretary. At this meeting two resolutions were approved directly related with CITEI:

Follow-up of the Meeting of Senior Telecommunication Officials,

The Committee on Budgetary Matters of the Permanent Council is recommended that within the framework of existing allocations identify the resources required to monitor the activities recommended by the Ministers, in order to comply with their objectives and commitments.

In addition, requests CITEI to continue including in its report to the General Assembly a review of the follow-up to the Summit of the Americas and of activities arising out of decisions adopted by the Meeting of Senior Telecommunication Officials.

Second Regular Meeting of the CITEI Assembly, Quito, Ecuador, March 2-6, 1998.

The General Assembly requested the Secretary General to use his good offices with the governments of member states in order to ensure participation by senior state telecommunications officers in the Second Regular Meeting of the CITEI Assembly.

During the meeting the Annual Report (1996) of CITEI was received with much interest.

Also, the CITEI budget of \$ 377,400 (not including personnel) was approved for 1998. This budget covers the complete operation of CITEI for 1998 (communications, office supplies, publications, translations). The 1998 budget covers a meeting of the CITEI Assembly and 6 meetings of the 3 Consultative Committees and the Steering Committee. The budget allocated for fellowships (not included in the above mentioned budget) is US\$ 60,000.

X World Radiocommunication Conference of the ITU

For the first time CITEI installed an office in Geneva during a Conference (from October 27 to November 21) which served as a center for the countries of the region and where the proposals submitted were considered in detail. This Conference was of fundamental importance because for the first time common proposals of the Americas region were submitted. A resolution was approved that placed a great emphasis in the preparation and participation in these meetings by regions. Before the Conference CITEI sent 45 proposals to the ITU, number that was increased to 50 due to the work done during the meeting and finally 37 were fully or in more than 50% approved.

Voluntary financial contributions from associate members made it possible for an engineer from the Executive Secretariat to participate and take care of the office and organize two plenary meetings each week and several meetings of the working groups.

6. TRAINING ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY CITEL/OAS

CITEL training activities were provided by the funds granted by the General Assembly that for 1997 were of US\$ 60.000 covering 31 scholarships. The scholarships give funds to finance air travel (to go and to return trip) between the fellow's place of residence and the course location, registration for training (including study materials) accommodation, subsistence expenses and local transportation.

Course	Date	Venue	Number Scholar.	Participant countries
Regional Workshop on Evaluation of Compliance of Telecommunications Products	1-5 September 1997	Comisión Federal de Telecomunicaciones México City, Mexico	7	<i>Costa Rica, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, Uruguay, and Venezuela.</i>
Signaling System No. 7	15-19 September 1997	Training Research and Development Center Paramaribo, Suriname	7	<i>Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada (2), Haiti, St. Lucia.</i>
Integrated Management of Networks and Services	1-10 October 1997	Centro de Treinamento de Telecomunicações de Minas Gerais SA Belo Horizonte, Brazil	7	<i>Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela.</i>
Spectrum Management	3-7 November 1997	Comisión Federal de Telecomunicaciones Mexico City, Mexico	10	<i>Argentina (2), Colombia, Chile (2), Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru (2).</i>

7. COOPERATION WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

According to what was established by the signed Agreement with the Asociación Hispanoamericana de Centros de Investigación y Empresas de Telecomunicaciones, AHCIEET, this year began the joint tasks with CITEL. In the first place there was a request of data to the English speaking countries to complete a database "Who is Who" that includes information on the principal telecommunication authorities of the above mentioned countries.

With the International Telecommunication Union CITEL continued to prepare a database on frequency allocations in the region. In addition, there were two joint seminars, the first on the World Radiocommunication Conference of 1997 (held during the VIII Meeting of PCC.III) and the second on Global Mobile Personal Communication Services, GMPCS (held following the IX Meeting of PCC.III).

During the World Radiocommunication Conference of the ITU the importance of regional preparations and inter-regional coordination was pointed out and it was possible to have many meetings with the representatives of other regions.

8. STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS SPONSORED BY CITEL

8.1 LIMA CONVENTION

The Inter-American Convention was adopted in Lima, Peru, 1987 during the Fifth Inter-American Telecommunication Conference (CITEL/RES.130 (V-87)) and was amended to facilitate the full participation of CITEL member states during the First Extraordinary Meeting of CITEL in 1988 (CITEL/RES.141 (I/E-88)).

This Convention provides for the use of the amateur radio service for nationals of a state party in the territory of another state party.

The Lima Convention came into force on 21 February 1990. The General Secretariat of the OAS is the depository of the original instrument, ratification, acceptances and approvals.

Signatory Countries	Date	RA/AC/AP	Date for the Instrument Deposit
Argentina	14/08/87	11/03/90 RA	06/12/90
Bolivia	14/08/87		
Brazil	14/08/87		
Canada		06/04/89 AP	18/05/89
Chile	14/08/87		
Colombia	14/08/87		
Guatemala		05/12/89 AP	22/01/90
Haiti	14/08/87		
Mexico		13/03/89 AP	21/06/89
Paraguay	07/09/95	24/05/95 RA	15/09/95
Peru	14/08/87		
Surinam	14/08/87		
United States	14/08/87	21/02/91 AC	20/03/91
Uruguay	14/08/87		
Venezuela		14/10/88 AP	30/11/88

RA= ratification
AC= acceptance
AP= approval

The signatures not subject to ratification, approval or acceptance: According to articles 7 (a) and 10 of the Convention these countries are parties of the convention. The countries are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Haiti, Peru and Surinam. .

The signatures subject to ratification, approval or acceptance according to Article 7 (b) of the convention: the countries are: United States and Uruguay.

8.2 INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO PERMIT (IARP)

It was approved by the second meeting of CITEI's Permanent Executive Committee in December 1994 (COM/CITEI RES.5 (II-94). Afterwards it was adopted in Montrouis, Haiti during the twenty fifth ordinary period of sessions of the General Assembly (AG/RES.1316 (XXV-O/95)).

This convention provides for temporary operations of stations of amateur enthusiasts under its authority to persons licensed with an IARP by another state party without further review. Any state party may grant licenses to operate in other states party exclusively to its citizens. The IARP Convention came into force on 23 February 1996. The depositary is the General Secretariat of the OAS for RA, AC and AP.

