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The Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission is honored to enclose a copy of the Final Report of the First Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission that was held in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, on February 21 through 25, 1994.

I call your personal attention to the study of resolutions which include the planning of CITEL activities for the next four years, the names of the new officers elected by the First Regular Assembly of CITEL, as well as other decisions that require the support of your administration for their full implementation.

Montevideo, 26 February, 1994

FINAL REPORT
INTRODUCTORY NOTE OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE FIRST REGULAR ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION

Montevideo, February 26, 1994

In my capacity as Chairman of the First Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), I submit for the consideration of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) the Report of the meeting held in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, from 21 to 25 February, 1994.

I reiterate to the President of the Council the expressions of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

JUAN DE LA CRUZ SILVEIRA ZAVALA
Chairman
First CITEL Assembly

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL)

I. INTRODUCTION
The First Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) was held in the Convention Center of the Banco de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, from 21 to 25 February, 1994, with the attendance of 18 Member States. The meeting was also attended by representatives of 3 Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States (OAS), 9 observers from international and regional organizations and private companies and industries.

1. Background:

During its ninth Plenary Session on 11 June, 1993, at the request of CITEL (resolution CITEL/RES.157 (II-E/93), the XXII Assembly of the OAS held in Managua, Nicaragua, adopted resolution AG/RES. 1224 (XXIII-O/93), establishing the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) in substitution of the Inter-American Telecommunication Conference, and approving the Statute of the new Commission.

The OAS Permanent Council, during its meeting held in Washington in January, 1994, adopted the resolution that increases the funds for CITEL activities in 1994 to the level requested by COM/CITEL in its First Special Meeting through resolution COM/CITEL RES.2 (EXTRA-93).

2. Convocation:


The President of COM/CITEL, Mr. Roberto Pliscoff Vasquez, by note
2.1 Approval of the Agenda.
2.2 Approval of the Assembly Regulations.
2.3 Formation of working committees.
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4. Participants:

The list of the countries participating in the First CITEL Assembly at Ministerial Level, as well as of Permanent Observers and observers from international and regional organizations, is included in Part V, Annex A to this Report.

5. Documents:

The list of documents presented and considered during the First CITEL Assembly is contained in Part V, Annex B to this Report.

6. Officers of the Assembly:

Chairman: Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala (Uruguay)
First Vice-Chairman: Mr. Adolfo Loza Argüello (Ecuador)
Second Vice-Chairman: Mr. Oscar Félix González (Argentina)
Chairman of the Committee on Credentials: Mr. Pedro Manuel Duarte Franco (Paraguay)
Chairman of Committee I: CITEL Regulations Mr. Félix Castro Rojas (Colombia)
Chairman of Committee II: Basic documents Mr. Leonardo C. Gatica Villarroel (Chile)
Chairman of Committee III: CITEL Action Plan for 1994-1997 Mr. Bruce A. Gracie (Canada)
Chairman of the Final Report Drafting Committee: Ms. Graciela Piedras Fuente (Uruguay)

II. DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEETING
Chairman: Mr. Pedro Manuel Duarte Franco (Paraguay)

Secretary: Mr. Roberto Blois Montes de Souza (Executive Secretary of CITEL)

Members: Mr. Esteban Hackenbruch (Uruguay); Mr. Francisco Brascato (Venezuela)

Style Committee

Spanish: Mr. Felix Castro Rojas (Colombia)
French: Mr. Bruce A. Gracie (Canada)
English: Ms. Pamela Spratten (United States)

Committee on the Final Report Drafting

Chairman: Ms. Graciela Piedras Fuente (Uruguay)
Secretary: Mr. Roberto Blois (Executive Secretary of CITEL)
Members: Mr. Savio Pinheiro (Brazil); Mr. Jaime Roberts (Chile); Ms. Leslie Padilla (United States); Ms. Pamela Spratten (United States); Mr. Sergio Viñals Padilla (Mexico)

Steering Committee of CITEL

Chairman: Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala (Uruguay)
Secretary: Mr. Roberto Blois (Executive Secretary of CITEL)
Members: Chairmen of the remaining Committees
1.6 Agreement on the working methodology; integration of Working Committees and assignment of the corresponding topics and documents

The meeting then considered document CITEL-006/94 containing the draft work schedule distributed among four Working Committees, as proposed to the Assembly. The meeting decided to delete Committee I: Evaluation, as this topic will be considered in item 3 on the Agenda. The remaining three Committees were as follows:

COMMITTEE I: CITEL Regulations

This corresponds with item 4.4 on the Agenda. Documents to be considered are: CITEL-002/94, CITEL-005/94, CITEL-005/94 add.1, CITEL-13/94, CITEL-17/94 and CITEL-41/94.

