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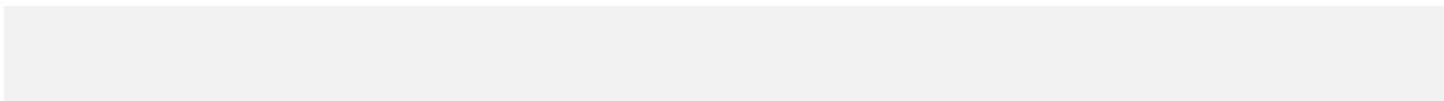
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Technology innovation, digitalization and the convergence of telecommunication, radiocommunication and information technologies and services have substantially changed the ways in which human beings gain access to knowledge and communicate with one another. There is little doubt as to the importance of telecommunications—including Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)—for the economic and social development of all countries. Clearly, these are the technologies that will bring about universal, sustainable, widespread and affordable access to information. Nonetheless, despite the robust growth and expansion that telecommunication services—including ICTs—have experienced in the Americas, disparities persist, and bridging the digital divide remains a priority.

In this context, one of the challenges CITELE still faces is to continue facilitating and promoting harmonious, integrated development of telecommunications, including information and communication technologies in the Americas. It is working to harmonize the efforts of its Member States and the private sector to achieve these objectives for the benefit of society.

Year 2007 was full of remarkable achievements for CITELE. It submitted 468 Inter-American Proposals to the International Telecommunication Union's World Radiocommunication Conference and witnessed nearly 26% growth in the number of scholarships used for courses in its telecommunication program. It approved a number of recommendations for coordinating more effective standards to ensure interoperability and timely introduction of advanced technologies, particularly standards for the protection of critical infrastructure, spectrum harmonization, regulatory issues, problems associated with telecommunication convergence, and economic aspects of telecommunications. Finally, it organized a number of seminars and workshops on issues of high-priority concern to the countries.

In the future CITELE will continue its activities to raise public awareness about its mandate, mission and activities, as well as improving access to information on matters of concern to the Member States. It should be noted that, given the mandates received, the Regular Fund assigned to CITELE is no longer sufficient to cover the minimum costs incurred by the Secretariat. Consequently, the specific funds allocated exclusively to the Permanent Consultative Committees, per regulations, have been used to cover these costs.

1. INTRODUCTION

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

This report covers the period January-December 2007.

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 in its resolution AG/RES. 1224 (XXIII-O/93), in keeping 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, the Statute of CITEL, and such mandates as the General Assembly of the Organization may assign to it.

2.1 Objectives and functions of CITEL

Objectives

- a. To facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continuing development of telecommunications, including information and communication technologies, in this hemisphere.
- b. To promote and foster the existence of appropriate telecommunications, including information and communication technologies, for the process of regional development.
- 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 and criteria for the operation of the systems, in order to obtain maximum benefit from the available facilities for each individual country and for the region as a whole within the framework of global standardization of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- e. To promote and study technical assistance, in agreement with the governments of the countries concerned.
- f. To foster the improvement and harmonization of administrative, financial, and operational procedures for the planning, installation, improvement, maintenance, and operation of the

telecommunication networks of the Member States of CITELE, within the framework of the recommendations of the ITU.

- g. 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.

Functions

- a. To sponsor or undertake studies that will permit the orderly development of telecommunications networks, making use of the most suitable and efficient systems available.
- b. To maintain continuous contact with the various governmental and non-governmental international organizations in the field of telecommunications, and to promote the coordination of their activities with those of the Member States of the Organization.
- c. To request the cooperation of world or regional governmental organizations, especially the ITU, the Caribbean Telecommunication Union, and of international agencies concerned with telecommunications that enjoy executive status with the United Nations or maintain cooperative relations with the Organization.
- d. To collect and disseminate among the Member States of CITELE information pertaining to accomplishment of its objectives, as well as any other information that may be of interest.
- e. To serve as the principal advisory body of the Organization in all matters related to telecommunications in the Americas.
- f. To study the regulatory aspects of telecommunications.
- g. To study legal problems related to direct transmission via satellite, in order to prepare draft inter-American agreements on this subject and to formulate a common position for the Member States of CITELE to take in this connection when dealing with the pertinent international agencies.
- h. To prepare studies on the harmonization of policies on matters relating to telecommunications.
- i. To make recommendations in the field of telecommunications to the governments of the Member States of CITELE, taking into account those made by the ITU.
- j. To prepare and coordinate research in the field of telecommunications and electronics.
- k. 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.

2.2 Members and participants

All member states of the Organization are Members of CITELE.

The following organizations and entities may participate as observers:

- OAS permanent observers and, subject to COM/CITEL's approval, those American States that are not members of the Organization and which have requested to participate in the meeting;
- 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;
- Inter-American specialized organizations and entities of the Organization, and inter-American intergovernmental regional organizations;
- The United Nations and its specialized agencies;
- International and national organizations that are parties to agreements or arrangements establishing relations of cooperation with the Organization, with its organs, organizations, or agencies when such agreements or arrangements provide for participation of observers;
- Subject to COM/CITEL's approval, those international, regional, subregional and national agencies and organizations that are involved in telecommunications activities in the region and which have asked to participate in the meeting.

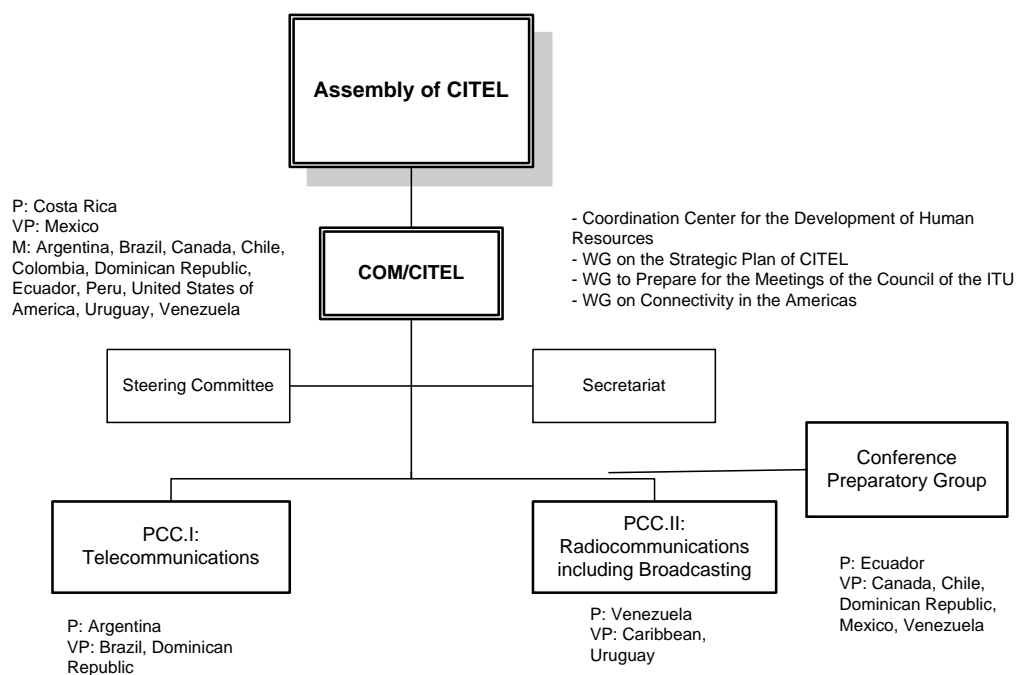
The Statute of CITELE also provides for participation, as an Associate Member of a Permanent Executive Committee, of any agency, organization, or institution related to the telecommunications industry that has legal personality, with the approval of the corresponding Member State of CITELE. As of January 2004, Associate Members make a minimum annual contribution of US\$2,500 [CITEL/RES. 40 (III/02)] for each Permanent Executive Committee in which they participate. Associate Members may participate fully, with voice but without vote, in all activities of that Permanent Executive Committee. They may present technical documents, and receive the documents of the Committee of which they are Associate Members, and of its working and ad hoc groups. As of December 31, 2007, CITELE had 122 Associate Members. Annex A contains a complete list of Associate Members.

2.3 Structure of CITELE

CITELE's current structure is:

- The Assembly of CITELE
- Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL)
- Steering Committee
- Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs):
 - i. Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications (PCC.I)
 - ii. Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting (PCC.II)

- Conference Preparatory Working Group to address regional preparations for international conferences and meetings
- Secretariat



It should be noted that the Steering Committee generally meets once a year and assists in the Commission's administration and strategic planning. The Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) provide advice on matters pertaining to their respective spheres of competence. They establish working groups and ad hoc groups where necessary to study topics of special interest. At present, there are 13 working groups that cover different aspects of telecommunications and radio communications, which in turn have 29 rapporteur groups or subgroups on topics of priority to the region. This structure came into effect as of the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEC, held from 20 to 23 February 2006, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

3. ACTIVITIES OF CITEC

Annex B hereto contains a list of the meetings held in 2007, indicating in each case the number of the corresponding final report. That Annex also contains a list of CITEC's quantifiable results for 2007

3.1 Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL)

Authorities

Chair:	Mr. Pedro Pablo Quirós Cortés (Costa Rica)
Alternative Chair:	Mr. Claudio Bermúdez Aquart (Costa Rica)
Vice-Chair:	Mr. Carlos A. Merchán Escalante (México)

The [Permanent Executive Committee](#) is the executive body of CITEL and generally meets once a year. The **XIX Meeting** was held in San José, Costa Rica, on December 4 to 7, 2007 and included an in-depth analysis of the mandates assigned to CITEL and the activities that would be required to comply with them. The Regular Fund assigned to CITEL is not sufficient to cover those requirements and, consequently, the specific funds allocated exclusively to the permanent consultative committees, per regulations, have been used to cover CITEL's costs. Under those circumstances, the Chair of COM/CITEL, with the backing of the Government of Costa Rica, has offered to intercede with the OAS Secretary General and other pertinent authorities in the OAS, to request the assignment and availability of additional Regular Fund resources to enable CITEL to operate in 2008 and 2009 in accordance with the Operations Plan approved by COM/CITEL and to finance new CITEL activities.

Main activities underway and new initiatives:

- **Preparations for conferences to address regional preparations for world conferences and meetings**

Work began on CITEL's preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference of the ITU (WTDC) and the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP), to be held in 2010.

- **Preparation for the Meetings of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**

Information was provided on the agreements reached at the XX Meeting of said group during the Meeting of the ITU Council. (Geneva, Switzerland, from September 4 to 14, 2007), in order to identify issues of concern to member Administrations of COM/CITEL, as a means for preparing for the upcoming meeting of the Council in 2008. Key issues considered were: the ITU's Financial Management Report for 2006; the establishment of a Council Group for Management and Budget (MBG); the accounting records for ITU TELECOM Americas 2005 activities; the Union's biennial budget for 2008 - 2009; the ITU's 2008-2011 operational plans, the Fund for the Development of Information and Communication Technologies (FDICTs); modification of the Terms of Reference of the Council Group on the Financial Regulations and Related Financial Management Issues, and the ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society's "Connect the World Initiative."

- **Development of Human Resources**

In 2007, pursuant to resolution COM/CITEL/RES. 204 (XVIII-06), scholarships were awarded for 26 courses: 17 distance education courses and 9 attendance-based courses. These courses were selected by CITEL after taking into account the training needs priorities of the countries of the region. Altogether, 307 scholarships were awarded to 27 countries: a 26 percent increase over the number awarded in 2006.

It should be pointed out that it was not possible to award all the initially authorized scholarships because not enough applications for scholarships were received. This was particularly marked in the case of the distance education courses, due to the red tape involved and the low cost of the scholarship assigned. It should be noted that CITEL evaluates the course materials in order to vouch for the quality of the courses. During this meeting, the Instituto Tecnológico de las Américas (ITLA) in the Dominican Republic and Argentina's Centro de Capacitación en Alta Tecnología were approved as CITEL Regional Training Centers. Approval was also granted in respect of the preliminary program of courses that would initially receive CITEL scholarships and of the working conditions for training in 2008. See Section 9 of this Report for further details.