Signatories Countries	Date	RA/AC/AD	Date for instrument deposit
Argentina	29/01/97		03/03/97
Brazil	24/01/97		
Canada	27/09/95	27/09/95 AC	27/09/95
Peru	15/09/95	28/12/95 RA	24/01/96
United States	08/06/95		
Uruguay	08/06/95		
Venezuela	05/02/96		

9. BUDGET OF CITEL

9.1 BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1997

(Thousands of US dollars)

	Allotment	Expended (2)
Office supplies	2.7	2.4
Travel	69.2	72.0
Meetings	229.9	193.1
Translations	12.2	18.8
Communications (tel. fax. Xerox. internet, mail, courier)	39.3	41.8
Sub-Total	353.3	327.6
Executive Secretariat Staff	391.7	391.7
Total	745.0	724.3

Notes:

(1) As per AG/RES.1381(XXVI-096)

(2) An amount of US\$ 25,100 assigned to the VI Meeting of PCC.I was not used as the country host did not present the invoices.

9.2 BUDGET APPROVED FOR CITEL FOR 1998

(In Thousands of Dollars)

	Amount	Sub-total
Executive Secretariat's Personnel	US \$ 382.0	US \$ 382.0
Annual Meeting of COM/CITEL		
One meeting of five days		
Costs of travel for the Executive Secretary, Principal Specialist, Conference Specialist and a Lawyer	9.5	

	Amount	Sub-total
Costs of the meeting	39.5	
Sub-total		49.0
Regular Assembly of CITEL		
One meeting of five days		
Costs of travel for the Executive Secretary, two Specialists from CITEL, Conference Specialist and a Lawyer	9.5	
Costs of the meeting	31.0	
Sub-total		40.5
Two meetings of five days		
Costs of travel for the Executive Secretary, Principal Specialist and Conference Specialist	12.0	
Costs of the meetings	62.2	
Sub-total		74.2
Meeting of PCC.II		
One meeting of five days		
Costs of travel for the Executive Secretary, Principal Specialist and Conference Specialist	3.9	
Cost of the meeting	31.0	
Sub-total		34.9
Meeting of PCC.III		
Three meetings of five days Costs of travel For the Executive Secretary, Principal Specialist And Conference Specialist	18.6	
Costs of the meetings	85.9	
Sub-total		104.5
Steering Committee		
One meeting of three days		
Costs of the meeting	12.3	
Sub-total		12.3

	Amount	Sub-total
Participation and presentation of contributions of CITELE by the Executive Secretariat		
Annual Meeting of the Pacific Telecommunication Conference (PTC)	3.8	
OAS General Assembly,	3.2	
World Telecommunication Development Conference	3.9	
ITU Conference of Plenipotentiaries	2.9	
Unscheduled travels of the Executive Secretary	6.3	
Sub-total		20.1
General costs of the CITELE Office		
INTERNET	1.2	
Express mail	6.6	
Air mail, courier, telephone, fax	11.0	
Photocopies	5.8	
Publications	1.5	
Office supplies	1.8	
Translations at Headquarters	14.0	
Sub-Total		41.9
Total	\$ 759.4	\$ 759.4

Note: The amount of \$8,500 was allotted to COM/CITELE when it should have been allotted to the CITELE Regular Assembly.

9.3 SCHOLARSHIPS

CITELE was assigned US\$ 60,000 in 1997 and expended US\$ 60,000, see detail on chapter 5.

9.4 EXTERNAL FUNDING

Any recognized operating agency or scientific or industrial organization, with the approval of the corresponding member state of CITELE may 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 an indication of the elected contributory unit. Presently, the value of a contributory unit is US\$ 1,000.

During 1997, we collected from associate members US\$ 196,553 in total. See below the distribution by Permanent Consultative Committee in US\$.

	PCC.I	PCC.II	PCC.III
1997	86,342	11,278	98,933

CITEL on February 10, 1998, had 186 associate members that contributed with 206,5 units. A unit is presently equivalent to US\$ 1,000, so we could expect to collect US\$ 206, 500 on 1998 supposing there is no resignation and no addition. We want to point out that there is some delay in the payment and at the time this report was prepared the number of associate members that still had not paid their dues for 1997 were:

	PCC.I	PCC.II	PCC.III
1997	14 (20%)	3 (28%)	32 (31%)

Please find between brackets the percentage of the number of associate members with a delay in their payments to the number of associate members in the corresponding PCC.

10. FOLLOW-UP OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL

During the III Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (Montevideo, Uruguay, 11-15 December 1996) a Strategic Plan was approved for CITEL. Below there is an explanation of how they were fulfilled during this year.

Recommendation 1 Analysis of the needs of the member states of CITEL.

From this analysis specific mandates were given to the working Groups, in particular, the ones dealing with Network modernization activities and the GII

Recommendation 2 Increase the participation in CITEL activities from entities and organizations, not from administrations.

Continued expansion of the number of Associate Members.

Recommendation 3 Increase of the coordination between PCCs.

COM/CITEL and the Steering Committee have taken on this function.

Recommendation 4 Strengthen the relation of CITEL with other international organizations.

During the World Radiocommunication Conference of 1997 several meetings took place between representatives of the different regions and from them resulted a resolution that underlined the importance of regional preparations and requested a strengthening and also more support from the International Telecommunication Union.

Recommendation 5 To increase the public information spread of information on CITEL.

Presently working on EDH capability, INTERNET Homepage, etc. See item 5 of this report for more detailed information.

Recommendation 6 Definition of the minimum telecommunications infrastructure.

The importance of being able to put in place a telecommunications and information infrastructure was one of the issues stressed by the suggestions of the countries for the draft of the telecommunications part of the Plan of Action for the Santiago Summit.

Recommendation 7 To improve the role of the Steering Committee.

New terms of reference have been drafted for submission to the Assembly.

11. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF CITEL FOR 1998

The Calendar of Meetings for 1998 is the following:

Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services

Forum 13-17 April, Buenos Aires, Argentina
VIII Meeting 16-20 November, Colombia

Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting

IV Meeting 17-21 August, Montevideo, Uruguay

Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

X Meeting 8-12 June, Sao Paulo, Brazil
XI Meeting 15-19 September, Lima, Peru

Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL

VI Meeting 6 March, Quito, Ecuador
VII Meeting 7-11 December, Ecuador

Steering Committee

V Meeting 3-4 August, Washington DC, USA

Working Group on the Structure and Functioning of CITEL

5-6 August, Washington DC, USA

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Preparations for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference

7 August, Washington DC, USA

Second CITEL Assembly

2-6 March, Quito, Ecuador

12. RESOLUTIONS TO BE SENT TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the Second Regular Meeting of the Assembly that was held in Quito, Ecuador, March 2-6, 1998, two resolutions were approved to be sent to the General Assembly of the OAS. Please find attached in Annex D the above mentioned resolutions.

ANNEXES

- A. Associate Members
- B. Number of participants for each meeting and countries present at the meetings of CITELE
- C. Titles of CITELE approved resolutions, recommendations and decisions on 1996-1997
- D. Resolutions to be sent to the General Assembly of the OAS

A. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

In 1997 there were 52 new associate members. On February 10, 1998, CITELE had 186 associate members.

PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I: PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Date: February 10, 1998

COUNTRY	COMPANY NAME	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
ARGENTINA	CIA. IMPSAT S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	MOVICOM	1.0
ARGENTINA	CICOMRA	1.0
ARGENTINA	AT&T S.A. Argentina	1.0
ARGENTINA	GAUSS S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	SIEMENS	1.0
ARGENTINA	VIDEO CABLE COMUNICACION S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	COMPANIA DE TELEFONOS DEL INTERIOR S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	TELECOM PERSONAL S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	METRO RED TELECOMUNICACIONES SA	1.0
BRASIL	ERICSSON TELECOMUNICAÇÕES S.A.	2.5
BRASIL	MOTOROLA DO BRASIL	1.0
BRASIL	EQUITEL S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	ALCATEL TELECOMUNICAÇÕES	1.0
BRASIL	NEC DO BRASIL S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	ANDRADE GUTIERREZ TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
BRASIL	IRIDIUM SUDAMERICA - BRASIL LTDA.	1.0
CANADA	NORTHERN TELECOM LIMITED	1.0
CANADA	SR Telecom Inc.	1.0
COLOMBIA	CAMARA COLOMBIANA DE INFORMATICA Y TELECOMUNICACION	1.0
COLOMBIA	OCCIDENTE Y CARIBE CELULAR S.A., OCCEL	1.0
COLOMBIA	CELUMOVIL S.A.	1.0
COLOMBIA	TELECOM - EMPRESA NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES	1.0
COLOMBIA	SIEMENS S.A.	1.0
COLOMBIA	CINTEL - CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE LAS TELECOMUNICAC.	1.0
COLOMBIA	EMPRESA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES DE SANATAFE DE BOGOTA	1.0
CHILE	ERICSSON DE CHILE	1.0
CHILE	ALCATEL DE CHILE S.A.	1.0
ECUADOR	OTECCEL CELULAR POWER	1.0
ECUADOR	ERICSSON DEL ECUADOR C.A.	1.0

COUNTRY	COMPANY NAME	UNITS
MEXICO	ERICSSON TELECOM S.A. DE C.V.	3.0
MEXICO	MOTOROLA	1.0
MEXICO	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	4.0
MEXICO	SISTECEL, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
NICARAGUA	ENITEL - EMPRESA NICARAGUENSE DE TELECOMUNICACIONES	1.0
PANAMA	CABLE & WIRELESS DE PANAMA S.A.	1.0
PARAGUAY	TELECEL S.A.	1.0
PERU	TELEFONICA DEL PERU S.A.	1.0
REP.DOMINICANA	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
U.S.A.	AT&T	1.0
U.S.A.	SPRINT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION	1.0
U.S.A.	IBM Latin America	1.0
U.S.A.	TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (TIA)	1.0
U.S.A.	GTE CORPORATION	1.0
U.S.A.	NORTHERN TELECOM CORPORATION (NORTEL)	1.0
U.S.A.	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	1.0
U.S.A.	BOSCH TELECOM, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	CARIBBEAN LATIN AMERICA ACTION	1.0
U.S.A.	THE ERICSSON CORPORATION (TEC)	1.0
U.S.A.	GLENAYRE ELECTRONICS, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	LORAL SPACE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (LORA)	1.0
U.S.A.	VIATEL GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS	1.0
U.S.A.	NOKIA. INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	ICO GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	1.0
VENEZUELA	COMPANIA ERICSSON S.A.	2.0
VENEZUELA	CIA. ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS	1.0
VENEZUELA	TELCER CELULAR, C.A.	1.0
VENEZUELA	AT&T ANDINOS S.A	2.0

PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE II: BROADCASTING

COUNTRY	COMPANY NAME	UNITS
ARGENTINA	CAMARA ARGENTINA DE DESARROLLO	1.0
ARGENTINA	CICOMRA	1.0
ARGENTINA	WORLDSPACE, INC.	5.0
ARGENTINA	VIDEO CABLE COMUNICACION S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	ASOCIACION RADIODIFUSORAS PRIVADAS ARGENTINAS - A.R.P.	1.0
COLOMBIA	TELECOM - EMPRESA NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES	1.0
U.S.A.	TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (TIA)	1.0

COUNTRY	COMPANY NAME	UNITS
U.S.A.	BOSCH TELECOM, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	CONSUMER ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURES ASSOC. (CEMA)	1.0
U.S.A	QUALCOM, INC.	1.0
URUGUAY	ANDEBU (ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE BROADCASTER)	1.0

PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE III: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY	COMPANY NAME	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
ARGENTINA	MOVICOM	1.0
ARGENTINA	SILVEIRA CORPORATION	1.0
ARGENTINA	CICOMRA	1.0
ARGENTINA	AT&T S.A. Argentina	1.0
ARGENTINA	QUALCOMM International	1.0
ARGENTINA	PECOM-NEC	1.0
ARGENTINA	SKY STATION INTERNATIONAL	1.0
ARGENTINA	SIEMENS	1.0
ARGENTINA	VIDEO CABLE COMUNICACION S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	COMPANIA DE TELEFONOS DEL INTERIOR S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	TELECOM PERSONAL S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	ALCATEL TECHINT S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	NORTHERN TELECOM DE ARGENTINA S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	NOKIA ARGENTINA S.A.	1.0
ARGENTINA	METRO RED TELECOMUNICACIONES SA	1.0
BRASIL	ERICSSON TELECOMUNICAÇÕES S.A.	2.5
BRASIL	MOTOROLA DO BRASIL	1.0
BRASIL	PNC DO BRASIL S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	QUALCOMM DO BRASIL S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	NEC DO BRASIL S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	PROMON ELETRONICA LTDA.	1.0
BRASIL	EQUITEL S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES LTDA.	1.5
BRASIL	BATIK EQUIPAMENTOS S.A.	1.0
BRASIL	ALCATEL TELECOMUNICAÇÕES	1.0
BRASIL	ANDRADE GUTIERREZ TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
BRASIL	ZETAX TECNOLOGIA ENG IND. E COM. S.A	1.0
BRASIL	BOSCH - TELEMULTI	1.0
BRASIL	IRIDIUM SUDAMERICA - BRASIL LTDA.	1.0
CANADA	SR Telecom Inc.	1.0
CANADA	NORTHERN TELECOM LIMITED	1.0
CANADA	ODYSSEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC.	1.0
CANADA	SPECTROCAN ENGINEERING	1.0