COMMITTEE II: Basic documents

This corresponds with the following items on the agenda:

- Item 4.1 Regional Policy (Doc. CITEL-14/94)
- Item 4.2 Blue Book (Doc. CITEL-19/94)
- Item 4.3 White Book (Doc. CITEL-21/94)
- Item 4.5 Commitment to participate in CITEL activities. Montevideo Declaration (Doc. CITEL-24/94)
It was agreed to include in this part the Report and Working Program of CITEL Coordination with Regional Centers (Doc. CITEL-014/94).


This corresponds with items 6, 9 and 10 on the agenda. Documents to be considered are: CITEL-34/94, CITEL-35/94, CITEL-38/94 and CITEL-39/94.

Likewise, it was decided to hold a Plenary Session on Wednesday 23, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in order to consider the reports for the Preparation of the Conference on Development in Buenos Aires, and the Plenipotentiary Conference in Kyoto.

The new work schedule was distributed as CITEL-006/94 Rev.1.

1.7 Deadline for the presentation of draft resolutions

The deadlines for the presentation of proposals and draft resolutions were established:

For the delegations : Wednesday 23 February, 1994 - 5:00 P.M.

For the Committees : Thursday 24 February, 1994 - 8:00 P.M.

1.8 Agreement on the estimate duration of the Assembly

According to the draft agenda, the closing session will end on Friday 25 February, 1994, at 6:30 P.M.

2. Opening Session

The opening session took place on Monday, February 21, 1994 at 11:00 A.M. with the National Anthem of the Republic of Uruguay.

The Chair was occupied by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uruguay, Mr. Luis Alberto Lacalle, Ambassador Luis Machiavello, Director of the Office of the OAS General Secretariat in Uruguay, the President of COM/CITEL, Mr. Roberto Pliscoff Vásquez, the Executive Secretary of CITEL, Mr. Roberto Blois, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sergio Abreu, the Minister of National Defense, Mr. Daniel Hugo Martins, the Secretary of the Presidency, Mr. Guillermo García Pintos, the President of ANTEL, Ms. Rosario Medero, the Vice-President of ANTEL, Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zabala, the Director of ANTEL, Mr. Victor Cortaso and the Director of ANTEL, Mr. Francisco Terra Gallinal.

Mr. Roberto Pliscoff Vásquez, Chairman of COM/CITEL and Vice-Minister for Communications of Chile, addressed the meeting.

He was followed by Ambassador Luis Macchiavello, who spoke on behalf of Ambassador João Baena Soares, Secretary General of the Organization of American States, OAS.
Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala proposed the following as chairmen of the Working Committees:

- Committee I Assembly Regulations, Mr. Félix Castro Rojas (Colombia)
- Committee II Basic Documents, Mr. Leonardo C. Gatica Villarroel (Chile)
- Committee III CITEL Plan of Action for 1994-1997, Mr. Bruce A. Gracie (Canada)
The Committees will be integrated as pursuant to the provisions in Article 45 of the Rules.

Likewise, the agreement adopted at the informal coordination meeting on the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions and the approximate duration of the Assembly, was approved.

The Closing Session of the Assembly will be held on Friday February 25 at 6.00 P.M. The meetings will be held daily from 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and from 2:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Item 3 on the Agenda: Evaluation of the results obtained in the transition period.

The Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, Mr. Roberto Pliscoff Vásquez, presented his report, published as document CITEL 009/94 (Item 3.1 in the Agenda).

Since the Chairman of Permanent Technical Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services, Mr. Miguel Angel Matute, was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Humberto Roca (Uruguay) presented the corresponding Report, (document CITEL-010/94, Item 3.2 in the Agenda), on behalf of the Vice-Chairmanship of this Committee.

Mr. Ronald Begley presented the Report of Permanent Technical Committee II: Broadcasting, published as document CITEL 011/94 (Item 3.2 in the Agenda).