- **Operations plan for 2008**

The draft program-budget of CITEL was approved, along with the calendar of meetings for 2008. Details may be found in Sections 10 and 11, respectively. It should be noted that to comply with CITEL's schedule of activities, a further US\$157,898 is required.

- **Strategic Plan of CITEL**

Pursuant to Decision COM/CITEL/DEC.55 (XVIII-06), work got under way on a study aimed at using the key performance indicators (KPI) to assess the relationship between objectives, mandates, goals, and outcomes of CITEL actions. During this meeting, the working group on this topic drew up a list of activity indicators with a view to systematizing some of the outcomes of CITEL's work. This information will be presented in each of the meetings of the Committees.

- **Connectivity in the Americas**

Information was also provided on the status of projects to support the closing of the digital divide and the development of the Information Society, which involves, inter alia, infrastructure, access networks, interconnection to Network Access Points (NAPs) and "ownership" aspects, which comprises ICT literacy campaigns and the development of local contents.

An integral connectivity projects management model was also presented, including, inter alia:

- A project presentation form and a guide for completing the information referred to;
- A list of sources of financing; and
- A form for gauging and evaluating the impact of expected outcomes.

3.2 Steering Committee of CITEL

The Steering Committee is made up of the Chair and Vice Chair of COM/CITEL and the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs). The **XII Meeting** of the Steering Committee was held on August 22 and 23, 2007, in San José, Costa Rica.

Some of the most important topics addressed were:

- Review of the 2007 CITEL activities program and the situation of the Associate Members, and consideration of the budget for upcoming years
- Analysis of work on non-ionizing radiation
- Situation of scholarship programs in 2007
- Progress with pilot projects for bridging the digital divide
- Work plan for preparation of the report on the situation of technologies and connectivity in the Americas

In connection with this meeting, a Forum of CITEL was held on August 21, in San José, Costa Rica, entitled “Convergence: Transition of traditional networks and services in the Americas.” Its purpose was to provide an opportunity for debate in which CITEL members analyzed ideas for forging a dynamic environment and using convergence as a tool for the growth of possible services, access, and hence the market, and to tap the synergies of the various groups endeavoring to tackle the challenges this sector faces. The meeting yielded some insight into the extent of progress so far and threw light on the challenges that still lie ahead with respect to boosting innovation and creativity by making better use of available resources and avoiding duplication.

We should point out in particular that on this occasion – bearing in mind the objective of helping countries benefit from the opportunities afforded by the Information Society and in accordance with the principles that emerged from the World Summit on the Information Society, the Summits of the Americas, OAS mandates, and the Millennium Development Goals -- an Agreement was signed between CITEL and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on cooperation in implementing the regional project entitled “Support for Closing the Digital Divide and for the Development of the Information Society.”

3.3 Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications

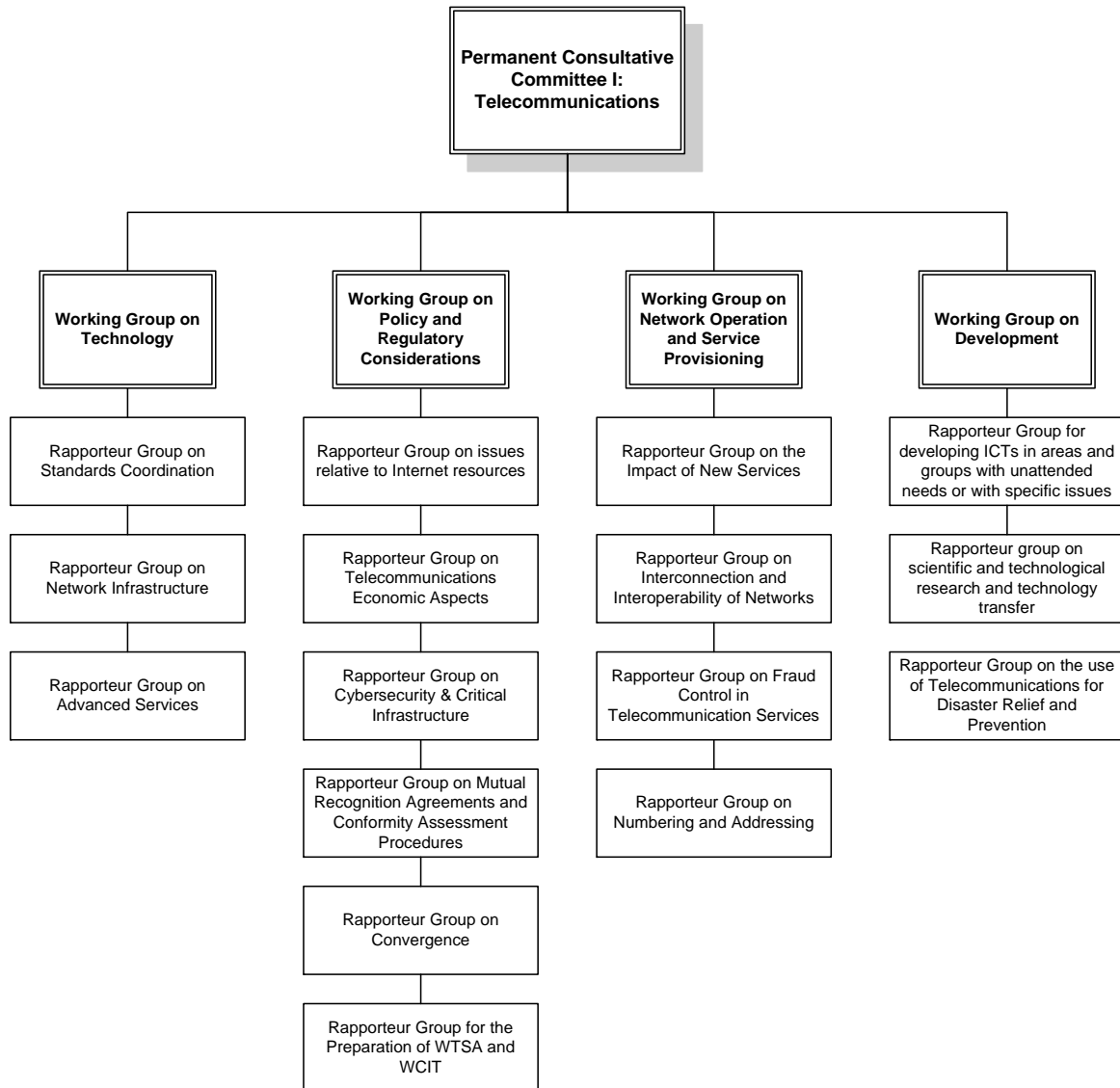
Officers:

Chair:	Mr. Carlos Lisandro Salas (Argentina)
Alternate Chair:	Mr. Sergio Scarabino (Argentina)
Vice Chair:	Mr. Jose Gonçalves Neto (Brazil)
Vice Chair:	Mr. Jose Alfredo Rizek (Dominican Republic)

[Permanent Consultative Committee I](#) is the telecommunication advisory body of CITEL as regards standards for the coordination of network and telecommunication services standards, with the aim of achieving the interoperability of such networks and services in the region; new policy, regulatory, and economic matters arising from the rapid evolution of telecommunications; and

initiatives regarding the introduction of technology and services, such as, among others, MRAs, conformity assessment procedures, and tariff issues.

Two meetings were held in 2007: the **X Meeting**, from March 20 to 23, 2007, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the **XI Meeting**, from September 25 to 28, 2007, in Mendoza, Argentina.



Main ongoing activities and new initiatives:

- Technology

As regards technology, the Committee will concentrate on reviewing existing standards developed to support next generation networks (NGN) and traditional systems, and will consider the network infrastructure needed to ensure that personalized services networks (voice, data and

multimedia) are high-performance and secure for end users, whenever and wherever used. Specific recommendations will be made to better serve current and future regional network requirements. In particular, it is important to conduct a study of the standards necessary for a problem-free migration to next generation networks, support infrastructure for delivery of personalized services, issues regarding convergence of existing networks so as to maintain interoperability throughout the region, and studies on the development of next generation services.

In particular, 2007 will underscore:

- The creation of Technical Notebooks on Aspects of Potency Line Communications (PLC) Technology. This technology consists of using electricity distribution cables to transmit information.
- The support of RFC 3761 of the IETF, “E 164 (ENUM) Application for Dynamic Delegation Discovery Systems (DDDS) of Uniform Resources Identifiers (URI).” The ENUM protocol that was developed by the Engineering Task Force unifies Internet (IETF) unifies traditional telephony and next generation IP networks, and provides a critical framework of correspondence and processing for different network addresses. ENUM provides correspondence to E. 164 telephone numbers—the most basic and commonly used communications address—in a Uniform Resources Identifier (URI) which may be used through many IP-based devices and applications (voice, fax, mobile, e-mail, text messaging, services based on location and Internet).

- **Policy and regulatory considerations**

This is a topic that arouses a great deal of interest owing to the changing telecommunication sector environment. In particular, studies are under way on: government policies and experiences in the administration of ccTLD and IP address blocks; economic aspects and tariff principles of telecommunication services, including an examination of the need for new or adapted charging and accounting mechanisms related to service provision in the region; security aspects of the development of communication networks; conformity assessment of telecommunication equipment and the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA); and convergence from the telecommunication regulation and policy standpoint.

Of special note, PCC.I will coordinate regional preparations for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the ITU World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT).

Of particular importance in 2007 were:

- The creation of a Technical Notebook on the Protection of Critical Telecommunication Infrastructures for sharing strategies, practical improvements, frameworks, experiences and policies.
- The creation of a Technical Notebook on Convergence with information to facilitate consultation and promote debate on the topic.
- The creation of a Technical Notebook on Practical Cases of Application and Use of Regulatory Accounting. Regulatory Accounting is currently a fundamental tool that allows the regulator to exercise its functions efficiently. In general, regulatory

authorities, acting under the umbrella provided by concession contracts or service licenses, do not have information of the same quality as those who carry the responsibility of furthering the provision of that service. This problem particularly arises with regard to payments, costs and expenses related to service delivery. This becomes critical when, as in the telecommunications sector, we repeatedly refer to efficiency in the provision of services and fundamentally in the evaluation or determination of tariff structures and levels.

- The start of research into ways of improving Internet access in the region.

- **Network operation and service delivery**

Under this topic, the Committee will analyze operations of telecommunication service providers, the introduction of services over current and next generation networks, and the convergence of networks and services. We underscore the importance of conducting these studies, particularly with regard to strategies and best practices for the detection and reduction of telecommunications fraud.

Of special note in 2007 were:

- The creation of a Technical Notebook on Electronic Numbering (ENUM) to provide information on technical innovations and regulatory issues.
- The creation of a Technical Notebook on the operation and experiences regarding the introduction of new services in an environment of convergence, to provide updated information and contribute to debate on successful strategies and experiences in the effective provision of new services.
- The creation of a Technical Notebook on Fraud in the provision of telecommunication services in the region, dealing with at least the following topics: types of fraud, the effects of fraud, technical tools for minimizing the impact of fraud, regulatory, legal, and administrative instruments for combating fraud, and recommendations issued.

- **Development**

This group will identify specific actions aimed at bridging the digital divide, and universalization of the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to facilitate network infrastructure development, access to new services, and transfer of technology and knowledge, especially for developing countries, taking into account principally the needs of vulnerable groups and indigenous communities.

Among its activities of note in 2007, the group began updating information so as to formulate recommendations on policies and regulatory actions for the countries of the Region. These recommendations will help them introduce universal access, handicapped access, and rural zone access, with greater efficiency. Furthermore, a Rapporteur's Group was established on the use of telecommunications in disaster prevention and relief to work with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on developing Contingency Plan Recommendations prior, during, and following the occurrence of predictable natural disasters and during and after the occurrence of those that are unpredictable.

- **Seminars, workshops and informational meetings**

Workshops assist in disseminating specialized knowledge about cutting-edge technology. The following were held in 2007:

First Workshop on impacts of fraud for the provision of telecommunication services for States, users, and operators. (Via the Internet, June 21, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Bogotá, Colombia time.)

In its X Meeting, the PCC.I agreed to hold a series of workshops on the subject of fraud in the provision of telecommunications services, to be attended by international experts on the subject. The essential aim of this first workshop was to build awareness in the sector of the Americas on the great impact of fraud on the provision of telecommunications services. The sector has suffered significant losses due to fraud, to the detriment of economic performance, administrative effectiveness, and image. These losses can affect all stakeholders in the industry, especially users, the State and telecommunications operators who see their finances affected by these unscrupulous actions.

Seminar on “Bridging the Standardization Divide.” Organized jointly with ITU (Mendoza, Republic of Argentina, September 24, 2007)

This seminar analyzed different dimensions of the standardization divide and identified strategies to address these gaps. It also considered potential functions and responsibilities of the telecommunications regulatory agencies and the government to promote standardized solutions and a better understanding of the technologies inherent in the standards, thereby contributing to a better understanding of the competitive advantages and economies of laying the networks and systems on a base of international standards.

Second Workshop on “Impacts of fraud on the provision of telecommunications services in the Americas.” (Mendoza, Argentine Republic, September 27, 2007)

This Second Workshop focused on trade-related issues as well as problems and policies to fight the different types of fraud in telecommunications.

Regional dialogue: “The potential of telecommunications for disaster assistance.” (Via videoconference, on October 16, 2007, from Washington D.C. (United States of America), Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic), Guatemala City (Guatemala), Tegucigalpa (Honduras), Lima (Peru) and Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago).

This event was held in collaboration with the United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) and was sponsored by the World Bank’s Global Development Learning Network (GDLN). The workshop focused on the potential use of telecommunications during disaster emergency, assistance and relief operations and could be viewed live on Internet.

3.4 Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunication including Broadcasting

Officers:

Chair:	Mr. Jesse Chacón (Venezuela)
Alternate Chair:	Mr. Mikhail Marsiglia (Venezuela)
Vice Chair:	Mr. León Lev (Uruguay)

The [Permanent Consultative Committee II](#) is the technical advisory body of CITEL for coordination and harmonization of standards on spectrum use, and the planning and efficient use of the radio spectrum and satellite orbits for radiocommunication services, including broadcasting.

Two meetings were held in 2007: the **IX Meeting** was held in San Salvador, El Salvador, from April 17 to 20, 2007, and the **X Meeting**, in Orlando, Florida, United States from July 31 through August 3, 2007.

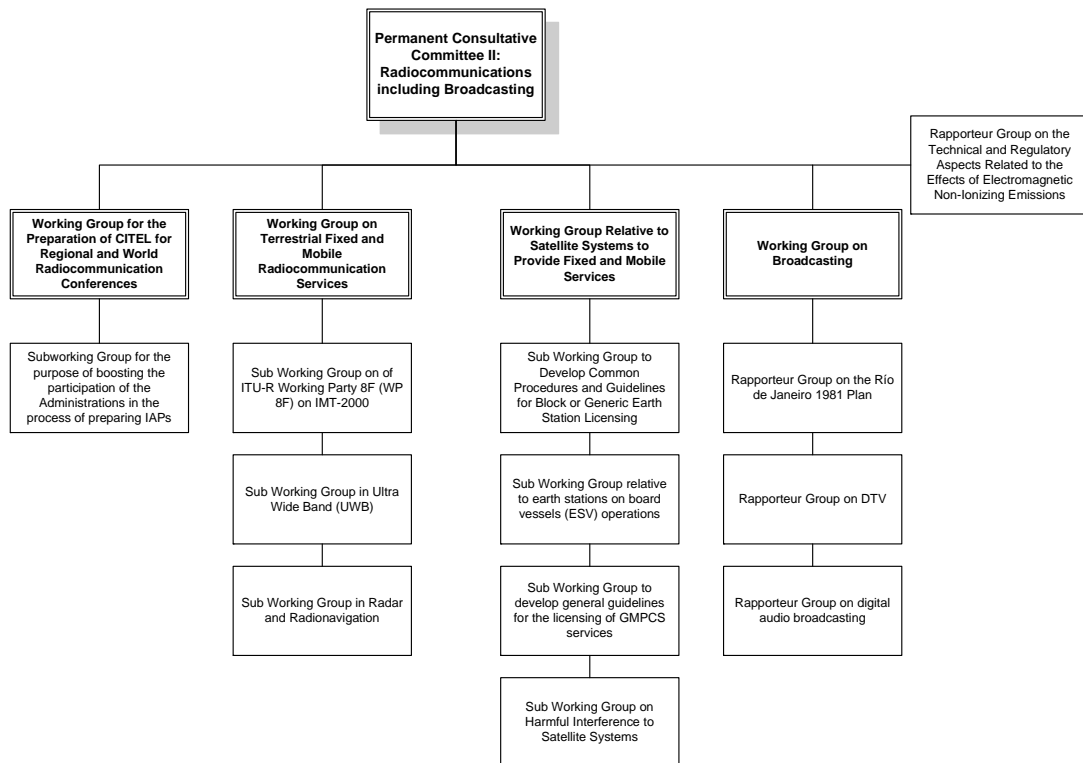
There is ever greater recognition of the importance of wireless technologies, the economic value of the limited frequency spectrum, and the need to consider measures for interoperability and rapid technological development. 2007 was a highly active year for PCC.II, with a great deal of participation and contributions, particularly in connection with preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07) that took place from October 22 to November 16, 2007.

Main ongoing activities and new initiatives

Of particular note were:

- [World Radiocommunication Conference](#)

Preparations for WRC-07 were finalized with the submission of 468 inter-American proposals, most of which were successful at the Conference. During the Conference, there were 24 official working meetings. Seventy-six updates were circulated of status presented by the excellent spokespersons, and 174 documents. Taking into account the excellent results achieved, interregional coordination was continued, with the regions participating in one another's meetings on these subjects. The process covered regional organizations in Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Federation of the Regional Commonwealth in the Area of Communications.



More than 2,800 delegates, representing 164 member states and 104 observers, attended the four-week Conference, which was characterized by intense negotiations over the future of wireless communications. Rapid technological change and the growth of the information and communication technologies (ICTs) sector have increased the demand for spectrum. The international treaty known as the Radio Regulations, which governs use of the radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbits, was revised and updated at WRC-07 with a view to achieving the global connectivity objectives of the XXI Century. The Radio Regulations contain frequency allocations for over 40 radiocommunication services, ranging from amateur operator services and professional radiocommunications to mobile wireless technologies and satellite communications.

Approximately 30 agenda items were addressed at WRC-07. They involved almost all terrestrial and space-based radiocommunication services and applications, such as future generations of mobile telephony, aeronautical telemeasuring systems, telecommand systems, satellite services, meteorological applications, maritime distress and security signals, digital radio broadcasting, and the use of radiocommunication in the prediction and detection of natural disasters.

- [Fixed and mobile terrestrial radiocommunication services](#)

Work continues on identifying the current status of radio frequency use, especially in Region 2, in order to prepare resolutions and recommendations for the harmonization of spectrum use for fixed and mobile terrestrial radiocommunication services. During this period, resolutions or recommendations were adopted on subjects such as low-power radio devices, which will allow for the harmonization of regulations among the member countries of CITEI; the use of on-board aircraft Radio Local Area Networks (RLANs) on bands 5 150-5 250 MHz, 5 250 – 5 350 MHz, 5 470-5 725

MHz and 5 725-5 825 MHz on a license-exemption basis in cases where the national regulatory framework allows it (it was recommended that on-board aircraft RLANs on bands 5 150-5 250 MHz, 5 250 – 5 350 MHz be used indoors, as specific in resolution 229 (WRC-03)); and the Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) Plan in Appendix 30B of the ITU Radio Regulations for bands 4 500-4 800 MHz, 6725-7025 MHz, 10.7-10.95 GHz, 11.2-11.45 GHz and 12.75-13.25 GHz, established to guarantee equal access to the geostationary orbit by all countries.

- **Satellite systems for the provision of fixed and mobile services**

Information efforts continued on the general guidelines for the licensing of Global Mobile Personal Communications by Satellite (GMPCS) systems, procedures for authorizing earth stations on board vessels (ESV), the implementation of regulations facilitating the deployment of satellite services, and harmful interference from unauthorized satellite network transmissions.

At upcoming meetings, existing databases will be updated and C-band use, operation, and applications by CITELE Member Administrations will be examined.

- **Broadcasting**

In 2007, work focused on digital television and digital sound broadcasting. The Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) Broadcasting Implementation Guide was updated, and preparation began on a report on the results of tests to evaluate performance of the different categories of mass-market analogue AM receivers.

The Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) Broadcasting Implementation Guide seeks to assist Member States in their efforts to plan and implement DTT by sharing the experiences of countries that have already made significant strides in this area. The aim of this guide is to assist each Administration in implementing the DTT system that is best suited to its needs, with particular consideration of the social, economic, and industrial circumstances of that country.

In the future, the Group expects to continue its work to promote the introduction of new technologies in broadcasting services and the coordination and harmonization of procedures, standards, and operational aspects related to broadcasting networks and services, in keeping with the socioeconomic, technological, and training needs of each country.

- **Technical and regulatory aspects of the effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic emissions**

Work was completed on a CD containing information compiled in different agencies and Administrations of this and other regions. This CD is an important informational medium to help the public understand the scope of the effects of electromagnetic radiation produced by the equipment used to provide services.

A DVD was made, which will include information from the CD along with the results of the workshops on this topic held in Lima, Peru on June 19, 2006 and San Salvador, El Salvador on April 16, 2007.

- **Seminars, workshops, and informational meetings**

Regional dialogue “Use of 3.4 – 4.2 GHz frequency bands for fixed-satellite service and terrestrial broadband applications” (Videoconference between Buenos Aires, Argentina; La Paz, Bolivia; Brasilia, Brazil; Quito, Ecuador; Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic; and Washington D.C., United States of America, on February 12, 2007).

This event was sponsored by the World Bank’s Global Development Learning Network (GDLN). Since the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) originally assigned the C band for use by the global satellite communications industry, a wealth of systems and services have sprung up all over the world and millions of users now depend on satellites for essential communications. Communications companies and governments throughout the world are reporting increasingly frequent incidents in which fixed and mobile satellite services are seriously impaired by interference from terrestrial wireless services in band C “extended” and normal frequencies (3.4 – 4.2 GHz). This regional dialogue analyzed in some detail viable options for guaranteeing uninterrupted access to satellite communications and for facilitating, at the same time, transmission of terrestrial wireless services.

Workshop on Technical and Regulatory Aspects Related to the Effects of Electromagnetic Non-ionizing Emissions (San Salvador, El Salvador, April 16, 2007)

The increasing deployment of wireless systems has raised the level of public concern, making it necessary to consider rigorous scientific studies to avoid all uncertainty and allow sustainable decisions to be taken to preserve public health. CITEL seeks to provide:

- Regulatory officials with the necessary tools to develop rules and standards on exposure to electromagnetic fields; and
- The general public with information to gain an understanding of the new technologies.

Terrestrial spectrum for IMT (item 1.4 on the agenda of WRC-07) (San Salvador, El Salvador, April 16, 2007)

A summary was given of the work leading to several ITU-R reports and the RPC Report as documentation for Item 1.4 on the agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07). Those reports include market studies, estimates of spectrum requirements, candidate bands, and methods identified for tackling item 1.4 of the agenda for WRC-07. Spokespersons for the industry supported the need for a larger harmonized spectrum to meet future needs and the development of a global system with roaming. It was suggested that once the outcomes of WRC-07 had become known another seminar be held, possibly in 2008, to begin to consider how best to use the bands identified for the benefit of everyone in the Americas and worldwide.

4. SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

As noted in earlier annual reports, CITEL prepared the base document of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito and, in view of the Agenda’s multisectoral nature, this document was forwarded to the OAS Secretariat for the Summit Process for its

implementation. This document proposes guidelines for the member states in developing national connectivity agendas. CITEL has created and maintains a connectivity information page on its website to facilitate worldwide exchange of information on connectivity.

The most recent activities of the Executive Committees have enabled rapid progress to be made in connection with the mandates assigned to CITEL by the Summit, in particular, those pertaining to:

- Measures designed to modernize national legislation;
- Fostering of increased competitiveness and productivity in all sectors through applications such as distance education and tele-medicine;
- Simplification of provisions governing the provision of satellite services in our countries;
- Modernization and expansion of telecommunication infrastructure in rural and urban areas through timely incorporation of new technologies and services;
- Promotion of discussion on adequate standards to ensure interoperability for existing and future telecommunication networks and timely introduction of technology in new and existing markets;
- Enhancement of telecommunication sector human resources by means of ongoing training programs;
- Analysis of the status of connectivity in the region.

A document is available that follows up in detail on each mandate and on CITEL's actions to implement it.

Since the adoption of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito, great strides have been made with regard to the connectivity objectives in all countries of the region, based on actions carried out in the framework of regional, subregional, and world multilateral organizations, and within the scope of the World Summit on the Information Society process. In view of such advances, an inventory was compiled from connectivity initiatives and their implementation situation in the region, including national connectivity timetables, particularly with regard to the use of ICTs. Based on this study, the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito moved to phase II, with the aim of strengthening the promotion of its results and facilitating the beneficial integration of the Hemisphere into an increasingly knowledge-based society.

5. ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretariat are defined in Articles 25, 26, and 27 of the Statute of CITEL and in Articles 91 and 92 of the Regulations of CITEL.

5.1 Improvement of the procedures of CITEL

In 2007, every effort continued to be made to promote CITEL's priority activities, disseminate its image, and carry out activities both to retain its current number of Associate Members and to attract new Members.

To encourage active participation of current members and attract new participants, it is essential to offer an effective and efficient organizational framework and a plan for the active promotion of the value of CITELE in order to provide assurance of its advantages, underscoring its worldwide recognition, credibility, and leadership, the high quality and impact of its recommendations, and its willingness to adapt in accordance with the needs/priorities of the countries of the region.

Furthermore, mechanisms for preparations for international telecommunication meetings have been enhanced, with the aim of presenting common positions to strengthen the regional position in the international context. As indicated in previous Sections, to be noted is the work done in the framework of the World Radiocommunication Conference.

The work plans of the Permanent Consultative Committees are being established taking into account the decisions of the OAS General Assembly and the Summits of the Americas, and recognizing the outcomes of World Summit on the Information Societies (WSIS) and the work done by ITU and other relevant organizations. The PCCs, when they consider it relevant, will update the methods and processes they are using to implement the Strategic Plan of CITELE, which identify objectives and actions to be implemented by CITELE to fulfill the purposes set out in this document.

In 2007, publication continued of info@CITELE, a monthly electronic newsletter on activities in the telecommunications sector, targeted at Member States, Associate Members, and other interested parties. Industry members have welcomed this CITELE publication, which currently has **6,000** subscribers.

Also, thanks to the kind collaboration of the Administration of Argentina, a system was introduced for managing the entire CITELE contacts database. This system will provide for online registration at meetings and for updating information on each participant. This project is slated for completion in 2008.

5.2 Representation of CITELE in other forums

The Secretariat took part in the following meetings outside the normal schedule of activities of CITELE.

Meeting	Site and date	Representative
Third Spectrum Management Policy Development Meeting (CTU)	Saint Lucia, March 7-9, 2007	Graciela Piedras
UN World Information Society Day	New York, New York, USA May 17, 2007	Clovis Baptista
InfoCom- Americas	Miami, Florida, USA June 18-19, 2007	Clovis Baptista
Consulta interinstitucional ELAC - multi-stakeholder consultation	Santiago, Chile September 12, 2007	Graciela Piedras

Meeting	Site and date	Representative
II Iberoamerican Meeting on the Millenium Goals and ICT	Santiago, Chile September 13-14, 2007	Graciela Piedras
World Radiocommunication Conference 2007	Geneva, Switzerland October 22 to November 16, 2007	Clovis Baptista Graciela Piedras
I International Conference on IP Telecommunications	Quito, Ecuador July 4-6, 2007	Sergio Scarabino (Alternate Chair of PCC.I, Argentine Administration)
ANDICOM 2007	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia October 24-26, 2007	Santiago Reyes Borda (Canadian Administration)

In addition, member state representatives participated in preparatory meetings for the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07), organized by other regional telecommunication agencies, where information was provided on aspects of radiocommunication, broadcasting, and the status of preparations for the Conference.

6. MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN THE WORK OF CITEL

CITEL has always encouraged the full and equal participation of women in decision-making at every level.

CITEL's Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources, which determines the telecommunication training program with the aim of addressing the needs of CITEL Members, focuses especially on promoting gender equality in selecting scholarship recipients and in course material, in accordance with the operative section of **COM/CITEL RES. 160 (XIII-03)**.

In its future work plan, CITEL will continue to promote further dissemination of gender issues and a better understanding of the relationship between ICTs and gender in order to raise awareness of the importance of telecommunication regulatory policies that take account of gender issues.

7. COOPERATION RELATIONS WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The cooperation of CITEL with international and regional organizations continues to grow as a means to improve efficiency, avoid duplication of effort, and reduce time for resolving disputes by considering different issues at an early stage. The objective of such agreements is to ensure that, through cooperation with other organizations on topics of common interest, synergies will be obtained that will enhance the efficiency of the parties. In general, cooperation agreements provide for coordination and cooperation in carrying out activities that both parties have included in their annual work programs, such as the organization of seminars on topics of common interest, collaboration on joint projects, and joint training and publications. In addition, they provide for

access by the parties to documents and publications pertaining to their programs and activities. Through the collective efforts of the Permanent Consultative Committees of CITELE, the organization has gained considerable international recognition, as attested to by the number of cooperation agreements concluded.

CITELE takes part in interregional meetings with the criterion of strengthening dialogue with the representatives of regional telecommunication organizations throughout the world for matters addressed in international telecommunications organizations, such as the ITU, in order to facilitate work during said Conferences.

Special note should be made of activities to develop coordination with the regional organizations of Africa, Europe (Western and Eastern), Asia-Pacific, and the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications in preparation for the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC).

Cooperation with the ITU has grown in recent years, as is evident from the various activities jointly carried out. Among these, we underscore the ongoing coordination of telecommunication training programs with the Center of Excellence for the Americas Region and the inventories compiled on regulatory aspects, tele-education, tele-health, and infrastructure in support of the study on connectivity in the region. In addition, the Seminar on "Bridging the Standardization Divide" took place in the framework of the XI Meeting of PCC.I on September 24, 2007 in Mendoza, Argentina.

The table below sets out the organizations with which CITELE has concluded cooperation agreements.

Organizations	Objective	Date of signature/ termination
Hispano-American Association of Research Centres and Telecommunications Companies (AHCJET)	An association of research centers and telecommunication companies whose purpose is to promote and cooperate in the development of various technical, administrative, and training aspects in the telecommunications area, with a view to optimal promotion of the areas of research, study, and company administration.	Signed: November 15, 1996
Andean Community Telecommunications Enterprises Association (ASETA)	An international organization with broad experience in the telecommunication area	Signed: December 14, 2001
Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solutions (ATIS) Committee T1 (U.S.)	Establishes standards for planning, designing, and the operation of global end-to-end telecommunications and related telecommunication services	Signed: August 24, 2001

Organizations	Objective	Date of signature/ termination
African Telecommunications Union (ATU)	An agency of the African Union (AU) established by the fourth regular meeting of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the African Telecommunications Union as the successor to the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU). Its objective is to promote the rapid development of info-communication in Africa in order to achieve, in the most efficient manner, universal service, universal access, and full inter-country connectivity	Signed: June 13, 2003
Caribbean/Latin American Action (C/LAA)	An independent private organization for the promotion of private sector-led economic development in the Caribbean area and throughout the Hemisphere	Signed: August 16, 2002
CDMA Development Group (CDG)	A consortium of companies that have joined together to provide leadership in the adoption and evaluation of CDMA systems worldwide.	Signed: October 21, 2003
European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)	An independent organization that cooperates with the European Union and the European Free Trade Association, other pertinent inter-institutional organizations, and other organizations associated with postal services and electronic communications	Signed: March 21, 2002
European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)	Carries out pre-standardization and standardization activities in areas common to telecommunications, information technology, and sound and television broadcasting, and produces European standards in the telecommunications area	Signed: July 17, 2001
3G Americas	To encourage and facilitate the deployment of GSM, GPRS, EDGE, and UMTS (WCDMA) in the Americas	Signed: August 31, 2004

Organizations	Objective	Date of signature/ termination
Global VSAT Forum	An independent non-profit organization that promotes private sector-led economic development worldwide, including the Americas.	Signed: October 1, 2003
International Astronautical Federation (IAF)	A nongovernmental, non-profit organization for the advancement of knowledge of space and the development and application of space resources to benefit mankind.	Signed: August 25, 2003
Telecommunication Industry Association (TIA) (U.S.)	Pre-standardization and standardization activities in areas common to telecommunications, through a consensus-based process that includes all interested parties. It has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and has ensured TIA's compliance with ANSI's rules for openness and balance. TIA's objective is to contribute to worldwide standardization at the international level and it works very closely with European and Asian standards organizations.	Signed: August 20, 2001
Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (Federación de la Mancomunidad Regional en el Área de Comunicaciones) (RCC)	Created by the communications administrations of the states indicated in the agreement establishing a Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (December 17, 1991), with the aim of ensuring broad cooperation and carrying out coordinated activities among these states in the area of postal communications and telecommunications. (Azerbaijan Republic, <u>Republic of Armenia</u> , Republic of Belarus, <u>Georgia</u> , Republic of Kazakhstan, <u>Kyrgyz Republic</u> , <u>Republic of Moldova</u> , <u>Russian Federation</u> , <u>Republic of Tajikistan</u> , <u>Republic of Turkey</u> , Turkmenistan, <u>Republic of Uzbekistan</u> , <u>Republic of Ukraine</u>).	Signed: August 14, 2002

Organizations	Objective	Date of signature/ termination
IA-450	Formed four years ago to promote the use of digital and analog technologies in the 400-500 MHZ band. Currently has 24 members, including 10 operators and 13 industry members.	March 6, 2006
ICANN	<p>ICANN, a non-profit public-interest entity, is the international organization responsible for managing and supervising coordination of the Internet domain name system and its unique identifiers.</p> <p>ICANN was created through a Memorandum of Understanding between the US Department of Commerce and ICANN to manage the transition of the Domain Names System (DNS) from the United States government into the global community. The most recent version of the Memorandum of Understanding is meant to be the final text and sets forth a series of objectives for ICANN which, when they are achieved, will lead to a totally independent ICANN organization.</p>	Signed: November 2007
Unión Postal de las Américas, España y Portugal (UPAEP)	An intergovernmental organization whose mission is to coordinate the regulation of postal activity and postal policy in general among its member states to ensure that universal service is provided on an equal access basis as a means of ensuring quality of service and safeguarding customer's rights.	Signed: May 29, 2002
International Telecommunication Union	<p>An international organization of the United Nations system, in which governments and the private sector coordinate global telecommunications networks and services. An agreement was signed between the ITU and the OAS, not with CITELE in particular, in 1969.</p> <p>In April 2004, an agreement specific to the training program was signed with the ITU Centre of Excellence. To complement this Agreement, a specific tripartite agreement was concluded between CITELE, the ITU, and the Regional Training Centers that offer</p>	<p>Signed: May 16, 1969</p> <p>Signed: April, 2004</p>

Organizations	Objective	Date of signature/ termination
	<p>the courses, indicating a number of aspects, among them: each organization's responsibilities, number of scholarships, copyright, and evaluation of the quality of the material. These agreements normally remain in force until the conclusion of the different courses.</p> <p>A Cooperation Agreement on "Reducing the digital divide and advancing the information society in the Americas" was signed on August 20, 2007.</p>	

8. STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS SPONSORED BY CITEL

8.1 Lima Convention

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

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

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

Signatory country	Date of signature	RA/AC/AD	Date of deposit of instrument
Venezuela		AD 10/14/88	11/30/88

RA= ratification

AC= acceptance

AD= accession

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

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

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

This was approved at the Second Meeting of CITEL's Permanent Executive Committee, held in December 1994 [COM/CITEL/RES. 5 (II-94)]. It was subsequently adopted in Montrouis, Haiti at the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly [AG/RES. 1316 (XXV-O/95)].

This Convention provides for temporary operation of amateur radio stations in one Member State by persons holding IARP permits issued by another Member State without need for further review. Any Member State may issue permits to its citizens to operate in another Member State. The IARP Convention came into force on February 23, 1996. The OAS General Secretariat is the depository for its instruments of ratification, acceptance, and accession.

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

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

At its thirty-third regular session, the OAS General Assembly, in resolution AG/RES. 1947 (XXXIII-O/03), adopted the Protocol of Amendment to the Inter-American Convention on the Amateur Radio Permit, intended to grant holders of the Radio Amateur License of the member

countries of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) that have implemented CEPT's Recommendation T/R 61-01, "CEPT Radio Amateur License" the same rights and privileges granted to IARP holders of CITEL Member States that become States Parties to the Protocol, while CEPT extends to holders of IARPs the same privileges and exemptions granted to holders of CEPT Radio Amateur Licenses of the member countries of CEPT that have implemented the aforementioned Recommendation.

This new procedure will reduce the countries' workload and, therefore, the costs involved, and will be of fundamental importance, particularly in emergency situations. The OAS General Secretariat is the depository for instruments of ratification, acceptance, and accession.

Signatory country	Date of signature	RA/AC/AD	Date of deposit of instrument
Panama	11/21/06	RA	11/21/06

Member States are urged to sign the Convention and the Protocol of Amendment, in view of the importance of this method of communication in disasters.

9. TRAINING ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY CITEL/OAS

Changes in the telecommunications environment have increased the need for professional development of telecommunication human resources in the region through training on priority topics. In 2007, CITEL had 17 Regional Training Centers distributed throughout the region and works in close coordination with the ITU Center of Excellence for the Americas Region.

The program of courses for which scholarships are offered was prepared based, in general, on the surveys of the region's needs. In 2007, pursuant to the provisions of resolution **COM/CITEL RES. 204 (XVIII-06)**, scholarships were offered for 17 distance education courses and 9 attendance-based courses, details of which are given in the table below.

The terms on which courses are offered, unless otherwise expressly indicated, were adopted in the abovementioned resolution:

- A maximum of 35 students will be permitted in each distance education course group.
- The maximum tuition fee for all distance education courses offered with scholarships through CITEL will be US\$200.
- 10% of the total amount collected as tuition fees of recipients of CITEL/OAS scholarships for distance education courses offered through the ITU Center of Excellence platform will be deposited in an account to be used as seed budgetary resources for course programs of coming years. Authorization for use of that account shall be through the Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.

Course	Offered By	Type of course, language, date	Number of scholarships
[1] Spectrum management in the civil sector Course	United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) Sponsored by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Comsearch	<i>Traditional (12 days)</i> English <i>Orientation: April 6 April 9 to 20 Washington DC, USA</i>	4 scholarships offered of economy class tickets (USTTI offers a scholarship of US\$ 400 and does not charge the administrative fee of US\$ 150)
[2] Digital Terrestrial Television Course: Technological and Market Considerations Course	Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) (Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros)	<i>Distance learning (6 weeks)</i> Spanish and English <i>April 30 to June 8</i>	45 scholarships offered for registration fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 OAS scholarships of US\$ 200 • 30 OAS scholarships =US \$ 100 and Center & ITU= US \$ 100
[3] Wireless multimedia services Course	Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) (<i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires</i>)	<i>Distance learning (6 weeks)</i> Spanish <i>April 30 to June 8</i>	45 scholarships offered for registration fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 OAS scholarships of US\$ 200 • 30 OAS scholarships =US \$ 100 and Center & ITU= US \$ 100
[4] Internet Television (IPTV) Course	National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay (ANTEL) (Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de Uruguay)	<i>Distance learning (6 weeks)</i> Spanish <i>May14 to June 22</i>	45 scholarships offered for registration fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 OAS scholarships of US\$ 200 • 30 OAS scholarships =US \$ 100 and Center & ITU= US \$ 100
[5] Mobile Telephony Systems Course	Julio Garavito Colombian School of Engineering (Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería "Julio Garavito")	<i>Distance learning (4 weeks)</i> Spanish <i>May 14 to June 8</i>	15 scholarships offered for registration fee (US\$ 160)
[6] E-government to develop strategies and policies Course	United States Telecommunications Training Institute) (USTTI)	<i>Traditional (15 days)</i> English <i>Orientation: June 15 June 18 to 29 Washington, DC, USA</i>	5 scholarships offered for economy class tickets (USTTI offers a scholarship of US\$ 400 and does not charge an administrative fee of US \$150)
[7] TCP/IP Network Management Course	National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay	<i>Distance learning (4 weeks)</i> Spanish	30 scholarships offered for registration fee (OAS = US\$ 100, Center & ITU=

Course	Offered By	Type of course, language, date	Number of scholarships
		<i>June 4 to 29</i>	US \$ 100
[8] Environmental Management of Electromagnetic Fields in Telecommunications Course	National Engineering University – Executing Unit 002 INICTEL – UNI (INICTEL-UNI)	<i>Distance learning (6 weeks)</i> Spanish <i>June 4 to July 13</i>	15 scholarships offered for registration fee (US\$ 200)
[9] Internet Network Engineering Course	Center for Technological Innovation of the Engineering School of Paraguay	<i>Traditional (5 days)</i> Spanish <i>July 16 to 20, 2006</i> <i>Asunción, Paraguay</i>	5 scholarships offered for economic class tickets. The center offers to pay for lodging, lunch and medical insurance.
[10] ICT Policymaking in a Global Environment; Purpose and Impact of European Regulation of Communications Course	United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)	<i>Traditional (5 days)</i> English <i>Orientation: July 27</i> <i>July 30 to August 3</i> <i>Washington, DC, USA</i>	5 scholarships offered for economic class tickets. (USTTI offers one scholarship of US\$ 400 and does not charge administration fee of US\$ 150)
[11] Mobile broadband Course	United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)	<i>Traditional (5 days)</i> English <i>Orientation: August 10</i> <i>August 13 to 17</i> <i>San Diego, California, USA</i>	5 scholarships offered for economic class tickets. (USTTI offers one scholarship of US\$ 400 and does not charge administration fee of US\$ 150)
[12] Design and Implementation of Quality of Service (QoS) on IP Networks Course	Center of Excellence for the Americas Region of the International Telecommunication Union through CINETEL (Colombia)	<i>Distance Learning (4 weeks)</i> Spanish <i>July 23 to August 17</i>	30 scholarships offered for registration rates. (OAS=US\$ 100, Centro & ITU =US\$ 100)
[13] Sequence of courses on internet security (Domain names and related Internet technology, protection of the infrastructure of national/ development security policies, cyber security)	United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)	<i>Traditional (5 days)</i> English <i>Traditional: September 7</i> <i>September 10 to 17</i> <i>Washington, DC, USA</i>	4 scholarships offered for economic class tickets (USTTI offers a scholarship of US\$ 400 and does not charge administrative fee of US\$ 150)
[14] Procedures and techniques of radio frequency spectrum monitoring Course	United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)	<i>Traditional (5 days)</i> English <i>Orientation: September 24</i>	1 scholarship offered for economic class tickets. (The class is only for 5 people in total.)

Course	Offered By	Type of course, language, date	Number of scholarships
		<i>September 24 to 28 Columbia, Maryland, USA</i>	(USTTI offers a scholarship of US\$ 400 and does not charge administration rate of US\$ 150)
[15] Disaster Communication Management Course	United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) Sponsored by the Pan American health Organization (PAHO)	<i>Traditional (7 days) English October 9 to 15 Washington DC, USA</i>	6 scholarship offered in economic class tickets (USTTI offers a scholarship of US\$ 400 and does no charge administration rate of US\$ 150)
[16] Fraud Prevention, Detection and Control of Techniques Course	University Distrital Francisco José de Caldas (Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas)	<i>Distance learning (7 weeks) Spanish September 24 to November 9</i>	15 scholarships offered for registration rate. (US\$ 200)
[17] TCP/IP Network Management Course	National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay	<i>Distance learning (4 weeks) English November 5 to 30</i>	25 scholarships offered for registration fee (OAS = US\$ 100, Center & ITU= US \$ 100)
[18] Implementation of aggregate Ethernet/MPLS network for rendering of multi-service Course	Engineering and Technology School of the Catholic University (Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica del Uruguay)	<i>Distance Learning (5 weeks) Spanish October 15 to November 16</i>	15 scholarships offered for registration rate (US\$ 200)
[19] Balanced Scorecard for telecommunications companies Course (Complete command chart applied to telecommunications sector)	Center of Excellence for the Americas Region of the International Telecommunication Union through CINTEL (Colombia)	<i>Distance Learning (4 weeks) Spanish November 5 to December 7</i>	30 scholarships offered for registration rate (OAS=US\$ 100, Centro & ITU =US\$ 100)
[20] Broadband – ADSL technology Course	Center for Technological Innovation of engineering School of Paraguay (Centro de Innovación Tecnológica de la Facultad de Ingeniería de Paraguay)	<i>Traditional (5 days) Spanish November 26 to 30 Asunción, Paraguay</i>	4 scholarships of tickets economy class offered . The Center will pay for lodging , lunch and medical insurance.
[21] Wi-Max- Networks, Standard IEEE-802.16 Course	Technological Institute of Buenos Aires (ITBA)	<i>Distance Learning (6 weeks) Spanish and English December 3 to 14, 2007 and January 21 to February 15,</i>	45 scholarships offered for registration rate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Scholarships from OAS US\$ 200 • 30 Scholarships from

Course	Offered By	Type of course, language, date	Number of scholarships
		2008	OAS =US\$ 100 & Center & ITU =US\$ 100
[22] Virtual Private Networks (VPN)	Universidad Blas Pascal (Córdoba, Argentina)	Distance Learning (5 weeks) Spanish November 12 to December 14	30 scholarships offered for registration rate. (OAS=US\$ 100, Centro & ITU =US\$ 100)
[23] Design and Implementation of IP Network Course	Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería - Unidad Ejecutora 002 INICTEL-UNI (INICTEL-UNI)	Distance Learning (6 weeks) Spanish November 12 to December 21	15 scholarships offered for registration rate (US\$ 200)
[24] Balanced Scorecard application and follow-up Course (Supported in the Information and Communication Technology ICT)	Center of Excellence for the Americas Region of the International Telecommunication Union through CINETEL (Colombia)	Distance Learning (5 weeks) Spanish December 3 to 14, 2007 and January 21 to February 8, 2008	30 scholarships offered for registration rate. (OAS=US\$ 100, Centre & ITU =US\$ 100)
[25] Public Policies for Information and Communication technological Sector (ICT)	Central American Telecommunication Commission (COMTELCA)-Honduras	Distance learning (4 weeks) Spanish December 3 to 14, 2007 and January 21 to February 1, 2008	15 scholarships offered for registration rate (US\$ 200)
[26] Regulation and Standardization of Interconnection Course	Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) (Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros)	Distance Learning (6 weeks) Spanish December 3 to 14, 2007 and January 21 to February 15, 2008	45 scholarships offered for registration rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 scholarships of OAS US\$ 200 • 30 scholarships OAS=US\$ 100 & Centro & ITU =US\$ 100

Through the 2007 Professional Development Scholarship Program of the OAS Department of Human Development, the following courses were carried out.

A summary of the number of scholarships **used** in 2007 is shown in the Table below. Member states that have not presented candidates are urged to disseminate the scholarship offer as widely as possible so that the benefits of the courses can be enjoyed by everyone in the region. In addition, member states are urged to simplify application procedures for CITELE scholarships.

COUNTRY	
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	2
ARGENTINA	10
BAHAMAS	0
BARBADOS	7
BELIZE	4
BOLIVIA	23
BRAZIL	13
CANADA	0
CHILE	17
COLOMBIA	14
COSTA RICA	31
DOMINICA (COMMONWEALTH OF)	2
ECUADOR	34
EL SALVADOR	16
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0
GRENADA	1
GUATEMALA	8
GUYANA	0
HAITI	0
HONDURAS	14
JAMAICA	1
MEXICO	13
NICARAGUA	7
PANAMA	11
PARAGUAY	15
PERU	15
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	1
SANTA LUCIA	0
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	2
SURINAME	2
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	0
URUGUAY	26
VENEZUELA	17
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS USED	307
TOTAL COUNTRIES	27

By Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 212 (XIX-07) the CITEL preliminary program of courses for 2008 was approved and is attached below:

Institution	Course	Category
National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay (ANTEL) (<i>Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de Uruguay</i>) (ANTEL)	Integrated Managed Telecommunication Networks and Services	Distance learning
National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay (ANTEL) (<i>Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de Uruguay</i>) (ANTEL)	Convergence of fixed / mobile through IMS	Distance learning
Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) (<i>Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros</i>)	Regulation and Standardization of Interconnection	Distance learning
Center for Technological Innovation of the School of Engineering of Paraguay (<i>Centro de Innovación Tecnológica de la Facultad de Ingeniería de Paraguay</i>)	Internet Network Engineering	Attendance-based
Telecommunications Commission of Central America (COMTELCA) (<i>Comisión de Telecomunicaciones de Centro América</i>) (COMTELCA)	Public Policies on the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Sector	Distance learning
Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería "Julio Garavito" (<i>Colombian School of Engineering "Julio Garavito"</i>)	Wireless and Mobile Network Safety	Distance learning
National Institute for Telecommunication Research and Training of Peru (INICTEL-UNI) (<i>Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones</i>) (INICTEL-UNI)	Satellite Networks - VSAT	Distance learning
National Institute for Telecommunication Research and Training of Peru (INICTEL-UNI) (<i>Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones</i>) (INICTEL-UNI)	Design and Implementation of IP Networks	Distance learning
Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) (<i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires</i>) (ITBA)	3G-4G Technology	Distance learning
School of Engineering and Technology of the Catholic University of Uruguay (<i>Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica de Uruguay</i>)	ABC Costing System Applied to Connection Pricing	Distance learning
School of Engineering and Technology of the Catholic University of Uruguay (<i>Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica de Uruguay</i>)	Implementation of Aggregate Ethernet/MPLS networks for multiservice provision	Distance learning
United States Telecommunications Training	E-government for	Attendance-based

Institution	Course	Category
Institute (USTTI)	Development: Strategies and Policies	
United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)	Applying 21st Century ICT in Emerging Markets	Attendance-based
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	Digital Cities	Distance learning
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	Third-Generation Wireless and Multimedia Systems / CDMA 450	Distance learning
Federal Telecommunication Commission of Mexico (COFETEL) (<i>Comisión Federal de Telecomunicaciones de México</i>) (COFETEL)	Harmful interferences to satellite systems	Attendance-based

10. BUDGET OF CITEL

10.1 Budget and Execution for 2007

	Original Allocation (in US\$1000s)	Expenditure as of 12/31/07
Travel	0.0	15.5
Document preparation	1.5	0.5
Office equipment and supplies	8.6	6.2
Building and maintenance	0	0.0
Translators, interpreters, support staff	37.4	21.5
Other items	6.0	9.8
Subtotal	53.5	53.5
Executive Secretariat Staff	453.4	495.5
TOTAL	506.9	549.0

10.2 Budget for 2008

For 2008, the projected allocation to CITEL from the OAS Regular Fund is US\$506.9.

	Allocation for 2007 (in US\$1000s)	Allocation for 2008 (in US\$1000s)	Percentage variation from 2007 to 2008
Personnel Costs	453.4	487.4	
Activity Costs	53.5	56.7	
TOTAL	506.9	544.1	1.07%

Following is a breakdown of the budget required by CITEL to fulfill the mandates received. This budget was approved by COM/CITEL via COM/CITEL RES. 214 (XIX-07).

It should be noted that, given the mandates received, the Regular Fund assigned to CITEL is no longer sufficient to cover the minimum costs incurred by the Secretariat. Consequently, the specific funds allocated exclusively to the permanent consultative committees, per regulations, have been used to cover these costs.

<u>FUNDING SOURCES</u>		<u>COMMENTS</u>
OAS Regular Fund	544,100	
Specific PCC.I Fund Balance as of 15/11/07	11,200	
Income in Specific PCC.I Fund	115,000	Payment of Associate Member dues
Specific PCC.II Fund balance as of 15/11/07	4,600	Washington, D.C. United States
Income in Specific PCC.II Fund	195,000	Payment of Associate Member dues
Host country contribution, XII Meeting of PCC.I	0	Washington, D.C. United States
Host country contribution, XIII Meeting of PCC.I	0	Argentina (contribution contingent upon availability of funds)
Host country contribution, XI Meeting of PCC.II	0	Washington D.C., United.States
Host country contribution, XII Meeting of PCC.II	0	To be determined
Host country contribution, XIII Meeting of Steering Committee	0	Videoconference
Host country contribution, XX Meeting of COM/CITEL	45,000	San José, Costa Rica
TOTAL	914,900	
<u>PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</u>		
CITEL Secretariat		
Staff salaries: US\$ 648,210.00		
Paid through Regular Fund	487,400	4 staffers
Paid through PCC.I SF	80,405	50% of salary of 2 staffers
Paid through PCC.II SF	80,405	50% of salary of 2 staffers
Administrative expenses (OAS Regular Fund)	34,200	Annex 2.b
Total expenses, Secretariat	682,410	
CITEL Meetings		
XII PCC.I Meeting	22,898	US\$22,898 SF, PCC.I; Contingent upon availability of funds
XIII PCC.I Meeting	100,000	(PCC.I SF contribution: US\$22,898)
XI PCC.II Meeting	80,000	Fully funded with PCC.II SF resources Contingent upon availability of funds
XII PCC.II Meeting	120,000	(PCC.II SF contribution: US\$39,205)
XIII Steering Committee Meeting	4,000	Covered by OAS Regular Fund
XX COM/CITEL Meeting	45,000	Fully funded by Administration
Total meeting expenses	371,898	
Other expenditures (OAS Regular Fund)		
CITEL Secretariat support for WTSA-08	5,700	Airfare and per diem (1 person)

CITEL meetings at WTSA-08	3,360	4 hours of interpretation 1 meeting day following RPR for
Additional meeting of WTSA-08 WG	7,750	WTSA-08 (May/08)
Interpretation during ITU Council meeting	1,680	2 hours of interpretation
Other expenditures - total	18,490	
TOTAL	1,072,898	
INCOME –		
EXPENDITURES=	-157,898	

10.3 Scholarships

In 2007, CITEL received a budgetary allocation of US\$46,700 for scholarships. CITEL awarded a total of 307 scholarships, all of which were used. Details are given in Section 9. Funds were used as indicated below. The budget for scholarships awarded for courses selected in the OAS Professional Development scholarship competition is not included.

When the selection was made, the Center was paid the amount of the scholarships awarded, for which budgetary resources of US\$45,133.39 were utilized. US\$1,566.61 of the budgetary allocation could not be utilized as all scholarships could not be awarded. Nevertheless, because four courses were not scheduled to begin until early December, information was not yet available at the time this report was prepared, on whether all the selected scholarship holders would be attending these courses.

In 2007, the voluntary fund was not utilized for CITEL scholarships.

10.4 External funds

Any incorporated agency, organization, or institution related to the telecommunication industry may, with the approval of the corresponding Member State of CITEL, become an Associate Member of a Permanent Consultative Committee. Applications from entities wishing to become Associate Members of a PCC are forwarded by the Member State along with a notification of the contributory unit selected. Since January 1, 2004, the value of the contributory unit has been US\$2,500.

As of December 31, 2007, CITEL had received a total US\$297,031 from Associate Members, distributed as follows:

	PCC.I	PCC.II
2007	104,295	185,236
2004 – 2006	5,000	2,500
TOTAL:	109,295	187,736

For 2007, a total of US\$7,977 in contributions remains unpaid.

	PCC.I	PCC.II
2007	3,747	4,230

CITEL has 122 Associate Members. Arrears in payment of contributions are as follows:

	PCC.I	PCC.II	TOTAL
2005-2006	525	0	525

The table below shows how External Funds (in US\$) were used by each PCC as of December 31, 2007:

COMMITTEE	INCOME	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
PCC.I			
Carryover as of 1/1/07	17,244		
Income as of 12/31/07	109,295		
Adjustment	<u>1,033</u>		
Subtotal	127,572	116,096	11,476
PCC.II			
Carryover as of 1/1/07	3,432		
Income as of 12/31/07	187,736		
Adjustment	<u>-2,109</u>		
Subtotal	189,059	186,685	2,374
TOTAL	316,631	302,781	13,850

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF CITEL FOR 2008

Meeting	Date	Place
XII PCC.I	11-14 March 2008	Washington, DC, United States of America
Joint event between the International Telecommunication Union and CITEL to promote the association between Member States and the private sector for the purpose of better telecommunication development in the region of the Americas	21 April 2008	OAS Headquarters (Washington, DC, United States)
Third Workshop on fraud in telecommunications services: technological and administrative tools in the fight against fraud	TBD	TBD

Meeting	Date	Place
XI PCC.II	22 - 25 April 2008	OAS Headquarters (Washington, DC, United States)
Fourth Workshop on fraud in telecommunication services: Inter-State and inter-sectorial mutual cooperation mechanisms to minimize the effects of fraud	May 2008	Videoconference using World Bank infrastructure
Meeting of the Rapporteur Group for the Preparation of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA)	23 May 2008	Brasilia, Brazil
Fifth Workshop on fraud in telecommunication services: International subject-specific research organizations, scope and mode of participation.	July 2008	Audio conference with COMTELCA.
XIII Steering Committee (STE)	16 July 2008	Videoconference among the corresponding venues
Sixth Workshop on fraud in telecommunication services: Toward suitable legislation, regulation and control for fraud fighting.	5 August 2008	TBD
XIII PCC.I	5-8 August 2008	TBD
XII PCC.II	7 - 10 October 2008	To be confirmed
Meeting of the Rapporteur Group for the Preparation of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA)	21 - 30 October 2008	To be confirmed
XXII Working Group on the Preparation of ITU Council Meetings	11 November and during ITU Council meetings (12 - 21 November 2008)	Geneva, Switzerland
XX COM/CITEL	2 – 4 December 2008	San Jose, Costa Rica
XXIII Working Group on the Preparation of ITU Council Meetings	2 – 4 December 2008	San Jose, Costa Rica
XV Meeting of the Conference Preparatory Group to address regional preparations for World Conferences and Meetings	2 – 4 December 2008	San Jose, Costa Rica

12. RESOLUTIONS TO BE SENT TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following is a draft resolution that CITEL wishes to present to the General Assembly at its regular session to be held in 2008.

