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**SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY
OF CITEL**

The Chairman of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITELE, has special pleasure to attach the "Declaration of Santo Domingo" adopted by unanimity by the delegations present during that meeting that took place in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, February 10 to 13, 2014.

In addition, the Final Report of the meeting is attached.

Mr. Gedeón Santos
Chairman of the Assembly

February 13, 2014



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**INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION
(CITEL)**

DECLARATION OF SANTO DOMINGO

February 13, 2014

We, the representatives of the Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS), gathered at the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from February 10 to 13, 2014,

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) The importance of renewing our commitment to achieving the development targets and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals;
- b) That the Heads of State and Government, at the Sixth Summit of the Americas, defined “access to and use of ICTs,” “integration of physical infrastructure in the Americas,” and “disaster risk reduction and management” as three of the five main mandates of the Sixth Summit of the Americas, and that these are integral parts of the core mandate of CITEL;
- c) That the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito identify the contribution of ICTs to education, health, employment, culture, and economic development, among others; and
- d) That the Heads of State, Ministers, [tr.] heads of regional organizations, and high-level representatives of the private and academia sectors, at the Connect Americas Summit, held in 2012, reaffirmed the importance of the inclusion of the many stakeholders on issues such as broadband infrastructure, digital inclusion, and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)’ role in public safety,

CONSIDERING:

That the OAS General Assembly:

- a) Established CITEL in 1994 as an autonomous and decentralized entity to serve as the OAS’ leading advisory body in all matters relating to telecommunications/ICT in the Hemisphere;
- b) In its Resolution AG/RES. 2702 (XLII-O/12), instructs CITEL “*to remain a forum for dialogue, coordination, and cooperation in the telecommunication area in the Hemisphere and to maintain a high level in providing technical assistance and capacity-building in the Member States ...*”;

c) In its Resolution AG/RES. 2765 (XLIII-O/13), emphasized that the core competencies of CITELE in the field of ICTs, such as assistance in bridging the digital divide; regional and international cooperation; and radio spectrum management are of crucial importance in building the Information Society; and urged CITELE to promote the development, coordination, and implementation of strategies, as applicable, to expand the use of ICTs, with support from the private sector and social actors of the [capitalized in Resolution 2765- tr.]Hhemisphere, in accordance with commitments undertaken at the Sixth Summit of the Americas;

d) In its Resolution AG/RES. 2765 (XLIII-O/13) refers to the fact that CITELE will promote the preparations of the Americas for the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14), the 2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14), and the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15), as well as the 2016 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-16); and

e) That CITELE is recognized by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Resolution 58 (Guadalajara, 2010)) as the principal regional telecommunication organization of the Americas,

RECOGNIZING:

a) That active participation in the “digital economy” through the advent of telecommunications/ICTs is essential in promoting economic growth, competitiveness, and access to knowledge through information, contributing to the eradication of poverty and the integration of all countries;

b) That telecommunications/ICTs are the most efficient and effective instruments in enabling ample access for all to information and education and in allowing for freedom of speech and expression, which are essential components to the promotion of democracy, the defense of human rights, the assurance of security and the fostering of integral development and prosperity in the hemisphere, the four pillars of the Organization of American States (OAS);

c) That CITELE’s activities on telecommunication/ICTs during 2010-2014 term have directly contributed to the implementation of the four pillars the OAS;

d) That public policies must be adopted that are aimed at resolving the problems that affect our people, in particular women, utilizing information and communications technologies as a means of implementing those policies, in accordance with the 2013 Santo Domingo Consensus of the XII Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean”;

e) That telecommunication/ICTs are essential components of early warning disaster prevention and disaster risk reduction systems, and that telecommunication/ICTs can greatly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of disaster management and mitigation; and

f) That CITELE approved 13 inter-American proposals for the 2010 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10), seven inter-American proposals for the 2010 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-10), more than 200 inter-American proposals for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12), 14 inter-American proposals for the 2012 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12), and 39 inter-American proposals to the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12),

DECLARE:

1. That we reaffirm our support to CITEL as the leading intergovernmental organization of the OAS in all matters relating to telecommunications/ICTs;
2. That, in order to fulfill its mandate, purposes and objectives, CITEL is fully dependent on and cannot exist as it is without the annual regular fund budget from the OAS;
3. That CITEL must strive, within its mandate, to directly contribute to the implementation of the four pillars of the OAS;

AGREE:

1. To strengthen CITEL's role as the principal intergovernmental organization entity for telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs).
2. To identify, promote and implement measures aimed at ensuring the financial and operational sustainability of CITEL.
3. To promote greater participation by the Member States and associate members comprising CITEL, promoting the incorporation of new actors related to the telecommunications/ICT sector.
4. To promote, in the framework of CITEL, the drafting of recommendations and best practices/principles that promote issues for the benefit of telecommunication service users.
5. To strengthen cooperation in formulating strategies for the development and deployment of broadband in order to promote connectivity and the social, economic, and cultural development of our peoples.
6. To devote special attention to the most disadvantaged, remote, and/or hard-to-access populations, persons with disabilities, older persons, women, children, indigenous peoples, with the aim of digital inclusion, and ensuring that telecommunications/ICT facilitate their development.
7. To promote cooperation within the Organization of American States (OAS) with the aim of optimizing resources and strengthening the coordination of telecommunication/ICTs related projects.
8. To foster and strengthen regulatory frameworks that promote competition, investment, innovation, users' rights, and public-private partnerships.
9. To identify measures to promote the affordability and transparency of international roaming services, focusing especially on the realities and needs of border areas.
10. To promote the most effective ways to support regional cooperation to enhance cybersecurity and to protect children on the Internet.
11. To promote the development of strategies that recognize telecommunications/ICT infrastructure as a determining factor in natural disaster prevention and mitigation, rescue and relief, and reconstruction actions;
12. To promote access to broadband in order to reduce the technological gap among and within

societies of the Hemisphere, placing special emphasis on the reduction of costs of international Internet connectivity for landlocked developing countries and small developing island States.