Since Mr. Luis Manuel Brown, the Chairman of Permanent Technical Committee III: Radiocommunications, was not able to participate Mr. Sergio Viñals Padilla (Mexico) presented the corresponding report published as document CITEL-012/94 (Item 3.2 in the Agenda).

The Executive Secretary of CITEL, Mr. Roberto Blois, presented documents CITEL 044/94, 033/94, and 008/94 on behalf of the Secretary of CITEL, Mr. Mario Pachajoa-Burbano.

Mr. Bruce A. Gracie made some comments on the tasks performed in preparation of ITU conferences, and also stated that before the month of September a final meeting would be held in preparation for the Plenipotentiary Conference to be held in Kyoto.

Finally, the floor was offered to the Representatives of the International and Regional Organizations that had been invited to this Meeting:
ITU Mr. Juan Antonio Zavattiero Cordovés
AHCIET Mr. Francisco Gómez Alamillo
ASETÁ Mr. Marcelo López Arjona
COMTELCA Mr. Javier Antonio Romero Funes
CANTO Mr. Peter W. Daly
CTU Mr. Deoraj Ramnarine

Not having any further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

4. Minutes of the Second Plenary Session

Date: 23 February, 1994

Time: 4:30 P.M.

Chairman: Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala (Uruguay)

Participants:

Member States of CITEL: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Permanent Observers to the OAS: Federation of Russia, France and Rumania.

International and Regional Organizations: AHCIET, AIR, ASETA, CANTO, COMTELCA, CTU, ECLA, IARU Region II and ITU

The Chairman of the Assembly gave the floor to Mr. Bruce A. Gracie for the consideration of items 7 and 8 on the agenda.


Item 8 on the Agenda: Preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC/94).

Mr. Bruce A. Gracie, Chairman of the Temporary Working Groups on CITEL Preparations for the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference and the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, made several considerations based on the following documents:

CITEL-16/94 Draft agenda of the second meeting of the Working Group on the Preparations for the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference, to be held on Saturday, February 26 (Item 8 on the Agenda).
CITEL-22/94 Draft agenda of the second meeting of the Working Group on the Preparations for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, to be held on Saturday, February 26 (Item 7 on the Agenda).

CITEL-30/94 Note from the Chairman of the Working Groups for the preparations of the aforementioned conferences.

CITEL-36/94 Contribution by the Delegation of Chile on the ITU Council.

CITEL-37/94 Contribution by the Delegation of Chile on the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-94).


CITEL-55/94 Draft Buenos Aires Declaration on Global Telecommunication Development for the XXI century.


CITEL-59/94 Contribution by the Delegation of Canada on draft resolutions of WTDC-94.

CITEL-60/94 Contribution by the Delegation of Canada. Report by the Director of BDT.

CITEL-63/94 Contribution by the Delegation of Canada. Note of the ITU Secretary General enclosing a note from the Chairman of the CEPT-ECTRA-ERC ad hoc Group.
Mr. Bruce A. Gracie made a brief summary on the background of the Working Groups, whose objective is to promote discussion in order to generate a common regional approach to the issues proposed in the agendas of the meetings.

The Working Group on the Preparations for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, Kyoto 1994, was established by Resolution COM/CITEL 56 (XXVI-93) at the XXVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee that was held in Santiago in 1993, while the Working Group for the Preparations of the World Telecommunication Development Conference was established by Resolution COM/CITEL 8 (EXTRA-93) at the First Special Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee held in August, 1993.

Document CITEL-30/94 contains several annexes and document CITEL-63/94 was prepared by the Chairman of the ad hoc Working Group for the preparations of the 1994 Plenipotentiary Conference. Both documents summarize some of the most important issues which will be raised at the two conferences.

Mr. Gracie particularly stated that it is necessary to reinforce the catalytic role played by the ITU in telecommunications development.

He suggested to include a mention to the catalytic role of ITU in a resolution from the First CITEL Assembly to the WTDC-94, as one of the key elements to be emphasized in the Buenos Aires Action Plan.

As regards document CITEL 059/94, he referred to some of the proposed draft resolutions submitted by several Administrations in support of the work of the WTDC:

- Activities of the Asian-Pacific Telecommunity for achieving development.
- Introduction of ITU proceedings and guidelines for the privatization of the Sector.
- Proposed revision of the Organic Structure in order to follow the evolution trend of telecommunications technology.
- Guidelines manual for optimizing the Network in developing countries.
- Preparation of a training courses program for new services and telecommunications systems.
Proposal on the establishment of the International Telecommunication University under the supervision of ITU and jointly funded by member states.