COUNTRY	COMPANY NAME	UNITS
CANADA	IRIDIUM CANADA INC.	1.0
CANADA	SKY STATION CANADA INC.	1.0
CANADA	SILA COMMUNICATIONS	1.0
COLOMBIA	CAMARA COLOMBIANA DE INFORMATICA Y TELEC.	1.0
COLOMBIA	ERICSSON DE COLOMBIA	1.0
COLOMBIA	CELUMOVIL S.A.	1.0
COLOMBIA	EMCALI	1.0
COLOMBIA	ALCATEL DE COLOMBIA S.A.	1.0
COLOMBIA	TELECOM - EMPRESA NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES	1.0
COLOMBIA	SKY STATION COLOMBIA S.A.	1.0
COLOMBIA	SIEMENS S.A.	1.0
COLOMBIA	MOTOROLA	1.0
COLOMBIA	EMPRESA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES DE SANTAFE DE BOGOTA	1.0
CHILE	ERICSSON DE CHILE	1.0
CHILE	ALCATEL DE CHILE S.A.	1.0
ECUADOR	OTECCEL CELULAR POWER	1.0
ECUADOR	ERICSSON DEL ECUADOR	1.0
MEXICO	ERICSSON TELECOM S.A. DE C.V.	3.0
MEXICO	MOTOROLA	1.0
MEXICO	LEO ONE PANAMERICANA S.A. de C.V.	1.0
MEXICO	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	4.0
MEXICO	IMPSAT, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
MEXICO	SISTECEL, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
MEXICO	NORTHERN TELECOM DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
MEXICO	ALCATEL - INDETEL	1.0
MEXICO	NEC DE MEXICO, S.A.	1.0
MEXICO	GURRIA Y RAMIREZ DE ARELLANO S.A.	1.0
MEXICO	SIEMENS, S.A. DE C.V.	2.0
MEXICO	ESTACIONES ESTRATOSFERICAS DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
MEXICO	IRIDIUM DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
PARAGUAY	TELECEL S.A.	1.0
PERU	TELEFONICA DEL PERU S.A.	1.0
PERU	NORTEL PERU S.A.	1.0
U.S.A	MOTOROLA INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	COMSAT WORLD SYSTEMS	1.0
U.S.A.	AT&T	1.0
U.S.A.	TELEDESIC CORPORATION	1.0
U.S.A.	TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (TIA)	1.0
U.S.A	NORTHERN TELECOM CORP. (NORTEL)	1.0
U.S.A.	FINAL ANALYSIS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	1.0
U.S.A	WORLD SPACE, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	BOSCH TELECOM, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	THE ERICSSON CORPORATION (TEC)	2.0
U.S.A.	GLENAYRE ELECTRONICS, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	1.0
U.S.A.	COMMITTEE T-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1.0
U.S.A.	HUGHES NETWORKS SYSTEMS	1.0
U.S.A.	LORAL SPACE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (LORAL)	1.0
U.S.A.	TADIRAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	SKY STATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.	1.0

COUNTRY	COMPANY NAME	UNITS
U.S.A.	LEO ONE USA	1.0
U.S.A.	ORBCOMM GLOBAL, L.P.	1.0
U.S.A.	IMTA	1.0
U.S.A..	QUALCOM, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	SKY BRIDGE L.L.C.	1.0
U.S.A.	LOCKHEED-MARTIN CORP.	1.0
U.S.A.	ICG SATELLITE SERVICES, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	NOKIA, INC.	1.0
U.S.A.	ICO GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	1.0
VENEZUELA	COMPANIA ERICSSON S.A.	2.0
VENEZUELA	CIA. IMPSAT S.A.	1.0
VENEZUELA	CIA. ANONIMA NACIONAL TELEFONOS	1.0
VENEZUELA	TELCEL CELULAR, C.A.	1.0
VENEZUELA	IRIDIUM SUDAMERICANA	1.0
VENAZUELA	AT&T ANDINOS S.A.	2.0
VENEZUELA	MOTOROLA	1.0

B. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH MEETING AND COUNTRIES PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS OF CITEL

MEETING	MEMBER COUNTRIES		ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSIONS		ORGANIZATION		EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
	Nro. Country	Nro. Deleg.	Nro.	Nro. Deleg.	Nro. Country	Nro. Deleg.	Nro.	Nro. Deleg.	Nro. Represent.
V COM/CITEL	13	42+4	0	0	1	1	2	2	3
VI PCC.I	13	43	20	41	4	8	0	0	2
VII PCC.I	9	29	19	38	3	6	2	2	2
III PCC.II	16	86	4	5	1	1	1	1	2
VII PCC.III	14	110	44	110	5	5	1	1	2
VIII PCC.III	16	83	39	73	3	4	7	8	2
IX PCC.III	14	118	53	129	5	5	1	1	2
Joint WG on Legal Matters and Adm. Proc.	15	25	5	7	2	2	3	4	6

The member countries of COM/CITEL are 11, but here we indicate every country that participated during the meeting.

COUNTRIES PRESENT AT /CITEL MEETINGS

	V COM/CITEL	VI PCC.I	VII PCC.I	III PCC.II	VII PCC.III	VIII PCC.III	IX PCC.III	III GTCAL
Antigua y Barbuda		x		x				
Argentina	x		x		x	x	x	x
Bahamas			x					
Bolivia								
Brazil	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Canada	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Chile								
Colombia	x	x			x		x	x

	V COM/ CITEL	VI PCC.I	VII PCC.I	III PCC.II	VII PCC.III	VIII PCC.III	IX PCC.III	III GTCAL
Costa Rica		x			x	x	x	x
Dominica						x		
Ecuador	x				x	x	x	x
El Salvador								
Grenada			x					
Guatemala							x	
Guyana				x				
Haiti								
Honduras	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Jamaica	x	x	x	x				
México	x			x	x	x	x	x
Nicaragua				x		x		x
Panamá								x
Paraguay	x	x	x		x	x		x
Perú		x				x	x	x
Rep. Dominicana	x					x		
Saint Lucia				x	x			
San Vicente y las Grenadinas		x						
Suriname	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Trinidad y Tobago		x	x	x		x		
United States	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Uruguay	x			x	x	x	x	x
Venezuela	x	x	x	x	x		x	x

C. TITLES OF CITEL APPROVED RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ON 1996/1997

PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)