13. To promote the interconnection of international networks through national and regional traffic exchange points to improve quality and increase connectivity, and network resilience, promoting competition and the reduction of international telecommunication interconnection costs.

14. To promote the creation of local content that facilitates growing use of broadband access, promoting cultural exchange and the digital inclusion of all peoples.

15. To strengthen CITEL's training program, which is conducted in coordination with Regional Training Centers, the Center of Excellence for the Americas of the International Telecommunication Union, the private sector, and regional and subregional organizations, through the use of advanced education and research networks and the establishment of Caribbean networks, and with other civil society entities;

16. To continue strengthening cooperation and collaboration with other pertinent regional and subregional organizations in the telecommunications/ICT area in the Americas and with organizations outside the region.

In witness whereof, the delegates of the OAS Member States participating in the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission hereby adopt this Declaration in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on February 13, 2014.

Argentina	Brazil
Canada	Colombia
Costa Rica	Dominican Republic
El Salvador	Guatemala
Haiti	Honduras
Jamaica	Mexico
Nicaragua	Panama
Paraguay	Peru
United States of America	Uruguay
	Venezuela



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FINAL REPORT OF THE FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF CITEL

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL, was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, February 10 to 13, 2014.

I. AGENDA ¹

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organization of the Assembly.
 - 2.1 Order of precedence.
 - 2.2 Establishment of the working committees.
 - 2.3 Composition of the credential, style, and drafting committees.
3. Election of the Chair and of the two Vice-Chairs of the Assembly.
4. Report of the Chair of COM/CITEL.
5. Reports of the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - 5.1 PCC.I: Telecommunications/ICTs.
 - 5.2 PCC.II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting.
6. Strategic Plan of CITEL.
7. Proposed amendments to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL.
8. Establishment of the Permanent Consultative Committees: assignment, purpose, and specific mandate.
9. Designation of the Member State to serve as Vice-Chair of COM/CITEL.
10. Election of the Member States of COM/CITEL.
11. Election of the Member States to chair the Permanent Consultative Committees.
12. Establishment of the Plan of Operations of CITEL for 2014-2018 and the corresponding program-budget.
13. Coordination with other regional and international organizations.
14. Announcement of the XXVIII and XXIX Meetings of COM/CITEL.
15. CITEL preparations for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14).
16. Other business.
17. Adoption of the final report.

¹ CITEL/doc. 469/14

II. OFFICERS OF THE MEETING

Chair: Mr. Gedeón Santos (Dominican Republic)
Vice-Chair: Mr. César Díaz (Panama)
Second Vice-Chair: Mr. Sergio De Cola (Uruguay)
Executive Secretary of CITEL Mr. Clovis Baptista (OAS)

Comisión de Credenciales

Chair: Mr. Juan Manuel López Alcoba (Argentina)
Members: Ms. Jasne Mariel Rodríguez (Dominican Republic)
Ms. Carolina Longo (Dominican Republic)
Mr. Manuel Herrera (Mexico)

Comisión de Redacción y de Estilo

Chair: Mr. Osiris Sosa (Dominican Republic)
Members: Mr. Jonathan Siverling (United States of America)
Mr. Eduardo Neón Rodríguez Meléndez (Nicaragua)
Ms. Vanessa Castillo Mendives (Peru)
Ms. Mariana Calderón (Venezuela)
Mr. Miguel Orozco (Venezuela)

Working Committee 1: Structure and Strategic Planification (including the CITEL financial sustainability issue for 2014-2018)

Chair: Mr. Jeferson Nacif (Brazil)
Vice-Chair: Mr. Franklin Merchán (Colombia)

Working Committee 2: Modification of the Statute and Regulations of CITEL

Chair: Mr. Victor Martínez (Mexico)
Vice-Chair: Mr. Socrates Martínez (Dominican Republic)

Working Group on the Declaration of Santo Domingo

Chair: Sr. Bryan Guzmán (Dominican Republic)

III. RESOLUTIONS

CITEL RES. 68 (VI-14) ²

STRENGTHENING REGIONAL MEASURES TO COMBAT THE THEFT OF MOBILE TERMINALS

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), recognizing the seriousness and social repercussions of the theft of mobile terminals, issued in the framework of the XIX Meeting of PCC.I (Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I)), in September 2011, Resolution PCC.I/RES.189 (XIX-11) “Regional measures to combat the theft of mobile terminal devices,” in which the Member States are urged, inter alia, to consider including in their regulatory frameworks the prohibition of the activation and use of the international mobile equipment identity (IMEIs) of devices reported stolen, lost, or of unlawful origin from national regional or international databases;
- b) That to achieve that aim, the Member States were urged to exchange, through the GSMA database, IMEIs of devices reported stolen or lost;

RECOGNIZING:

- a) The efforts and progress made at both the national and international levels made by Member States in connection with regulatory and technological aspects to prevent the theft of mobile terminals in the region;
- b) That through the commitment made by the Association of GSM operators (GSMA), major progress was made up to January 2014 through the connection of some 53 mobile operators of 17 countries of the region;

