

MONTEVIDEO DECLARATION

At the closing of the First Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission held in the city of Montevideo, the Heads of Delegation representing our States, after completing the analysis of the agenda, formally declare:

1. We are certain that the replacement of the former Inter-American Telecommunication Conference by a new Inter-American Telecommunication Commission as decided by the OAS General Assembly has been most adequate to the need of having in the Organization a body with the appropriate ability to encourage and promote the creation of an Inter-American Telecommunication System, according to the support required by the integral development process of the Americas.
2. We are aware that the establishment of the Commission according to the provisions contained in its Statute and Regulations, constitutes for CITEL member states an irrevocable and permanent commitment to participate in its activities and support them at the best of our capacities.
3. We are convinced that the resolutions adopted by this Assembly involve tasks and guidelines that are comprehensive and accurate enough for the Permanent Executive Committee, the Permanent Consulting Committees and the Executive Secretariat to secure the presence of CITEL in the OAS geographic area, as well as to provide for the support required by all the entities integrating the Regional Telecommunication Sector.
4. We recognize that the efforts made for the implementation and permanent utilization of working procedures based on international cooperation and coordination, will bear a significant influence on the success of the activities of the Commission, particularly regarding the support that regional telecommunication may receive from the International Telecommunication Union.
5. We are certain that in the interval between this and the next Regular Meeting of CITEL, the Commission will consolidate its strengthening as the regional entity responsible for the promotion and encouragement of telecommunication development consistent with the regional demand.
6. We thank the Government of the Republic of Uruguay and its National Administration for their warm welcome and we congratulate them for the organization of this Assembly.

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