RESOLUTIONS

- COM/CITEL RES. 44 (V-97):** Directives to the drafting groups that deal with minutes of the meetings
COM/CITEL RES. 45 (V-97): Draft agenda of the second regular meeting of the Assembly of the CITEL
COM/CITEL RES. 46 (V-97): Budget for 1998 and 1999, and calendar for 1998
COM/CITEL RES.47 (V-97): Approval of the COMTELCA Central-American training center as regional training center of CITEL
COM/CITEL RES. 48 (V-97): CITEL preparations for the 1998 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference
COM/CITEL RES. 49 (V-97): Action plan for the utilization of a database on the allocation of the spectrum
COM/CITEL RES. 50 (V-97): CITEL response to the Second Summit of the Americas
COM/CITEL RES. 51 (V-97): Electronic document handling in CITEL
COM/CITEL RES. 52 (V-97): Agenda, date, and place for the sixth meeting of the permanent executive committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL)
COM/CITEL RES. 53 (V-97): Common proposals for the WTDC-98
COM/CITEL RES.54 (V-97): Training development in the area of establishment and operation of a national regulatory authority
COM/CITEL RES. 55(V-97): Accession to the Inter-American Convention On An International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP)
COM/CITEL RES. 56 (V-97): The development of the GII in the Americas
COM/CITEL RES. 57 (V-97): Assistance in the area of frequency management
COM/CITEL RES. 58 (V-97): Regional preparations for World Radiocommunication Conferences
COM/CITEL RES. 59 (V-97): Extension of the duration of the Ad hoc Working Group on the structure and functioning of CITEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

- COM/CITEL REC. 3 (V-97):** Contributions of CITEL associate members
COM/CITEL REC.4 (V-97): Modification of the Terms of Reference of the CITEL Steering Committee

DECISIONS

- COM/CITEL DEC.12 (V-97):** Draft Guidelines for Procedures and Working Methods of the PCCs
COM/CITEL DEC.13 (V-97): Partly Consensus Changes to CITEL Regulations Developed by COM/CITEL.
COM/CITEL DEC.14 (V-97): Procedure for an Organization to be recognized by CITEL to Operate as Regional Training Center
COM/CITEL DEC.15 (V-97): Coordination and Collaboration between CITEL and Other Telecommunication Entities

PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I: PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

RESOLUTIONS

- PCC.I/RES.33 (VI-97):** Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on Accounting Rates of International Telephony Service.

- PCC.I/RES.34 (VI-97):** Extension of the Mandate of the Working Group on the Modernization of Networks and New Services.
- PCC.I/RES.35 (VI-97):** Extension of the Mandate of the Ad Hoc Group on Certification Processes.
- PCC.I/RES.36 (VI-97):** Implementation of COM/CITEL RES.31 (IV-96) by Working Group on Basic and Universal Services and by CITEL Members.
- PCC.I/RES.37 (VI-97):** Extension of the Mandate of the Ad Hoc Group on Value Added Services.
- PCC.I/RES.38 (VI-97):** Agenda, Venue and Date of the Sixth Meeting of the PCC.I.
- PCC.I/RES.39 (VII-97):** Amendment to the Mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Study of the Global Information Infrastructure.
- PCC.I/RES.40 (VII-97):** Accounting Rates.
- PCC.I/RES.41 (VII-97):** Accounting Rates.
- PCC.I/RES.42 (VII-97):** Relating to the Recommendation on the Accounting Rates Issue to the ITU.
- PCC.I/RES.43 (VII-97):** Request to the World Trade Organization.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- PCC.I/REC. 2 (VII-97):** CITEL/PCC.I Telecommunications Forum.

DECISIONS

- PCC.I/DEC.6 (VI-97):** Review of the Terms of Reference and Work Programme for the Global Information Infrastructure Group.
- PCC.I/DEC.7 (VI-97):** Distribution of CSO.
- PCC.I/DEC.8 (VI-97):** GMPCS Services.
- PCC.I/DEC.9 (VII-97):** Report of the Working Group on Network Modernization and New Services.
- PCC.I/DEC.10 (VII-97):** Use in the Americas of the International Mobile Station Identity (IMSI).

PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE II: BROADCASTING

RESOLUTIONS

- PCC.II/RES. 9 (III-97):** Digital Sound Broadcasting Systems Studies.
- PCC.II/RES. 10 (III-97):** Preparation for CITEL's Participation in the Second World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC).
- PCC.II/RES. 11 (III-97):** Agenda, Date, and Place for the 1998 Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting.
- PCC.II/RES. 12 (III-97):** Resolution of Incompatibilities in the 1981 Rio Plan.
- PCC.II/RES. 13 (III-97):** Future Direction for PCC.II and Regional Commitment for the Promotion of Broadcasting.
- PCC.II/RES. 14 (III-97):** Compliance with International Regulations and Control of the Radioelectric Spectrum.

DECISIONS

- PCC.II/DEC. 5 (III-97):** Proposed text for the Chapter 6 of the Report on CITEL Preparations for WRC-97 Appendices 30 and 30A (WRC-97 Agenda item 1.10).
- PCC.II/DEC. 6 (III-97):** Development of Chapter 2: Draft Report CITEL. Preparation for WRC-97, Common Views and Positions.
- PCC.II/DEC. 7 (III-97):** Recommendation Nr. 718 (WARC-92) Alignment of Allocation in the 7 MHz band allocated to the Amateur Service.

PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE III: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

- PCC.III/RES. 49 (VII-97):** Accession to the Convention on International Amateur Radio Permit.
PCC.III/RES. 50 (VII-97): Agenda, Venue, and Date of the VIII Meeting of the PCC.III.
PCC.III/RES.51 (VII-97): Development of a Regional Database on Frequency Usage.
PCC.III/RES. 52 (VII-97): Support for Activities Associated with the Following COM/CITEL Working Groups.
- PCC.III/RES. 53 (VII-97):** Seminar on the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunication Services.
PCC.III/RES. 54 (VII-97): Establishment of a Rapporteur's Group to Prepare a Report on Bandwidth and Capacity Requirements for Services to Be Supported on Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) Systems.
- PCC.III/RES.55 (VIII-97):** Modified Questionnaire on the use of the VSAT Terminals in the Americas.
PCC.III/RES.56 (VIII-97): Questionnaire on the Use of the 2 GHz Band in the Americas.
PCC.III/RES.57 (VIII-97): Agenda, Venue and Date of the Ninth Meeting of PCC.III.
PCC.III/RES.58 (VIII-97): Retain in Appendices 30 (S30) AND 30A (S30A) the Procedures Governing the Planned Broadcasting-Satellite Service in Region 2.
- PCC.III/RES.59 (VIII-97):** Matters Pertaining to the Use of the Earth Radio Spectrum Allocated to IMT-2000.
- PCC.III/RES.60 (IX-97):** Seminar to Report Test Results from the Demonstration Satellite for Non-Voice, Non-GSO MSS Applications in Frequencies below 1 GHz.
- PCC.III/RES.61 (IX-97):** Relating to the Disposition of Inter-American Proposals to WRC-97.
PCC.III/RES.62 (IX-97): Seminar on Broadband Fixed Satellite Service Systems.
PCC.III/RES.63 (IX-97): Agenda, Venue and Date of the Tenth Meeting of PCC.III.
PCC.III/RES.64 (IX-97): Seminar on the Results of the Study of the Working Group to Quantify Any Incompatibility Issues Between FWA and PCS in the Range 1850-1990 MHz.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- PCC.III/REC.29 (VII-97):** Considerations Concerning the Regulation of GMPCS.
PCC.III/REC.30 (VIII-97): Cooperation CITEL/ITU Regional Presence of ITU.
PCC.III/REC.31 (VIII-97): Global Harmonization of the 2 GHZ MSS Allocations.
PCC.III/REC.32 (IX-97): Application of the 1910-1930 MHz Band.
PCC.III/REC.33 (IX-97): Technical and Procedural Framework for Low-Power PCS Use of 1910-1930 MHz Band.
- PCC.III/REC.34 (IX-97):** Advance Date of Availability of MSS of the 2010-2025 MHz and 2160-2170 MHz Bands in the Americas (ITU Region 2).
- PCC.III/REC.35 (IX-97):** Local Multipoint Distribution-Communication Systems (LMDS/LMCS) Operating at Frequencies Around 27 GHz.
- PCC.III/REC.36 (IX-97):** Protection of Geostationary Satellite Networks Operating in Heavily-used FSS-Bands.