BEARING IN MIND:

- a) That the effectiveness of the measure results from each country blocking the IMEIs reported by the other countries as stolen or lost, since without this action, international trafficking in stolen equipment will continue to grow as long as destinations remain where they can operate, and the consensus-based measures of the Member States will have no positive impact;
- b) That a country inventory is required of measures related to the connection, exchange, and blocking of IMEIs reported stolen or lost by other countries,

RESOLVES:

² CITEL/doc. 507/14

1. To instruct the Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I) to prepare in 2014 an inventory of the status of the measures indicated Resolution PCC.I/RES.189 (XIX-11) “Regional measures to combat the theft of mobile terminal devices”.
2. To invite the Member States whose mobile operators are not blocking on their mobile networks the IMEIs that are the subject of inter-country exchange to encourage and/or decide with the mobile operators to block the IMEIs reported stolen or lost.
3. To invite the Member States whose mobile operators are not yet connected to the GSMA IMEI database or those that, although connected, are not exchanging IMEIs reported stolen or lost, to take these measures so as to have positive impact on this scourge.

CITEL RES. 69 (VI-14)³

DECLARATION OF SANTO DOMINGO

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That at the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL, on February 10 was held the Strategic Dialogue “Broadband and Internet Development in Latin America and the Caribbean” which brought together senior government officials responsible for telecommunications and ICT, the private sector, experts from the Internet technical community, and representatives of international organizations, civil society and academia, to exchange information, best practices, views and perspectives on the status and future development of Broadband and the Internet in the Americas region;
- b) That the Strategic Plan of CITEL for 2014-2018 was also reviewed in depth and adopted;
- c) That a Working Group of the Assembly was established to elaborate the Declaration of Santo Domingo,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the Declaration of Santo Domingo, annexed hereto.
2. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to disseminate massively this Declaration.

³ CITEL/doc. 522/14

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 69 (VI-14) ⁴

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- c) That the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito identify the contribution of ICTs to education, health, employment, culture, and economic development, among others; and
- d) That the Heads of State, Ministers, [tr.] heads of regional organizations, and high-level representatives of the private and academia sectors, at the Connect Americas Summit, held in 2012, reaffirmed the importance of the inclusion of the many stakeholders on issues such as broadband infrastructure, digital inclusion, and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)’ role in public safety,

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⁴ CITEL/doc. 479/14 rev.6

d) In its Resolution AG/RES. 2765 (XLIII-O/13) refers to the fact that CITELE will promote the preparations of the Americas for the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14), the 2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14), and the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15), as well as the 2016 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-16); and

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1. That we reaffirm our support to CITELE as the leading intergovernmental organization of the OAS in all matters relating to telecommunications/ICTs;

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1. To strengthen CITELE's role as the principal intergovernmental organization entity for telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs).

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16. To continue strengthening cooperation and collaboration with other pertinent regional and subregional organizations in the telecommunications/ICT area in the Americas and with organizations outside the region.

In witness whereof, the delegates of the OAS Member States participating in the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission hereby adopt this Declaration in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on February 13, 2014.

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Jamaica	Mexico
Nicaragua	Panama
Paraguay	Peru
United States of America	Uruguay
	Venezuela

CITEL RES. 70 (VI-14) ⁵

ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL FOR 2014-2018

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That by Resolution CITEL RES. 59 (V-10), the Strategic Plan of CITEL 2010-2014 was approved;
- b) That at the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly, the Working Committee 1, Structure and Strategic Planning (including the CITEL financial sustainability issue for 2014-2018),

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the Strategic Plan of CITEL for 2014-2018, hereto annexed.
2. To establish mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the strategic plan.
3. To forward this Strategic Plan to the Permanent Consultative Committees of CITEL for their consideration.
4. To repeal Resolution CITEL RES. 59 (V-10).

INSTRUCTS COM/CITEL, PCC.I AND PCC.II:

To elaborate relevant indicators to measure the progress of the strategic targets and specific objectives defined in this plan.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 70 (VI-14)

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CITEL FOR 2014-2018

1. VISION

The full integration of the American States into the Global Information Society, with a view to enabling and accelerating social, economic and environmentally sustainable development for all the region's inhabitants through the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs).

⁵ CITEL/doc. 523/14 rev.3

2. MISSION

To facilitate and promote the integral and sustainable development of interoperable, innovative and reliable telecommunications/ICTs in the Americas, under the principles of universality, equity and affordability.

3. STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Encourage the development of interoperable telecommunication/ICTs in the Americas, including infrastructure, services, equipment and devices.
2. Promoting initiatives to expand the use/adoption/penetration of telecommunication/ICTs in the Americas.
3. Fostering inclusiveness and affordability of telecommunication/ICTs and reducing the digital divide in the Americas.
4. Promoting the development of a harmonized telecommunication/ICTs environment in the Americas.
5. Promoting greater and more active participation by the Member States of CITELE and all actors of the telecommunication/ICT sector in the activities of CITELE.
6. Ensuring that the Organization of American States (OAS) continue to contribute with financial and non-financial resources to the sustainability of CITELE.

4. STRATEGIC TARGETS

1. Increase of telecommunication/ICTs penetration and coverage.
2. Increase in the affordability of telecommunication/ICTs services and devices.
3. Increase of telecommunication/ICT capability and literacy.
4. Reduction of the digital divide and inequality, particularly in underserved areas and in regards to gender and to persons with disabilities.
5. Increase in the access to international Internet connectivity, particularly in landlocked countries and small-island developing states.

5. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

These objectives are defined in addition to the full mandates of COM/CITELE, PCC.I and PCC.II.

1. To identify and recommend best practices to reduce the digital divide among and within the Member States.
2. To produce and disseminate information and recommendations on best practices in regards to telecommunication/ICTs public policies and regulatory environment.

3. To promote the interoperability, harmonization, regional mobility and connectivity of ICTs.
4. To foster discussions on public policy issues related to the Internet, particularly with impact on the increase of broadband penetration.
5. To promote efficient and equitable use of orbit / spectrum in the region on the basis of studies and technological advances according to the priorities and requirements of the Member States.
6. To foster and support the transition to digital broadcasting and the efficient use of the digital dividend spectrum.
7. To enhance confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs, including cybersecurity, through increased collaboration between Member States and between CITELE and other international regional and subregional organizations and entities, including within the OAS.
8. To support disaster preparedness and to serve as a means for Member States to channel their telecommunication needs regarding natural disaster early warning, mitigation and relief.
9. To promote discussions on how to optimize the use of telecommunication/ICTs critical resources.
10. To promote capacity-building, training, technical cooperation, and technology transfer through CITELE's Regional Training Centers.
11. To promote cooperation and coordination of activities, initiatives, projects, and programs with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other international, regional, and subregional organizations and entities.
12. To expand and strengthen collaboration with the ITU Regional Office for the Americas in all matters related to telecommunication/ICTs, including on standardization and radiocommunication issues.
13. To elaborate and present documents and inter-american proposals at Study Groups and Conferences/Assemblies of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
14. To elaborate relevant indicators to measure the progress of the strategic targets defined in this plan.
15. To strengthen the institutional image of CITELE.
16. To increase member participation in the activities of CITELE and increase associate members.

6. PLAN OF ACTION

Specific objectives	Responsible parties
1. To identify and recommend best practices to reduce the digital divide among and within the Member States.	COM/CITELE, PCC.I, PCC.II
2. To produce and disseminate information and recommendations on best practices in regards to telecommunication/ICTs public policies and regulatory environment.	PCC.I, PCC.II

Specific objectives	Responsible parties
3. To promote the interoperability, harmonization, regional mobility and connectivity of ICTs.	PCC.I, PCC.II
4. To foster discussions on public policy issues related to the Internet, particularly with impact on the increase of broadband penetration.	PCC.I
5. To promote efficient and equitable use of orbit / spectrum in the region on the basis of studies and technological advances according to the priorities and requirements of the Member States.	PCC.II
6. To foster and support the transition to digital broadcasting and the efficient use of the digital dividend spectrum.	PCC.II
7. To enhance confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs, including cybersecurity, through increased collaboration between Member States and between CITEL and other international regional and subregional organizations and entities, including within the OAS.	PCC.I
8. To support disaster preparedness and to serve as a means for Member States to channel their telecommunication needs regarding natural disaster early warning, mitigation and relief.	COM/CITEL, PCC.I, PCC.II
9. To promote discussions on how to optimize the use of telecommunication/ICTs critical resources.	PCC.I, PCC.II
10. To promote capacity-building, training, technical cooperation, and technology transfer through CITEL's Regional Training Centers and organizations with which CITEL has cooperation agreements.	Secretariat of CITEL, COM/CITEL
11. To promote cooperation and coordination of activities, initiatives, projects, and programs with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other international, regional, and subregional organizations and entities.	Secretariat of CITEL, COM/CITEL, PCC.I, PCC.II
12. To expand and strengthen collaboration with the ITU Regional Office for the Americas in all matters related to telecommunication/ICTs, including on standardization and radiocommunication issues.	Secretariat of CITEL, COM/CITEL, PCC.I, PCC.II
13. To elaborate and present documents and inter-american proposals at Study Groups and Conferences/Assemblies of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).	COM/CITEL, PCC.I, PCC.II
14. To elaborate relevant indicators to measure the progress of the strategic targets defined in this plan.	COM/CITEL, PCC.I, PCC.II
15. To strengthen the institutional image of CITEL.	Secretariat of CITEL, COM/CITEL, PCC.I, PCC.II
16. To increase member participation in the activities of CITEL and to promote the adhesion of new associate members.	Secretariat of CITEL, COM/CITEL, PCC.I, PCC.II

7. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan defines the Strategy of CITEL for a four-year period in order to fulfil its Mission. It defines Strategic Goals and Objectives and represents the plan of CITEL within that period. It is the main instrument embodying the CITEL's strategic vision.

VISION

The better world CITEL wants to see.

MISSION

Mission refers to the main overall purposes of CITEL indicated in the Statute.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Strategic Goals refer to CITEL's high-level targets to which the specific objectives contribute, directly or indirectly. These relate to the whole of CITEL.

STRATEGIC TARGETS

Strategic targets are the expected results during the period of the strategic plan; they provide an indication as to whether the Goals are being achieved. Targets may not always be achieved for reasons that may be beyond the control of CITEL.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Specific objectives refer to the specific aims of CITEL's activities in a given period.