Communications in situations of disaster.

Introduction of new technologies as the basis for the harmonization of telecommunication networks.

Free access to updated telecommunication equipment and services.

Internal regulations and working methodology of the Development Sector.

Simplification of tariff regulations as an important element for telecommunication development.

Study of specific issues on Radiocommunications by the Telecommunication Development Sector.

Several delegations requested the floor.

The Delegation of Dominica observed the region's needs might not be simple to meet, due to the different stages of development of member states. Furthermore, it stressed that goodwill and cooperation are the keys to region-wide, equitable development. Lastly, it indicated that accounting and collection rates should be examined in the interest of equity and in order to achieve development.

The Delegation of Colombia recalled the achievements of the Acapulco American Regional Development Conference, that resulted in the establishment of goals that emphasized the strategic position of the telecommunication sector. It noted that similar results should arise from the Buenos Aires meeting, through the establishment of specific mechanisms.

The Delegation of Mexico stressed that human resources are one of the elements intervening in development and they may restrict any plan if there is not an adequate response to expectations. It also stated that attention should be paid to the following two aspects of training:

- Training of human resources in the Administrations, operators, producers and dealers, which is their responsibility as employers;
On the other hand, it is also necessary to support the training of human resources through the formal educational systems; although these entities are not directly responsible for such training, its strengthening will benefit them in the future.
The Delegations of Argentina and Peru made a brief description of the telecommunication status in their respective countries. They highlighted the role that deregulation and privatization have played in the development of telecommunications in their countries.

Finally, the Delegation of Uruguay stated that telecommunications could be thought of as the service that supports all other services.

As far as the issues before the Plenipotentiary Conference are concerned, Mr. Gracie outlined many of the key items to be addressed by the Conference and invited the CITEL member states to submit their views to him at their earliest convenience.

As there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

5. Minutes of the Third Plenary Session

Date: February 24, 1994

Time: 9:15 A.M.

Chairman: Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala (Uruguay)

Participants:

Member states of CITEL: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Permanent Observers to the OAS: Federation of Russia, France and Rumania.

International and Regional Organizations: AHCIET, AIR, ASETA, CANTO, COMTELCA, CTU, ECLA, IARU Region II and UIT

REPORT OF COMMITTEE I: CITEL Regulations

Mr. Julio Da Silva Jr. (Brazilian Delegation), as rapporteur of Committee I: "CITEL Regulations", presented document CITEL-082/94 containing the corresponding report.

Documents CITEL-005/94, CITEL-005/94 add.1, CITEL-017/94, CITEL-041/94 were considered by Committee I during three working sessions. The result was document CITEL-005/94 rev. 1 which will be presented at the next Plenary Session and which incorporates the results of the debates.

The Delegation of the United States pointed out that document CITEL 20/94 had not been discussed and proposed that the Steering Committee consider it.

The Delegation of Colombia backed the proposal made by the United States, and this was supported by the Assembly.
CITEL-005/94 rev.1 CITEL Regulations

This document was distributed and contains the modifications included during its analysis as well as the standardization of terms as requested to the Style Committee.

CITEL-074/94 Draft Resolution: CITEL Regulations

The Delegation of Uruguay, with the support of the Delegation of Chile, requested to mention in the Minutes that a Glossary will be annexed to the CITEL Regulations. After some amendments, the draft was approved and is included in Part III of this Report as CITEL RES. 1(I-94).

CITEL-073/94 Draft Resolution: Fees of Associated Members

Resolution approved as CITEL RES. 2(I-94).

Committee II: Basic Documents

The Chairman of this Committee, Mr. Leonardo Gatica, informed on its results:

CITEL-078/94 rev.1 Draft Resolution: Human Resources.

Resolves nr. 5 was incorporated and the Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 3(I-94).

CITEL-067/94 Draft Resolution: Guidelines for regional telecommunications development.

Resolution approved as CITEL RES. 4(I-94).
CITEL-083/94 Draft Resolution on Telecommunication Policies for the Americas (Blue Book)

After some amendments were introduced, the Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 5/94(I-94).