DECISIONS

- PCC.III/DEC.19 (VII-97):** Report on Implementing Low Earth Orbit Mobile Satellite Service below 1GHz in the Americas (LEO-MSS).
PCC.III/DEC.20 (VII-97): Participation in International Activities on Fixed Wireless Access (FWA).
PCC.III/DEC.21 (VII-97): CITEL Acknowledgement of the Work Undertaken by Mr. Luis Manuel Brown as Chairman of PCC.III.
PCC.III/DEC.22 (IX-97): Application in the Americas of the International Mobile Station Identifier (IMSI).
PCC.III/DEC.23 (IX-97): Bandwidth and Capacity Requirements for Services to Be Supported on Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) Systems.

- PCC.III/DEC.24 (IX-97):** Satellite Mobile Communication Systems in the Band L of Canada, the United States, and Mexico.
- PCC.III/DEC.25 (IX-97):** Results of the Studies of Incompatibility Between FWA-PCS and PCS-PCS.
- PCC.III/DEC.26 (IX-97):** Publication of the Joint Proposals for WRC-97.

D. RESOLUTIONS TO BE SENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS

CITEL RES.27 (II-98): DECLARATION OF QUITO

**CITEL RES.30 (II-98): AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE AND THE REGULATIONS OF
CITEL**

CITEL RES.27 (II-98)

DECLARATION OF QUITO

The Second Regular meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

The special importance of the principles and actions contained in the Declaration of Quito, adopted by the Member States of CITEL present at the Second Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly, held in Quito from March 2 to 6, 1998,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Chair of COM/CITEL to forward this Declaration to the Chair of the Permanent Council of the OAS for presentation to the General Assembly of the OAS, for information and circulation.
2. To instruct the Executive Secretary to communicate this Declaration to all of the CITEL Member States and Associate Members.

**THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION
CITEL**

DECLARATION OF QUITO

At the conclusion of the Second Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL) in Quito, March 2-6, 1998, representatives of the telecommunications administrations of CITEL's member states

declare:

That the strategic importance of telecommunications compels governments to cooperate in strengthening this sector in order to achieve their social and economic goals.

That our countries must prepare themselves to face the challenges of the twenty-first century. In this regard, and given the sheer pace of the changes ahead, the development of telecommunications infrastructure is a top priority. It must combine the introduction of state-of-the-art technologies that ensure the efficient handling of information, and the adoption of policies, strategies and programs that foster development of the telecommunications sector in ways that raise the standard of living and reinforce the skills and know-how of all our citizens.

That we must combine our efforts in order to ensure the development of the telecommunications infrastructure and services essential to developing the economic, social, cultural and political well-being of our countries.

That the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission of the Organization of American States (CITEL) is the senior technical telecommunications body in the Americas for recommending actions to further the development of the region's telecommunications sector.

That, acting as a catalyst with respect to the consideration of the views of Member States on issues of mutual interest, CITEL has made possible the presentation in the International Telecommunication Union and other international telecommunications fora of common Inter-American proposals benefiting all countries of the Americas and Associate Members.

And thereby resolve:

- To consolidate CITEL's capabilities, so that it can fully implement the instructions issued by heads of state in the Summit of the Americas process, in view of the fact that telecommunications is a fundamental element in the sustainable development of the region.
- To encourage the development of basic telecommunications infrastructure as well as new telecommunications services and technologies within a legal framework that is predictable, consistent, nondiscriminatory and transparent.
- To strengthen coordination with telecommunications bodies of the Americas in developing programs regarding infrastructure, training and research.
- To promote the development of projects designed to make available the basic telephone services and the benefits of new technologies required to meet the communications needs of more remote areas and of lower-income groups, particularly with regard to telemedicine, distance learning and access to the Internet.
- If appropriate, to establish mechanisms to reinforce and facilitate the participation of CITEL, as a specialized technical telecommunications organization, in the region's various processes of integration.

In witness thereof, the Delegates of the Member States taking part in the Second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission adopt this declaration in the City of San Francisco de Quito, March 6, 1998.

Mario Burbano de Lara
CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY

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Honduras

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Bolivia

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Renato Guerreiro
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Salma Jalife
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Julio García
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Angel López
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Venezuela

CITEL RES.29 (II-98)

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE AND THE REGULATIONS OF CITEL

The Second Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

HAVING SEEN

The amendments to the Statute of CITEL, proposed by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Structure and Functioning of CITEL;

The amendments to the Regulations of CITEL contained in resolutions COM/CITEL RES. 1 (II-94) and COM/CITEL RES. 28 (III-95), the provisional application of which was approved by COM/CITEL, pursuant to Article 97 of the Regulations of CITEL; and

CONSIDERING

That the definition of Associate Member appearing in Article 82 of the Regulations of CITEL is broader than the definition in Article 24 of the Statute of CITEL and that it is desirable to maintain the scope of the definition given in the Regulations;

That Article 23 of the Statute establishes that each Permanent Consultative Committee may establish a position of Vice Chairman, but that the work of these committees has shown that it is necessary to establish more than one such position;

That, under Article 34 of the Statute of CITEL, only the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, at its own initiative or upon CITEL's request, may amend the Statute of CITEL;

That, in accordance with Article 97 of the Regulations of CITEL, it is incumbent on the CITEL Assembly to adopt amendments to the Regulations of CITEL, by an absolute majority of the participating Member States, and, once the amendments have been adopted by the CITEL Assembly, they must be presented to the General Assembly at its next regular session, for its information,

RESOLVES

1. To request the General Assembly of the Organization at its twenty-eighth regular session, to be held in June 1998, to amend articles 23 and 24 of the Statute of CITEL, as set forth in Appendix 1 to this resolution.
2. To approve the amendments to the Articles of the Regulations of CITEL contained in resolutions COM/CITEL RES. 1 (II-94) and COM/CITEL RES. 28 (III-95). The modified texts are included in Appendix 2.
3. To submit to the General Assembly of the Organization at its twenty-eighth regular session, for its information, the amendments to the Regulations of CITEL adopted by the CITEL Assembly.

APPENDIX 1

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE OF CITEL

1. In Article 23, amend the last sentence of the first paragraph of the section “Officers” to read as follows:

Each Permanent Consultative Committee may establish up to two positions of Vice Chair.
2. In Article 24, amend the first paragraph of the section “Associate Members” to read as follows:

Any recognized operating agency or scientific or industrial organization or any financial or development institution that is related to the telecommunications industry and is a legal entity may become an associate member of a Permanent Consultative Committee. The member state shall notify the Chairman of COM/CITEL in writing of the names and agencies of organizations it has approved. An agency, organization or institution shall cease to be an associate member in the event that approval is withdrawn by the member state.

APPENDIX 2

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF THE REGULATIONS OF CITEL

Organization

Article 2

CITEL fulfills its objectives through the following organs: the CITEL Assembly, the Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL), the Permanent Consultative Committees, and the Secretariat. The organs shall include such committees, sub-committees, working groups and ad hoc groups, joint working groups and rapporteurs as may be established in accordance with these Regulations.

Article 17

Unless otherwise specified by COM/CITEL, any state or entity referred to in Article 16 that wishes to participate in a meeting of the CITEL Assembly as an observer, shall apply to attend, in writing, to the Chairman of COM/CITEL, at least 120 days before the anticipated opening of that meeting. The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall consult such applications with the Members of COM/CITEL, and if they approve, the corresponding invitations shall be extended in accordance with Article 9 of these Regulations.

Article 30

Reports and proposals shall normally be presented to the Executive Secretary four months in advance of the date set for the opening of the CITEL Assembly, in order to permit their distribution to the Member States in the working languages, together with the report of COM/CITEL and the Secretariat. The Executive Secretary shall

distribute these documents to the Member States by the most effective means of communication so that they are received not later than two months before the start of a meeting.

At the beginning of a meeting, the Assembly may establish a period of time in which additional proposals may be submitted to it for consideration.

Article 36

All decisions taken by the CITEI Assembly in a private plenary session shall be announced at the next public plenary session.

Work Program

Article 71

At each installation session, COM/CITEI shall prepare its work program for the intervening period until its next meeting, and shall set the date and place for its meetings.

COM/CITEI may establish technical committees, subcommittees, working groups and ad hoc groups, joint working groups and rapporteurs to perform its functions.

Article 76

Rules governing COM/CITEI meetings, quorum, voting and travel expenses are as contained in Articles 18 to 21 of the Statute.

If for any reason a Regular Meeting of COM/CITEI cannot be held in the country of the Chairperson, it shall be held at the General Secretariat of the Organization, unless one of the Member States, with sufficient advance notice, offers to host the meeting, in which case COM/CITEI may agree to hold the meeting in that country.

The General Secretary of the Organization, or by delegation, the CITEI Executive Secretary, shall transmit the notice of convocation of the Meeting and the invitations to the participants as soon as the country offering to host the meeting confirms to CITEI Secretariat the exact date, city and specific location for the meeting. The country offering to host a meeting shall provide this information to the Executive Secretary, no later than 60 days before the proposed date of the meeting.

Working Groups, Ad Hoc Groups, and Rapporteurs

Article 80

Each PCC may establish working groups and ad hoc groups in accordance with Article 93. Those groups shall submit reports of their activities to the PCC.

PCCs shall also appoint rapporteurs for their working groups and ad hoc groups in order to deal with the issues entrusted to said groups. The rapporteurs shall submit their reports to the working groups or ad hoc groups to which they belong.

Associate Members

Article 82

1. Associate Membership on a PCC is open to any recognized operating agency, scientific or industrial organization or financial or development institution related to the telecommunications industry, that has a legal personality, (hereinafter "entity") provided that the entity's Associate Membership is approved by the corresponding Member State of CITEL.

2. The expression "corresponding Member State of CITEL" means the country where the "entity" was incorporated or has its principal office.

3. Applications from entities wishing to become Associate Members of a PCC must be forwarded to the Member State belonging to the respective PCC, together with an indication of the elected contributory unit and the pertinent information of a contact person to whom procedural information may be sent. The corresponding Member State shall be responsible for examining and approving such applications based on such criteria or procedures for sponsoring Associate Members as it deems appropriate.

4. Where appropriate, the Member State will notify the Executive Secretary of its approval of an application received from an entity, indicating the elected contributory unit and the pertinent information of the contact person to whom procedural information may be sent.

5. The Executive Secretary will notify the entity of the decision taken with respect to its application and the procedures which Associate Membership entails.

6. The Executive Secretary will notify the Chairman of COM/CITEL and the Chairman of the respective PCC about the admission of the entity referred to in 5 above.

7. A list of all entities granted Associate Membership in each PCC shall be compiled and maintained by the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall provide the Secretary General of the Organization, as well as all Member States of CITEL and of the PCCs with a copy of that list.

8. An "entity" shall cease to be an Associate Member in the event that approval is withdrawn by the corresponding Member State.

Participation of Associate Members

Article 83

Associate Members of a PCC may fully participate in all the activities of that PCC with voice but without vote. They may present technical papers and receive the documents of that PCC. An Associate Member of any PCC shall also be qualified to participate in the work of any joint working group to which its PCC belongs, without the payment of additional fees.

Associate Membership Fee

Article 84

(Third paragraph of Article 84)

Associate Members who pay their membership fees within 90 days of billing shall be deemed active Associate Members. Those who do not pay within this time without informing the Executive Secretary of the reasons for

such delay shall be deemed passive Associate Members, and shall have their membership privileges suspended until such time as their accounts are paid up to date. If the Executive Secretary is satisfied with the justification of the delayed payment of fees by a Member, he may extend the deadline for account updating to a maximum of sixth months from the original payment deadline.

Observers and Guests

Article 85

Observers in the categories set out in Articles 13, 14 and 15 may participate as observers to the PCCs under the same conditions which these Regulations prescribe for their participation in the meetings of the CITELE Assembly, by appointing their representatives in a written notice addressed to the Chairman of the corresponding PCC.

Subject to the approval of the Chairman of the corresponding PCC and upon consultation with the country hosting the meeting, any person or entity not covered by the paragraph above or by Article 16 of the Regulations of CITELE, whether a recognized authority or other person or entity having particular interest in telecommunications, may attend the meetings of the PCCs, their working groups, and their ad hoc groups as a guest.

Article 86

Each PCC shall meet at least once a year at a time and place determined by its respective Chairman. The meetings of a PCC shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations in relation to the CITELE Assembly, to the extent that those provisions may be applied.

Papers, studies, decisions, and draft resolutions of a PCC which require consideration of the CITELE Assembly shall be submitted to COM/CITELE at least four months before a meeting of the CITELE Assembly is held.

A PCC may hold private sessions restricting participation solely to Members and Associate Members. However, on the basis of reciprocity, observer organizations may be invited by the Chairman of the PCC concerned to attend these private sessions.

If for any reason a Regular Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committees cannot be held in the country chosen by the Chairperson, it shall be held at the General Secretariat of the Organization, unless one of the Member States, with sufficient advance notice offers to host the meeting, in which case the Chairman of COM/CITELE may agree to hold the meeting in that country.

The Secretary General of the Organization, or by delegation, the CITELE Executive Secretary, shall transmit the notice of convocation of the meeting and the invitations to the participants as soon as the country offering to host the meeting confirms to the CITELE Secretariat the exact date, city and specific location for the meeting. The country offering to host a meeting shall provide this information to the Executive Secretary, no later than 60 days before the proposed date of the meeting.

The Executive Secretary of CITELE

Article 89

The Executive Secretary of CITELE shall be a person highly versed in the subject matter. The post of Executive Secretary of CITELE is a position of trust, regulated by the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

In addition to the functions established in the CITEL Statute, the Executive Secretary shall have the following duties:

- a. To prepare the technical documents assigned to him by the organs of CITEL and the working documents for CITEL meetings;
- b. To serve as Technical Secretary of the meetings of the CITEL Assembly and of COM/CITEL;
- c. To see that the minutes, decisions, papers, and draft resolutions of all the organs of CITEL are in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization, the mandates of the General Assembly, the Statute of CITEL, and these Regulations;
- d. To receive official correspondence relating to CITEL, to deal with it appropriately, and to handle communications regarding the work of the Secretariat, informing the Secretary General of the Organization thereof. Copies of such correspondence shall be sent to the Chairman of COM/CITEL;
- e. To carry out the decisions and tasks that the different organs of CITEL may request;
- f. To cooperate with the Chairman of COM/CITEL in the preparation of the draft agenda for each CITEL Assembly Meeting, as well as in the preparation of the agenda for each COM/CITEL meeting;
- g. To prepare documents, studies, and reports necessary for each CITEL Assembly and COM/CITEL meetings, taking into account the guidelines established in this regard by COM/CITEL;
- h. Once COM/CITEL has decided upon the date and place for the regular and special meetings of the Assembly, to so inform the Member States immediately in writing;
- i. To prepare notices of convocation for the meetings of all CITEL organs;
- j. To cooperate with COM/CITEL in the preparation of the annual report of CITEL to be presented through the Secretary General to the Permanent Council of the Organization for its consideration;
- k. To keep CITEL Member States permanently informed of technical activities in the telecommunications field, in accordance with the instructions received from the Chairman of COM/CITEL and taking into account the information received by COM/CITEL;
- l. To provide information on the resolutions and decisions of the CITEL Assembly on telecommunications matters to world or regional governmental or non governmental agencies specializing in telecommunications, for which purpose a periodic newsletter may be utilized;
- m. To provide a periodic information service, with widespread coverage on the progress of telecommunications and their development in the American States;
- n. To maintain custody of the files containing the official documentation of all the meetings of the CITEL organs;
- o. To represent the Chairman of COM/CITEL at public or private functions and at meetings of international organizations, when the Chairman so decides;
- p. After consultation with the Chairmen of the Permanent Consultative Committees, to prepare and submit to COM/CITEL a biennial preliminary draft budget for the following two years taking into account the directions given by the previous CITEL Assembly Meeting. Also, to prepare for submission to COM/CITEL any adjustments to the second half of the biennial budget as may be required;
- q. To supervise the staff of the CITEL Secretariat, in order to ensure the most effective use of personnel;
- r. To prepare and distribute to Member States and Associate Members a publication containing the resolutions, recommendations, and declarations of the Assembly, COM/CITEL and the PCCs;
- s. To prepare annually, for submission to and approval by COM/CITEL, a schedule of meetings covering the coming two-year period. In preparing the schedule of meetings, the Secretariat should take into consideration the schedule of pertinent OAS, ITU and Regional Organizations meetings, and should also coordinate beforehand with the chairpersons of the various committees.

Working Procedures governing the activities of the PCCs

Article 93

10. The Statute and Regulations of CITEL allow each of the PCCs to change and adapt its work methods to most efficiently meet the needs of its members , *within the authorized scope*.

13. Both the Assembly of CITEL and COM/CITEL may apply the above processes or any part thereof when establishing their working or ad hoc groups.

14. For purposes of Article 93, the term "working group" shall be taken to include a "joint working group".

DRAFT RESOLUTION

AG/RES. (XXVIII-O/98)

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE OF CITEL

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN Resolution CITEL/RES.29 (II-98), adopted by the Second Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), which contains amendments to articles 23 and 24; and

CONSIDERING

That, pursuant to Article 34 of the Statute of CITEL, it is incumbent on the General Assembly of the Organization to amend the Statute of CITEL, at its own initiative or upon CITEL's request; and

That Resolution CITEL RES.29 (II-98) of the Second Regular Meeting of CITEL requests the General Assembly to amend articles 23 and 24 of the Statute of CITEL in the manner and for the reasons expressed therein,

RESOLVES

1. In Article 23, to amend the last sentence of the first paragraph of the section "Officers" to read as follows:

Each Permanent Consultative Committee may establish two positions of Vice President.

2. In Article 24, to amend the first paragraph of the section "Associate Members" to read as follows:

Any recognized operating agency or scientific or industrial organization or any financial or development institution that is related to the telecommunications industry and is a legal entity may become an associate member of a Permanent Consultative Committee. The Member State shall notify the Chairman of COM/CITEL in writing of the names and agencies of organizations it has approved. An agency or organization shall cease to be an associate member in the event that approval is withdrawn by the Member State.