CITEL RES. 71 (VI-14) ⁶

**CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER AMMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE
AND REGULATIONS OF CITEL TO INCLUDE REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND TO
INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF CITEL**

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That it is a function of CITEL under its Statute to develop mechanisms for full participation by all Member States in the meetings of CITEL;
- b) That Member States are considering modifications to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL, such as authorizing remote participation in its formal attendance-based meetings at which decisions are taken;
- c) That further discussion and studies are needed of the effects of remote participation on the meetings of CITEL; and
- d) That informal virtual meetings of the working groups of the Permanent Consultative Committees of CITEL and its rapporteurships and ad hoc groups are not a substitute for meetings of CITEL where decisions are taken,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) The usefulness of remote participation as an effective mechanism to promote increased participation in meetings of CITEL;
- b) That remote participation can improve efficiency and reduce the costs of on-site meetings of CITEL;
- c) That existing technological advances can facilitate remote participation in meetings of CITEL; and
- d) That the Statute and Regulations should be fully reviewed and updated as appropriate,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the creation of a working group of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) to review and propose updates to the Statute and Regulations in accordance with subparagraphs (e) and (g) of Article 17, "Functions of COM/CITEL," of the Statute regarding the financial, legal, and operational issues arising from remote participation and increased participation in decision-making meetings of CITEL, requesting that said working group periodically report to COM/CITEL its findings, in which are defined the terms for such remote participation.

⁶ CITEL/doc. 488/14 rev.3

2. To encourage all Member States and members of CITELE to participate in this group and to share their experiences of this matter.
3. To request the Secretariat of CITELE to distribute this resolution to the Member States and members of CITELE for the launch of this effort.

CITELE RES. 72 (VI-14) ⁷

CREATION OF AN AD HOC GROUP TO CREATE A LIST OF ATTRIBUTES TO BE USED IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CITELE

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITELE),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That Article 26 of the Statute of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITELE) stipulates that “COM/CITELE shall propose a consensus candidate to the Secretary General for the position of Executive Secretary of CITELE”;
- b) That the current Executive Secretary of CITELE, Clovis Baptista, has made it known that he will reach the OAS mandatory retirement age in 2015;
- c) That the technical nature of CITELE calls for familiarity with the organization;
- d) That this position is crucial to the success of CITELE;
- e) That there is desire for a transparent and participatory selection process; and
- f) That Article 17 of the Statute of the CITELE establishes the role of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITELE (COM/CITELE) in defining the profile, selection criteria, and nomination of a candidate for the position of Executive Secretary of CITELE in the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS),

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct COM/CITELE to establish an ad hoc group to fulfill the responsibilities of COM/CITELE set forth in Article 17 of the Statute regarding the position of Executive Secretary of CITELE.
2. To take into consideration the Annex to this resolution as an element in support of the process of defining the profile and selection criteria of the Executive Secretary, and to submit them to COM/CITELE at its XXIX Meeting for its review and approval.

⁷ CITELE/doc. 487/14 rev.2

3. To receive nominations for the position of the Executive Secretary at the XXIX Meeting of COM/CITEL.
4. To propose to the Secretary General of the Organization a consensus candidate for the position of Executive Secretary of CITEL as soon as possible.
5. To forward this resolution to the corresponding organ of the Organization of American States as input for the review of the General Standards.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 72 (VI-14)

Proposed Profile and Selection Criteria for the Position of Executive Secretary of CITEL

- 1) Visionary leader and recognized expert in the field of international telecommunications with experience working in multicultural environments and proven resource management and program execution capacity.
- 2) Knowledge of the organization (CITEL), and participation in it, especially:
 - a) The Assembly.
 - b) COM/CITEL.
 - c) Permanent Consultative Committee (I and/or II).
- 3) Demonstrated leadership skills:
 - a) Essential:
 - Managerial experience, including human and financial resource management.
 - Strong organizational skills.
 - Experience of document preparation and management.
 - b) Desirable:
 - Experience of public diplomacy and of public messaging (e.g., websites, blogs, tweets, etc.).
- 4) Respected by, and familiarity with, CITEL and the regions of the Americas
 - a) Broad regional support.
 - b) Ability to engage in consultative process on important issues.
 - c) Well-connected with telecommunications leaders in the region.
- 5) Knowledge of languages:
 - a) Essential: Proficient in Spanish and English (reading, writing, and communicating)
 - b) Desirable: Working knowledge of French and/or Portuguese.
- 6) Gender to be mainstreamed in selection process.
- 7) Knowledge of the world conferences of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the preparatory process, and other regional organizations:
 - a) Participation in the meetings of the ITU and of other regional organizations.
 - b) Leadership roles (e.g., chair or vice chair of a working group, spokesperson, head of delegation, etc.).

- 8) Demonstrated ability to prepare proposed program-budgets for both the Regular Fund and the use of specific fund contributions.
- 9) Ability to attract and support members.

CITEL RES. 73 (VI-14) ⁸

MODIFICATIONS TO CITEL STATUTE AND REGULATIONS

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

HAVING SEEN:

The Report of the Assembly Working Committee 2 on the modifications to the CITEL Statute and Regulations proposed by the Member States,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That pursuant to Articles 5, 34 and 35 of the CITEL Statute, all modifications of the Statute subject to the approval of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), and CITEL must send all modifications of its Regulations to the OAS General Assembly with its first annual report;
- b) That Article 100 of CITEL Regulations requires that every modification of the Regulations be presented to the OAS General Assembly for its information,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the modifications to the CITEL Statute contained as Annex 1 of this Resolution, *ad referendum* of the approval of the OAS General Assembly.
2. To approve the modifications to the CITEL Regulations contained as Annex 2 of this Resolution and inform the OAS General Assembly of these modifications.
3. To request that the OAS General Assembly in its next Regular Period of Sessions approve the modifications to the CITEL Statute set out in the Annex *nunc pro tunc* as of the date of this Resolution, by adopting the draft Resolution attached hereto as Annex 3.

⁸ CITEL/doc. 487/14 rev.2

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 73 (VI-14)

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATUTE OF CITEL: Document CITEL/doc.476 /14 rev.8 cor.1

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 73 (VI-14)

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS OF CITEL: Document CITEL/doc.477 /14 rev.6 cor.1

ANNEX 3 TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 73 (VI-14)

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DRAFT RESOLUTION

AG/RES. yyyy (XXXXIV-O/14)

MODIFICATIONS TO CITEL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Revisions to the CITEL Statute and Regulations approved by the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL by means of Resolution CITEL RES. 73 (VI-40),

CONSIDERING:

That modifications to the CITEL Statute approved by the CITEL Assembly, pursuant to Articles 5 and 34 of the CITEL Statute, are subject to the approval of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), and all modifications to the CITEL Regulations, approved by the CITEL Assembly, must be sent to the OAS General Assembly for its information,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve, *nunc pro tunc* as of the date of its approval by the Sixth Regular Meeting of CITEL Assembly, by means of Resolution CITEL RES. 73 (VI-14), all modifications to the CITEL Statute contained in Annex 1 herein.
2. To take note of modifications to CITEL Regulations approved by the Sixth Regular Meeting of CITEL Assembly by means of Resoltuion CITEL RES. 73 (VI-14) contained in Annex 2 herein.

CITEL RES. 74 (VI-14)⁹

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is an entity of the Organization of American States (OAS) responsible for telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs);
- b) That Article 23 of the CITEL Statute authorizes its Assembly to establish any Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) it considers necessary to attain its objectives and fulfill its functions, which are contained in Article 3 thereof;
- c) Considering the importance of Resolution AG/RES 2004 (XXXIV-O/04) and the need for improved collaboration and coordination on cross-cutting issues related to the use of ICTs within the OAS;
- d) That in accordance with the CITEL Regulations, the Assembly shall define a specific mandate for each PCC; and
- e) That the Permanent Consultative Committees are the basis for the work done to implement the objectives and functions of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To establish the following Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - PCC.I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
 - PCC.II: Radiocommunications
- 2. To derogate Resolution CITEL RES. 64 (V-10).
- 3. To establish the objectives and mandates for the Permanent Consultative Committees indicated in the Annex.

⁹ CITEL/doc. 518/14

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION CITEL RES. 74 (VI-14)

Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/ICT (PCC.I)

Objective

To serve as an advisory committee of CITELE in the area of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs), especially in matters related to telecommunication/ICT policy, regulatory aspects, standardization, cybersecurity, international public policy issues related to Internet, in as much as those matters involve telecommunications networks or ICT Infrastructure, universal service, economic and social development, environment and climate change, and the development of infrastructure and new technologies.

To implement this objective, Permanent Consultative Committee I has the following mandates.

Mandates:

In accordance with the relevant regulations, procedures, and recommendations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

- a) To promote discussion and to develop recommendations on new technologies with a view to understanding how countries in the region are creating forward looking policy frameworks that stimulate infrastructure, innovation, and uptake of new services in an environment of legal security, healthy competition, and evolving technological conditions.
- b) To encourage and promote the development of telecommunications/ICT infrastructure and services in the region.
- c) To promote coordination, planning, and harmonization among Member States with regard to technical standards in general and service quality in coordination with relevant international standards.
- d) To promote the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to tariff and economic matters, as well as draw up recommendations on economic aspects and tariff principles for telecommunication/ICT services.
- e) To promote the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to technical standards and conformity assessment procedures.
- f) To encourage the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to the defense and dissemination of the rights of users and consumers of telecommunication services in the region.
- g) To encourage the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States in the region with respect to international public policy issues related to Internet, including maintaining an open Internet.
- h) To accomplish what is established on items f and g of this mandate, PCC.I shall consider, as appropriate, consultations with other stakeholders, non members of CITELE, bearing in mind the multistakeholder environment.
- i) To encourage the coordination, planning, and consensus among Member States with respect to building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the region, including cybersecurity.
- j) To encourage the creation and implementation of inter-american agreements on various matters.
- k) To promote and to encourage the development and universalization of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and the new telecommunication/ICT services arising from them as tools to promote economic, social, and cultural development.

- l) To encourage and promote the development of convergent telecommunication/ICT networks and services based on new technologies, taking into account its constant evolution.
- m) To understand environment and climate change-related issues and their linkage to ICTs, and to disseminate relevant information thereon to the Member States.
- n) To coordinate regional preparations for specific ITU events, as appropriate, such as the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the World Conference on International Telecommunications, and the World Telecommunication Development Conferences, including the preparation of inter-american Proposals (IAPs) and common positions, and to conduct interregional consultations in preparation for these events.
- o) To provide information to CITELE Members on the outputs and outcomes of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the World Conference on International Telecommunications, and the World Telecommunication Development Conference.
- p) To encourage exchange of information with other international, regional and subregional telecommunication fora and standards development organizations (SDOs) on matters under its mandate.
- q) To enhance collaboration and coordination on cross-cutting issues related to the use of ICTs within the OAS.
- r) To work in coordination with the different committees and working groups of CITELE in those areas which, by their nature, lend themselves to joint action.
- s) To encourage active participation by the private sector and academia as Associate Members.

Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II)

Objective:

To serve as an advisory committee to CITELE, promoting the planning, coordination, harmonization, and efficient use of the radio spectrum, as well as geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits for radiocommunication services including broadcasting.

In accordance with the relevant regulations, procedures, and recommendations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

Mandates:

In accordance with the relevant regulations, procedures, and recommendations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

- a) To promote among the Member States harmonization of the use of the radiofrequency spectrum, taking into account especially the need to prevent and avoid harmful interference, as well as protection against the electromagnetic environment.
- b) To promote and foster the development of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in the region.
- c) To promote the development and implementation of new technologies that enables the needs of Member States to be met in terms of efficient spectrum use.
- d) To encourage and promote the development of convergent telecommunication/ICT networks and services based on the new technologies, taking into account their ongoing evolution.
- e) To provide information to the members on the outputs and outcomes of the World Radiocommunication Conference and other world conferences/assemblies related to radiocommunication issues.

- f) To coordinate regional preparations for ITU World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences, including the preparation of inter-american proposals (IAPs) and common positions, and to conduct interregional consultations in preparation for those conferences.
- g) To work in coordination with the different committees and working groups of CITEL in those areas which, by their nature, lend themselves to joint action.
- h) To promote the efficient use of the radiofrequency spectrum and of satellite orbit resources in the region based on the priorities and requirements of the Member States.
- i) To encourage active participation by the private sector and the academic sector as associate members.

CITEL RES. 75 (VI-14) ¹⁰

PARTICIPATION BY OBSERVERS IN MEETINGS OF CITEL

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) Article 7 of the Statute and Articles 14, 15, 16, 17 and 85 of the CITEL Regulations referring to those organizations that may be represented by observers at CITEL meetings, and
- b) Resolution CITEL RES. 67 (V-10), approved during the Fifth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL that includes a list of entities and organizations invited to participate in CITEL meetings.

BEARING IN MIND:

That, since then, IA-45 has ceased operations,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the CITEL Secretariat to invite the following entities and organizations directly involved in the telecommunications sector, to participate in CITEL meetings:

- Caribbean Latin American Action (C/LAA)
- Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solutions (ATIS)
- 3G Americas
- American Radio Relay League Incorporated (ARRL)
- Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations (CANTO)

¹⁰ CITEL/doc. 524/14

- Association of Telecommunication Undertakings of the Andean Sub-Regional Agreement (*Asociación de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones del Acuerdo Subregional Andino*) (ASETA)
- Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
- Hispano-American Association of Telecommunications Research and Enterprises (*Asociación Hispanoamericana de Centros de Investigación y Empresas de Telecomunicaciones*) (AHCIET)
- European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)
- Telecommunications Regional Technical Commission of Central America (COMTELCA)
- Pacific Telecommunication Council (PTC)
- International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC)
- Global VSAT Forum
- CDMA Development Group (CDG)
- International Telecommunications Users Group (INTUG)
- - Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- Internet Society (ISOC)
- European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)
- International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ISTO)
- International Organization of Aeronautical Telecommunications (SITA)
- African Telecommunications Union (ATU)
- Caribbean Telecommunication Union (CTU)
- International Amateur Radio Union, Region 2 (IARU-2)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (*Unión Postal de las Américas, España y Portugal*) (UPAEP)
- Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas

2. To repeal Resolution CITEL RES. 67 (V-10).

3. To authorize COM/CITEL, ad referendum the decision of the next CITEL Assembly, to extend Observer status to all other entities and organizations that offer similar reciprocal observer privileges to CITEL by way of the pertinent Cooperation Agreements, and to authorize the CITEL Secretariat to invite them to all CITEL meetings.

4. To affirm that with respect to Observer participation in the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs), the CITEL Secretariat's authority to invite Observers pursuant to this Resolution is subject to the corresponding rules and regulations of each PCC.

5. To recommend conducting actions to make the maximum use of the existing agreements and promote an increased number of agreements to strengthen the CITEL at Regional level and thus recover its role of leader Organization in the sector.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To prepare a table containing a summarized program of CITELE annual activities, showing in detail the date, place and purpose of the meetings, which will be forwarded to all the international organizations and/or entities involved in telecommunications/information and communication technologies in order to keep them informed and enable them to request their participation as observers through usual procedures.

CITEL RES. 76 (VI-14) ¹¹

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON REGIONAL PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That CITELE Member States desire to maximize their effectiveness in representing the needs of the peoples of the Americas at world conferences and meetings related to telecommunications/ICT;
- b) That the decisions taken at world conferences can have a significant impact on further development and deployment of telecommunications/ICT;
- c) That world conferences are playing an increasingly important role in influencing the policies of CITELE Member and the global telecommunications/ICT sectors, for example by setting the strategic priorities of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- d) The CITELE Member States desire to develop and successfully promote Inter-American Proposals to such world conferences and meetings;
- e) That enhancing the effectiveness of CITELE's participation in world conferences and meetings requires strengthening its structures and procedures for preparing for these meetings; and
- f) That world conferences and meetings occur on a regular basis and preparations for these conferences should be treated as a priority function of CITELE and carried out in a regular, standing organ of CITELE

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That CITELE has undertaken preparations for previous conferences and has learned from its experience the importance of regularizing its preparatory process to maximize its effectiveness at world conferences;

¹¹ CITELE/doc. 486/14 rev.1

b) The importance of providing all members of the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) with the opportunity to contribute, within their areas of expertise, towards CITEL's preparation for world conferences;

c) That CITEL's budget is under increasing downward pressure and that it is necessary to minimize the budgetary impact to CITEL of undertaking conference preparatory activities,

RESOLVES:

1. To establish the Working Group on Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (WGCP) responsible for all preparatory activities related to world and regional conferences and international meetings within the competence of CITEL, with the exception of those addressed within the mandates of PCC.I and PCC.II.

2. That WGCP be established as a Working Group of COM/CITEL.

3. That the mandate of the WGCP is:

a. To undertake the coordination of regional preparations to the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions.

b. To undertake coordination of regional preparations for other major international meetings within the competence of CITEL.

c. To undertake inter-regional consultations in preparations for these conferences and meetings.

4. That the WGCP will conduct its meetings in conjunction with the CITEL Steering Committee and COM/CITEL, and, if required, with the PCCs to address the issues within their competencies.

5. That the Chair and Vice-Chair of WGCP will be responsible for coordinating its work program with the leadership of the PCCs to ensure that adequate resources are available to effectively carry out the work of both the WGCP and the PCCs.

6. That the agenda for each meeting of the WGCP shall be set to correspond to the expertise of the participants of the PCC at which it is being conducted.

7. That the meetings of WGCP will be held on an annual basis during COM/CITEL meetings and at other designated dates according to the annual operational plans approved at COM/CITEL.

8. That the calendar and budget for meetings of WGCP will be included within the schedule and budget of the PCCs, Steering Committee or COM/CITEL with which it is meeting.

9. That WGCP will be open to participation by all Member States and associate members of CITEL.

10. That the WGCP shall establish effective working methods that are compatible with those used by the PCCs.

11. That the WGCP may conduct its work electronically between scheduled meetings as it deems necessary.

12. That the preparation of the World Telecommunication Development Conference of 2014 (WTDC) will be done using the structure in force before the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly.

13. To repeal Resolution CITELE RES. 46 (III-02).

INSTRUCTS:

1. COM/CITEL to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chairs, based on interest expressed from the CITEL Member States.

2. Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I) to undertake the coordination of regional preparations to World Telecommunication Development Conferences, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TO CITEL

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That, under Article 24 of the Statute of CITEL, associate members of a Permanent Consultative Committee (PCC) may fully participate in all the activities of that Permanent Consultative Committee;
- b) That, under Article 29 of the Statute of CITEL, fees of the associate members shall be determined in accordance with the CITEL Regulations;
- c) That pursuant to Article 87 of the Regulations of CITEL, the minimum contribution by associate members as fees shall be “one” unit, whose monetary value in U.S.A. dollars shall be established by the CITEL Assembly;
- d) That Article 17.g of the Statute of CITEL authorizes COM/CITEL to adopt any urgent measures which cannot be deferred until the next meeting of the Assembly of CITEL and which shall remain in force until the CITEL Assembly can consider them; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- a) That the minimum unit amount must cover the costs of the associate member representatives’ annual participation in each PCC to which they belong;
- b) That the minimum amount of this contribution unit for associate members was set at three thousand U.S. dollars (US \$3,000) at the Fifth Assembly of CITEL, held in México, DF., in 2010;
- c) That since then, CITEL activities and responsibilities, as well as the costs of convening and holding meetings and other activities of the PCCs, have increased;
- d) That the associate members may voluntarily choose a contribution of more than “one” unit; and
- e) That it is urgent to implement an increase of the minimum unit amount to three thousand five hundred U.S. dollars (US\$3,500) to defray the higher costs of PCC activities,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To set the unit value for contributions of associate members at three thousand five hundred U.S. dollars (US\$3,500) for each Permanent Consultative Committee, effective as of January 1, 2015.
- 2. To urge associate members to contribute more than “one” contribution unit.
- 3. To revoke resolution CITEL RES. 60 (V-10).

¹² CITEL/doc. 497/14 rev.1

INSTRUCTS COM/CITEL:

To undertake a study in 2014 on a new methodology to set the value of contributory units paid by associate members, in consultation with CITEL's associate members, taking into account the methodologies implemented by other international telecommunication organizations. Based on the study, to confirm or to raise, at the last meeting of 2014, the value of the contributory units paid by Associate members.

IV. DECISIONS

CITEL DEC. 7 (VI-14)¹³

CANDIDACIES FOR THE 2014 WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTDC-14)

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL),

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to inform the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) to propose the following candidacies for the 2014 World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC-14):

- **WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTCD)**
Vice-Chair for the Americas Region: Ms. Hillary Alexander (Jamaica)
- **STUDY COMMISSION I OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT SECTOR (ITU-D)**
Chair: Ms. Roxanne McElvane (United States of America)
Vice-Chair: Ms. Claymir Carozza (Venezuela)
- **VICE-CHAIRS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP (TDAG) OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU):**
Mr. Nicolás Karavaski (Argentina)
Mr. Héctor Valdés (Mexico)

V. ELECTION OF CITEL OFFICERS

During the Second Plenary Session, the Assembly elected the following officers:

Chair of COM/CITEL:	Dominican Republic
Vice-Chair of COM/CITEL:	Argentina
Chair of PCC.I:	Peru
Chair of PCC.II:	Colombia

¹³ CITEL/doc. 512/14

The composition of COM/CITEL for the period 2010-2014 will be:

Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, United States of America, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

VI. LIST OF BASIC DOCUMENTS.

Minutes of the Inaugural and the First Plenary Session	CITEL/doc.517/14 rev.1
Minutes of the Second Plenary Session	CITEL/doc.527/14 rev.1
Minutes of the Third Plenary Session and the Closing Session	CITEL/doc.529/14
List of Documents	CITEL/doc.467/14 rev.2
List of Participants	CITEL/doc.468/14 rev.1
Final Report	CITEL/doc.530/14 rev.1