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TO: Administrations, Associate Members of PCC.I, CITEL Authorities and Observers.

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SUBJECT:

- **35 Meeting of PCC.I** - 30 September to 4 October, 2019. Asuncion, Paraguay.
- **ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)** – 30 September 2019. Asuncion, Paraguay.
- **Dialogue on Gender:** 1 October 2019. Asuncion, Paraguay.
- **Ceremony of Adhesion to the Rural Women's Alliance: Empowering Rural Women:** 1 October 2019. Asuncion, Paraguay.

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission of the Organization of American States (CITEL/OAS), has the pleasure of informing you, at the request of the Chair of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICTs (PCC.I), that the **35 Meeting of this Committee** will take place from **30 September to 4 October 2019 in Asuncion, Paraguay**. Starting on Monday, 30 September 2019, with the **ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)**, event organized with ITU, CITEL and CONATEL-Paraguay. The general information of the meeting and the draft calendar will be sent later. Attached please find the draft agenda for the PCC.I meeting.

The 35 Meeting of PCC.I will begin on September 30 with the **ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (FRD-AMS)** with the special participation of **Ms. Doreen Bodgan-Martin, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau**. The RDF serves as a regional coordination meeting for ITU members to review its 2019 operational plan, in addition to the strategic and future directions of the implementation of ITU regional operational plan 2019-2022 including, the proposed programs and activities for the implementation of the Americas Regional Initiatives (RIs).

Moreover, it provides an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the ITU members and other stakeholders from the Americas region to synergize efforts, seek new partnerships and agree on priority areas for the coming period.

For more information on the RDF-AMS, please visit the ITU website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2019/24010.aspx>

Also, within the framework of PCC.I, the **DIALOGUE ON GENDER** will be held on **October 1, 2019**, with the participation of authorities and leading experts on the subject. In addition, **Ms. Doreen Bodgan-Martin, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau**, will also participate as a keynote speaker. More information and details about this dialogue will be sent promptly.

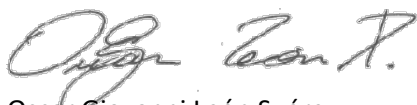
Then, at the end of the Dialogue on Gender, the **CEREMONY OF ADHESION TO THE RURAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE: EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN** will take place, in which our members will have the opportunity to join this important initiative for the region. If you would like to join this Alliance, please inform the Secretariat of CITEI of your intention, **no later than September 3, 2019**, in order to be included in the Ceremony of Adhesion.

Furthermore, we would like to inform that during this meeting, the **Working Group for the Preparation and Follow-up of the WTSA, WCIT and WTDC (WGCONF)** will continue their works in preparation of CITEI for the **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)** that will take place in Hyderabad, India, 17-27 November 2020. In addition, during the sessions of the working group, the **Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Mr. Chaesub Lee** will participate and share with us important information about the WTSA-20.

The online registration for the PCC.I meeting will be **open on August 19 until September 26, 2019 at 12:00 pm (EST, Washington, D.C. time)** at: <http://www.oas.org/citelrs/Default.aspx?lng=eng>. Please submit to the Secretariat of CITEI, the list of people that compose the delegation to this meeting, prior to the date mentioned above.

According to Decision **PCC.I/DEC. 268 (XXX-17)**, the **deadline for the submission of documents for this PCC.I Meeting is September 17, 2019**; documents received after this date shall be transferred to the next PCC.I meeting. In addition, so the documents submitted can be translated, the administrations must submit their contributions **before September 10, 2019**. Documents submitted after that date may not be translated. Moreover, contributions submitted as information documents will not be translated. **Contributions to the Meeting must be posted in the CITEI Collaborative Space at:** https://www.citel.oas.org/en/collaborative/pcci/35_PAR_19/Pages/default.aspx.

We also inform you that there will be Wi-Fi (compatible 802.11b/g) services available. Please remind that paper documents will not be available. Should you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us at citel@oas.org



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