AG/RES. YYY (XXXVIII-O/08)

**CITEL AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA
INTO THE GLOBAL INFORMATION SOCIETY**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL);

CONSIDERING:

That the mission of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is to facilitate and promote the harmonious and comprehensive development of telecommunications, including information and communication technologies in the Americas, and to coordinate the efforts of Member States and the private sector, ensuring the achievement of those goals for the good of society;

That CITEL plays an important role in facilitating the study of the changing environment of international telecommunications, providing relevant and timely information regarding telecommunication technologies,

BEARING IN MIND:

The important role that telecommunications and information technologies play in the economic and social development of all countries and the provision of universal, sustainable, and uniform access to information;

The initiatives developed within the framework of the implementation of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quito for the reduction of the digital divide in the region;

The persistence of the digital divide, despite the substantial growth and expansion of telecommunication services, and the hemispheric priority of the elimination of this divide;

The increased efficiency and economy that new telecommunication technologies make possible, and the challenges they pose for the public and private sectors;

The need of countries that are vulnerable to natural disasters for reliable telecommunication systems;

RECOGNIZING:

The success of CITEL at the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference, where it submitted 468 inter-American proposals and established numerous joint positions on the issues discussed;

The other achievements of CITELE during 2007, which are highlighted in its annual report and include the following:

- Approval of recommendations that promote network inter-operability, the timely adoption of advanced technologies, the protection of critical infrastructure, and regional spectrum harmonization;
- Twenty-six professional development courses in cooperation with the ITU, which involved the granting of over 300 scholarships for professional telecommunications training,;
- An agreement with the ITU for the regional project "Reducing the Digital Divide and Advancing the information Society";
- The organization of seminars on priority issues, including the following: bridging the standardization divide; fraud in the use of telecommunication systems; the use of telecommunications in disaster-relief operations; and technical and regulatory aspects of the effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic emissions,

CONSIDERING:

That the Regular Fund assigned to CITELE no longer suffices to cover the minimum expenses incurred by the Secretariat. Consequently, specific funds allocated to the Permanent Consultative Committees, per regulations, have been used to cover these costs;

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate CITELE for its achievements in 2007, particularly with regard to the progress made in the implementation of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, which seeks to create an inclusive Information Society.
2. To support CITELE in all aspects of telecommunications.
3. To encourage OAS Member States to continue adopting the measures required to adapt to current trends in the development of telecommunications infrastructure and information technologies.
4. To encourage Member States to continue implementing the commitments adopted at the Summits of the Americas with regard to telecommunications and information technologies, and to continue promoting and disseminating CITELE recommendations within their respective Administrations.
5. To encourage CITELE and OAS Member States to continue facilitating the development of inter-American proposals, positions, and common views at the 2008 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the 2010 World Telecommunication Development Conference, the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference, the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference, and other equally important events sponsored by the International Telecommunication Union.

6. To invite Member States to join the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations, the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP), and its Protocol of Amendment.

7. To instruct CITELE to continue assisting Member States in the development of strategies to facilitate access to telecommunications infrastructure—particularly in rural areas—as well as the creation of an effective policy and regulatory framework for telecommunications and the assessment of cost models for the provision of accessible and sustainable services to all social strata of the population.

8. To urge OAS Member States to increase horizontal cooperation, as well as the exchange of information, experiences, and best practices with regard to telecommunications and information technologies.

9. To instruct the Secretary General for a sufficient increase in the 2010 CITELE budget to cover the basic additional costs incurred by the Secretariat.

10. To request the submission by CITELE of a follow-up report at the thirty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly.

AG/RES. YYY (XXXVIII-O/08)

**REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report on the Situation of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) submitted by CITEL;

CONSIDERING:

That the OAS General Assembly by resolution AG/RES. 2259 (XXXVII-O/07), “Strengthening hemispheric cooperation in the framework of CITEL efforts to promote telecommunication development in the region”, requested CITEL to submit an annual report to the General Assembly including concrete proposals on how best to improve the status of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the countries of the region, for wide dissemination among Member States, the private sector, and other interested groups;

RESOLVES:

To adopt the Report on the Situation of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) submitted by CITEL.

ANNEXES

- A. Associate Members**
- B. List of meetings held in 2007, with number of final report**
Quantifiable results of CITELE for 2007
- C. Titles of Resolutions, Recommendations, and Decisions adopted in 2007**

ANNEX A

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

PCC.I: TELECOMMUNICATIONS
(as of December 31, 2007)

No.	Country	Name of the Company	No. Units
1	Argentina	ALCATEL LUCENT ARGENTINA	1.0
2	Argentina	COMPAÑIA ERICSSON S.A.C.I.	1.0
3	Argentina	GLOBAL CROSSING LTD.	1.0
4	Argentina	TELEFONICA ARGENTINA	1.0
5	Brazil	EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE TELECOMUNICACOES (EMBRATEL)	1.0
6	Brazil	ERICSSON TELECOMUNICACOES S.A.	1.0
7	Brazil	NEXTEL TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
8	Brazil	QUALCOMM SERVIÇOS DE TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
9	Brazil	TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES BRASIL NEXTWAVE AMERICA LATINA COMERCIO E SERVIÇOS E	1.0
10	Brazil	INFORMATICA LTDA	1.0
11	Canada	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	1.0
12	Chile	CISCO SYSTEMS CHILE	1.0
13	Chile	ENTEL PCS TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A.	1.0
14	Colombia	ASOCIACION DE LA INDUSTRIA CELULAR DE COLOMBIA (ASOCEL) CAMARA COLOMBIANA DE INFORMATICA Y TELECOMUNIC.	1.0
15	Colombia	(CCIT)	1.0
16	Colombia	COLOMBIA TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A. ESP	1.0
17	Colombia	EMPRESA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES DE BOGOTA S.A. E.S.P.	1.0
18	Colombia	ERICSSON DE COLOMBIA S.A.	1.0
19	Ecuador	ANDINATEL S.A.	1.0
20	Ecuador	PACIFICTEL S.A.	1.0
21	Guatemala	TELECOMUNICACIONES DE GUATEMALA (TELGUA) CAMARA NACIONAL DE LA INDUSTRIA DE TV POR CABLE	1.0
22	Mexico	(CANITEC)	1.0
23	Mexico	ERICSSON TELECOM S.A. DE C.V.	1.5
24	México	QUALCOMM WIRELESS SERVICES MEXICO S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
25	Mexico	SATELITES MEXICANOS, S.A. DE C.V. (SATMEX)	1.0
26	Mexico	TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES MEXICO	1.0
27	Nicaragua	EMPRESA NICARAGUENSE DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (ENITEL) COMPAÑIA PARAGUAYA DE COMUNICACIONES S.A. (COPACO	1.0
28	Paraguay	S.A.)	1.0
29	Peru	TELEFONICA DEL PERU S.A.A.	1.0
30	Dominican Rep.	VERIZON DOMINICANA	1.0

31	Uruguay	REGISTRO DE DIRECCIONES DE INTERNET PARA AMERICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE (LACNIC)	1.0
32	U.S.A.	ALCATEL LUCENT	1.0
33	U.S.A.	ATIS	1.0
34	U.S.A.	CISCO SYSTEMS INC.	1.0
35	U.S.A.	GSM LATIN AMERICA ASSOCIATION	1.0
36	U.S.A.	NOKIA, INC.	1.0
37	U.S.A.	NEUSTAR, INC.	1.0
38	U.S.A.	QUALCOMM, INC.	1.0
39	U.S.A.	RESEARCH IN MOTION INTERNATIONAL (RIM INTERNATIONAL)	1.0
40	U.S.A.	SOMA NETWORKS, INC.	1.0
41	U.S.A.	TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (TIA)	1.0
42	U.S.A.	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	1.0
43	U.S.A.	TELARIX, INC.	1.0
44	Venezuela	COMPAÑIA ANONIMA NACIONAL DE TELEFONOS (CANTV)	1.0
45	Venezuela	TELCEL C.A.	1.0
Total units:			45.5

PCC.II: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING BROADCASTING
(as of December 31, 2007)

No.	Country	Name of the Company	No. Units
1	Argentina	COMPAÑIA ERICSSON S.A.C.I.	1.0
2	Argentina	DIGITAL VIDEO BROADCASTING (DVB-ARGENTINA)	1.0
3	Argentina	GLOBAL CROSSING LTD.	1.0
4	Argentina	HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO., LTD.	1.0
5	Argentina	NOKIA ARGENTINA	1.0
6	Argentina	TELEFONICA ARGENTINA	1.0
7	Brazil	EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE TELECOMUNICAÇÕES (EMBRATEL)	1.0
8	Brazil	ERICSSON TELECOMUNICAÇÕES S.A.	1.0
9	Brazil	HISPAMAR SATELITES S.A.	1.0
10	Brazil	HUAWEI DO BRASIL TELECOMUNICACOES LTDA.	1.0
11	Brazil	INTEL SEMICONDUCTORES DO BRASIL	1.0
12	Brazil	LORAL SKYNET DO BRASIL	1.0
13	Brazil	MOTOROLA DO BRASIL	1.0
14	Brazil	NEXTEL TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
15	Brazil	NOKIA DO BRASIL TECNOLOGIA LTDA.	1.0
16	Brazil	QUALCOMM SERVIÇOS DE TELECOMUNICAÇÕES LTDA.	1.0
17	Brazil	NOKIA SIEMENS NETWORKS	1.0
18	Brazil	STAR ONE	1.0
19	Canada	BOEING CANADA TECHNOLOGIES	1.0
20	Canada	NORTEL NETWORKS	1.0
21	Canada	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	1.0

22	Canada	SPECTROCAN CANADA	1.0
23	Canada	TELESAT CANADA	1.0
24	Chile	ENTEL PCS TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A. ASOCIACION DE LA INDUSTRIA DELULAR DE COLOMBIA	1.0
25	Colombia	(ASOCEL) CAMARA COLOMBIANA DE INFORMATICA Y TELECOMUNICACIONES (CCIT)	1.0
26	Colombia	TELECOMUNICACIONES (CCIT)	1.0
27	Colombia	COLOMBIA TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A. ESP	1.0
28	Colombia	EMPRESA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES DE BOGOTA S.A. E.S.P.	1.0
29	Colombia	ERICSSON DE COLOMBIA S.A.	1.0
30	Colombia	INTEL TECNOLOGIA DE COLOMBIA S.A.	1.0
31	Ecuador	ANDINATEL S.A.	1.0
32	Guatemala	TELECOMUNICACIONES DE GUATEMALA (TELGUA)	1.0
33	Mexico	ALCATEL LUCENT MEXICO CAMARA NACIONAL DE LA INDUSTRIA DE TV POR CABLE	2.0
34	Mexico	(CANITEC)	1.0
35	Mexico	COMUNICACIONES NEXTEL DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
36	Mexico	ERICSSON TELECOM S.A. DE C.V.	1.5
37	Mexico	HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES DE MEXICO S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
38	Mexico	MOTOROLA DE MEXICO S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
39	Mexico	QUALCOMM WIRELESS SERVICES MEXICO S.A. DE C.V.	1.0
40	Mexico	SATELITES MEXICANOS S.A. DE C.V. (SATMEX) COMPAÑIA PARAGUAYA DE COMUNICACIONES S.A. (COPACO	1.0
41	Paraguay	S.A.)	1.0
42	Peru	TELEFONICA DEL PERU S.A.A.	1.0
43	Dominican Rep.	ORANGE DOMINICANA	1.0
44	U.S.A.	3G AMERICAS	1.0
45	U.S.A.	ALCATEL LUCENT	1.0
46	U.S.A.	ARRAYCOMM, INC.	1.0
47	U.S.A.	ATSC FORUM, INC.	1.0
48	U.S.A.	CBS BROADCASTING, INC.	1.0
49	U.S.A.	CDMA DEVELOPMENT GROUP	1.0
50	U.S.A.	GSM LATIN AMERICA ASSOCIATION	1.0
51	U.S.A.	HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS, INC.	1.0
52	U.S.A.	iBIQUITY DIGITAL CORPORATION	1.0
53	U.S.A.	ICO GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS	
54	U.S.A.	INMARSAT	1.0
55	U.S.A.	INTEL CORPORATION	1.0
56	U.S.A.	INTELSAT CORPORATION	1.0
57	U.S.A.	IRIDIUM SATELLITE LLC	1.0
58	U.S.A.	ITT INDUSTRIES	1.0
59	U.S.A.	LOCKHEED-MARTIN CORP.	1.0
60	U.S.A.	LORAL SKYNET (LORA)	1.0
61	U.S.A.	MOTOROLA INC.	1.0

62	U.S.A.	MOBILE SATELLITE VENTURES, L.P.	1.0
63	U.S.A.	NEW SKIES NETWORKS, INC.	1.0
64	U.S.A.	NOKIA, INC.	1.0
65	U.S.A.	NORTEL NETWORKS CORPORATION	1.0
66	U.S.A.	QUALCOMM. INC.	1.0
	U.S.A.	RESEARCH IN MOTION INTERNATIONAL (RIM	
67		INTERNATIONAL)	1.0
68	U.S.A.	SES AMERICOM	1.0
69	U.S.A.	SOMA NETWORKS, INC.	1.0
70	U.S.A.	TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (TIA)	1.0
71	U.S.A.	THE BOEING COMPANY	1.0
72	U.S.A.	TT&C	1.0
73	U.S.A.	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	1.0
74	U.S.A.	WiMAX FORUM	1.0
75	U.S.A.	ZENITH ELECTRONICS CORPORATION	1.0
76	Venezuela	COMPAÑIA ANONIMA NACIONAL DE TELEFONOS (CANTV)	1.0
77	Venezuela	TELCEL C.A.	1.0

Total units: 78.5

ANNEX B

LIST OF MEETINGS HELD IN 2007, WITH NUMBER OF FINAL REPORT

Meeting	Date	Site	Report
Regional Dialogue: Use of 3.4 – 4.2 GHz frequency bands for FSS and terrestrial broadband applications	February 12	Buenos Aires, Argentina; La Paz, Bolivia; Brasilia, Brazil; Quito, Ecuador; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Washington D.C., United States of America	CCP.II-RADIO/doc.1340/07
X PCC.I	March 20-23	Buenos Aires, Argentina	CCP.I-TEL/doc. 1071/07 rev.1
Seminar on Terrestrial Spectrum for IMT (WRC-07 agenda item 1.4)	April 16	San Salvador, El Salvador	CCP.II-RADIO/doc.1389/07
Workshop on Technical and Regulatory Aspects related to the Effects of Electromagnetic non-ionizing emissions	April 16	San Salvador, El Salvador	Update of the DVD
IX PCC.II	April 17-20	San Salvador, El Salvador	CCP.II-RADIO/doc. 1419/07 rev.1
First Workshop on the Impact of Fraud on the Provision of Telecommunications Services for Users, States, and Operators	June 21	Internet-based (12 countries connected)	CCPI-TEL/doc.1086/07 cor.1
X PCC.II	July 31 – August 3	Orlando, Florida	CCP.I-RADIO/doc.1560/07 rev.1

Meeting	Date	Site	Report
Forum of CITEL "Convergence: Transition of traditional networks and services in the Americas"	August 21	San José, Costa Rica	STE/doc.374/07
XII Steering Committee (STE)	August 22-23	San José, Costa Rica	STE/doc.375/07
XX Preparatory Working Group for the Meetings of ITU Council (change of venue)	September 4 and during meetings of the ITU Council (September 4-14)	Geneva, Switzerland	COM/CITEL /doc.1156/07
Joint CITEL-ITU Seminar on bridging the standardization divide	September 24	Mendoza, Argentina	CCPI-TEL/1207/07
Second Workshop on the Impact of Fraud on the Provision of Telecommunications Services - Operators and Providers: Joint work for the prevention of fraud situations	September 26 (to be confirmed)	Mendoza, Argentina	CCPI-TEL/1208/07
XI PCC.I	September 25-28	Mendoza, Argentina	CCP.I-TEL/doc. 1213/07 rev.1
WG-WRC	October 21 – November (during the WRC-07)	Geneva, Switzerland	GT-CMR/doc. 179/07
XIX COM/CITEL	December 4-7	San José, Costa Rica	COM/CITEL/doc.1200/07 rev.1
XXI Preparatory Working Group for the Meetings of ITU Council	December 4-7	San José, Costa Rica	COM/CITEL/doc.1156/07

QUANTIFIABLE RESULTS OF CITEL FOR 2007

ITEM	RESULTS
Number of meetings organized by CITEL	16
Number of participants in meetings	627
Number of documents processed in meetings of CITEL in 2007	2008
Number of resolutions adopted by the Committees	28
Number of recommendations adopted by the Committees	2
Number of decisions adopted by the Committees	33
Number of seminars and workshops conducted by the Committees	7
Number of telecommunication distance education courses in CITEL's program in 2007	17
Number of attendance-based telecommunication courses in CITEL's program in 2007	9
Number of scholarships awarded by CITEL in 2007	307
Number of Associate Members as of December 31, 2007	122
Number of Regional Training Centers in 2007	17
Number of cooperation agreements signed as of December 31, 2007	17
Number of meetings scheduled for 2008	13
Number of distance education courses scheduled for 2008	14
Number of attendance-based courses scheduled for 2008	3

ANNEX C

**TITLES OF RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DECISIONS
ADOPTED IN 2007**

(Date: December 31, 2007)

C.1 PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL

RESOLUTIONS

COM/CITEL RES. 209 (XIX-07)	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT ENTITLED “REDUCING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND ADVANCING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY”
COM/CITEL/RES. 210 (XIX-07)	APPROVAL OF THE INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO DE LAS AMÉRICAS (INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR THE AMERICAS) (ITLA) AS A CITEL REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER
COM/CITEL RES. 211 (XIX-07)	APPROVAL OF THE CENTRO DE CAPACITACION EN ALTA TECNOLOGIA (HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER) AS A CITEL REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER
COM/CITEL RES. 212 (XIX-07)	APPROVAL OF CITEL COURSE PROGRAM IN 2008
COM/CITEL RES. 213 (XIX-07)	ACTIVITY INDICATORS
COM/CITEL RES. 214 (XIX-07)	APPROVAL OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN FOR 2008
COM/CITEL/RES. 215 (XIX-07)	RAISING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE OAS SECRETARY GENERAL TO COVER THE SHORTFALL OF THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS FOR 2008 AND TO FUND OTHER CITEL ACTIVITIES IN 2008 AND 2009
COM/CITEL RES. 216 (XIX-07)	DRAFT AGENDA, SITE, AND DATE OF THE XX MEETING OF COM/CITEL

RECOMENDACIONES

No recommendations were adopted in this period.

DECISIONS

COM/CITEL DEC. 60 (XIX-07)

COM/CITEL DEC. 61 (XIX-07)

COM/CITEL DEC. 62 (XIX-07)

COM/CITEL DEC. 63 (XIX-07)

COM/CITEL DEC. 64 (XIX-07)

C.2 PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I

RESOLUTIONS

PCC.I/RES. 105 (X-07)	SEMINAR ON BRIDGING THE STANDARDIZATION DIVIDE
PCC.I/RES. 106 (X-07)	INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION
PCC.I/RES. 107 (X-07)	SUBMISSION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY 2008
PCC.I/RES. 108 (X-07)	STUDY ON REGULATORY ACCOUNTING
PCC.I/RES. 109 (X-07)	QUESTIONNAIRE FOR UPDATING INFORMATION ON INTERCONNECTION
PCC.I/RES. 110 (X-07)	EXPANDING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET
PCC.I/RES. 111 (X-07)	WORKSHOPS ON THE IMPACT OF FRAUD ON THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN THE AMERICAS
PCC.I/RES. 112 (X-07)	IMPLEMENTATION OF A CITEL'S KNOWLEDGE SHARING SYSTEM
PCC.I/RES. 113 (X-07)	AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE FOR THE XI MEETING OF PCC.I
PCC.I/RES. 114 (X-07)	STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF PCC.I
PCC.I/RES. 115 (XI-07)	CREATION OF A TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON PRACTICAL CASES OF INTERNET PROTOCOL TELEVISION (IPTV) SERVICES
PCC.I/RES. 116 (XI-07)	STANDARDS COORDINATION DOCUMENT (CSD) FOR IETF RFC 3761 "THE E.164 TO UNIFORM RESOURCE IDENTIFIERS (URI) DYNAMIC DELEGATION DISCOVERY SYSTEM (DDDS) APPLICATION (ENUM)"
PCC.I/RES. 117 (XI-07)	CREATION OF A TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON POWER LINE COMMUNICATION (PLC) TECHNOLOGY
PCC.I/RES. 118 (XI-07)	SEMINAR ON BRIDGING THE STANDARDIZATION DIVIDE
PCC.I/RES. 119 (XI-07)	CREATION OF A TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON CRITICAL TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION
PCC.I/RES. 120 (XI-07)	REVIEW OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS
PCC.I/RES. 121 (XI-07)	CREATION OF A TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON CONVERGENCE
PCC.I/RES. 122 (XI-07)	CREATION OF A TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON PRACTICAL CASES OF APPLICATION AND USE OF REGULATORY ACCOUNTING
PCC.I/RES. 123 (XI-07)	REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY 2008

PCC.I/RES. 124 (XI-07)	TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK OF ELECTRONIC NUMBERING (ENUM)
PCC.I/RES. 125 (XI-07)	CREATION OF A TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON THE OPERATION AND EXPERIENCES REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW SERVICES IN A ENVIRONMENT OF CONVERGENCE
PCC.I/RES. 126 (XI-07)	CREATION OF A TECHNICAL NOTEBOOK ON FRAUD IN THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES
PCC.I/RES. 127 (XI-07)	QUESTIONNAIRE ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND THE RELATED FUNDS FOR SUCH AIM
PCC.I/RES. 128 (XI-07)	STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF PCC.I
PCC.I/RES. 129 (XI-07)	AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE FOR THE XII MEETING OF PCC.I

RECOMMENDATIONS

No recommendations were adopted in this period.

DECISIONS

PCC.I/DEC. 44 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 45 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 46 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 47 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 48 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 49 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 50 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 51 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 52 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 53 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 54 (X-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 55 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 56 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 57 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 58 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 59 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 60 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 61 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 62 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 63 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 64 (XI-07)
PCC.I/DEC. 65 (XI-07)

C.3 PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE II

RESOLUTIONS

PCC.II/RES. 41 (IX-07)	INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR WRC -2007
PCC.II/RES. 42 (IX-07)	AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE FOR THE X PCC.II MEETING
PCC.II/RES. 43 (X-07)	AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE FOR THE XI PCC.II MEETING
PCC.II/RES. 44 (X-07)	INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR WRC -2007
PCC.II/RES. 45 (X-07)	SPECIAL MEASURES FOR APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE FSS PLAN IN APPENDIX 30B OF THE ITU RADIO REGULATIONS TO ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE ORBIT/SPECTRUM RESOURCE FOR CITEL COUNTRIES

RECOMMENDATIONS

PCC.II/REC. 21 (IX-07)	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF LOW POWER RADIOCOMMUNICATION DEVICES
PCC.II/REC. 22 (IX-07)	REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF 5 GHZ RLANS INSTALLED ON BOARD AIRCRAFT

DECISIONS

PCC.II/DEC. 52 (IX-07)
PCC.II/DEC. 53 (IX-07)
PCC.II/DEC. 54 (X-07)
PCC.II/DEC. 55 (X-07)
PCC.II/DEC. 56 (X-07)
PCC.II/DEC. 57 (X-07)