CITEL-079/94 Draft Resolution: Approval of the Montevideo Declaration

Some amendments were introduced.

As regards paragraph 1 of the Montevideo Declaration, Ms. Regina Arriaga explained that she had consulted the OAS on the term to be used instead of "American Continent" and, although it is correct, it would be more general to utilize "the Americas" or the "American hemisphere" or, in some cases, the "American States". Finally, the term "American States" was selected.

Likewise, paragraph 5 was amended. Taking into consideration that some delegations had not the capacity to sign this declaration, it decided to forward it to the competent authorities.

The Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 6 (I-94).


The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bruce A. Gracie, referred to the documents for consideration:


After some amendments, the Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 7(I-94).

Item 6 on the Agenda: (Conclusion) Establishment of Permanent Consultative Committees (PCC).
CITEL-088/94 Draft Resolution: Establishment of the Coordination Committee and the Permanent Consultative Committees and their Mandates.

This document replaces CITEL-084/94.

The Delegation of Uruguay consulted on the possibility of creating the Coordination Committee through a separate Resolution, but the meeting decided to keep it within this resolution in order to evidence the connection between its mandate and that of the Permanent Consultative Committees. It also requested to establish that "the use of ITU rules and recommendations" should be taken into account in every mandate. The present delegations supported this motion.

The Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 8(I-94).

Item 5 on the Agenda: (Conclusion) Election of COM/CITEL Member Countries.

CITEL-094/94 Draft Resolution: Integration of the Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL).

This Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 9(I-94).

Item 9 on the Agenda: (Conclusion) Approval of the CITEL operations plan for 1994-1998 and the corresponding Program-Budget.


Some amendments were introduced, such as: deleting the denomination "support nuclei", and mentioning the Acapulco directives in item 2, "Action Areas".

The Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 10(I-94).
This Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 11(I-94).

This Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 12(I-94).

Item 10 on the Agenda: (Conclusion) Selection of the site of the Second Regular Assembly of CITEL.

According to what had already been indicated in the Fourth Plenary Session, the designation of Ecuador as the site of the 1998 CITEL Assembly was approved by acclamation.

This Resolution was approved as CITEL RES. 13(I-94).
Item 11 on the Agenda: (Conclusion) Other business

The meeting decided that Mr. Bruce A. Gracie should draft a proposed resolution related to the World Telecommunication Development Conference to be held in Buenos Aires (Item 8 on the Agenda), and circulate it for members consideration, after the meeting of his working party scheduled for Saturday, February 26.

Item 12 on the Agenda: (Conclusion) Approval of the Minutes of the Working Sessions.

The Minutes of the Plenary Sessions were then analyzed and approved. The following documents were considered:

- CITEL-069/94 rev.1 Minutes of the First Plenary Session.
- CITEL-085/94 Minutes of the Second Plenary Session.
- CITEL-092/94 Minutes of the Third Plenary Session.
- CITEL-091/94 Minutes of the Fourth Plenary Session.

As regards the Minutes of the Fifth Plenary Session, the meeting decided that the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Executive Secretary of CITEL prepare and send it to the participants.

The Executive Secretariat of CITEL will distribute the Final Report of the meeting.
8. Minutes of the Closing Session

Date: 25 February, 1994

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Chairman: Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala

Participants:
Member States of CITEL: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.
Permanent Observers to the OAS: Federation of Russia, France and Rumania.
International and Regional organizations: AHCIE, AIR, ASETA, CANTO, COMTELCA, CTU, ECLA, IARU Region II and ITU.

The Delegate of Costa Rica thanked the President of CITEL and all the Members for the successful outcome of this meeting. He also stressed the valuable cooperation of Room Assistants, the Secretariat, Translation, Interpreters.

Mr. Luis M. Peluffo, Vice-Chairman of COM/CITEL, delivered a message of the former Chairman of COM/CITEL, Mr. Roberto Pliscoff Vasquez, wishing success to the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of COM/CITEL.

Mr. Juan de la Cruz Silveira Zavala thanked the participants and pointed out the importance of these meetings for the establishment of the necessary framework oriented to the achievement of telecommunications development of the American States.

Finally, he solemnly closed the First Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) at 01:30 P.M.

III. RESOLUTIONS

CITEL RES.1(I-94)

CITEL REGULATIONS

The First Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission,

CONSIDERING: