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SUBJECT: CEREMONY OF ADHESION TO THE RURAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE: EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN THROUGH ICT – OCTOBER 1, 2019 – ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission of the Organization of American States (CITEL/OAS), on behalf of the Chair of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL), has the pleasure to invite you to attend the **CEREMONY OF ADHESION TO THE RURAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE: EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN** that will be held on **October 1, 2019 in Asuncion, Paraguay** within the framework of the 35 Meeting of PCC.I.

The objective of this initiative is to encourage the adoption of specific actions to improve connectivity of rural areas and achieve the development of digital services and capabilities that would facilitate their use of ICTs, thus reducing the digital gap.

Enclosed please find a copy of the **RURAL WOMEN ALLIANCE: EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN THROUGH ICT** that was signed on December 17, 2018 in Mar del Plata, **including the accessions until to date**, as well as the model for adherence to the Alliance for your consideration.

If you would like to join this Alliance, please inform the Secretariat of CITEL of your intention, **no later than September 3, 2019**, in order to be included in Ceremony of Adhesion of October 1 in Asuncion. Should you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us at citel@oas.org.

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