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FINAL REPORT

XVI MEETING OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CTEL)

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, December 6 to 9, 2005.

I. AGENDA¹

1. Adoption of the agenda and calendar.
2. Establishment of the committees for the meeting:
 - 2.1 Committee to draft the final report.
 - 2.2 Committee to Review the 2005 Plan of Operations.
3. Report of the Chair of COM/CITEL.
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5. Report and meeting of the Conference Preparatory Working Group to consider regional preparations for world conferences and meetings.
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 - 6.4 Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas.
 - 6.5 Ad hoc Group on Scope of Participation of Non-Member States of CITEL.
 - 6.6 Ad hoc Group to Prepare the Telecommunication Section of the Action Plan for the Fourth Summit of the Americas.
7. Adoption of the Annual Report on the activities of CITEL.
8. Approval of the 2006 Plan of Operations (activities, budget, and scheduling of meetings to be held in 2006).
9. Joint CITEL/ITU activities in the Region.
10. World Summit on the Information Society (Tunis, 2005).
11. Proposed amendments to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL.
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 - 15.1 Report on implementation of mandates of the Third Summit of the Americas.
 - 15.2 Fourth Summit of the Americas (2005).
16. Preparations for the Fourth Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly.
17. Date, agenda, and site of the next meeting.
18. Other issues.
19. Adoption of Final Report.

¹ COM/CITEL/doc. 1006/05 rev.4

II. AUTHORITIES OF THE MEETING

Chair: Mr. Mario Guillermo Moreno (Argentina)
Alternate Chair: Mr. Carlos Cancelli (Argentina)
Vice-Chair: Mr. Claudio Bermúdez (Costa Rica)

Executive Secretary: Mr. Clovis Baptista (CITEL)

Drafting Group:

Chair: Ms. Beatriz Egea (Argentina)
Members: Mr. Jonathan Siverling (Estados Unidos de América)

III. RESOLUTIONS

COM/CITEL RES. 197 (XVI-05)²

DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE FOR THE XVII MEETING OF COM/CITEL

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the XVII COM/CITEL meeting in San José, Costa Rica, on February 23, 2006.
2. To approve the draft agenda for the COM/CITEL XVII meeting annexed hereto.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 197 (XVI-05)

1. Adoption of the agenda and schedule.
2. Installation Session of COM/CITEL Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Article 15 of the Statute).
3. Draft agenda, site and date of the XVIII COM/CITEL Meeting.
4. Other business.
5. Adoption of the Final Report.

² COM/CITEL/doc. 1033/05 rev.1

COM/CITEL RES. 198 (XVI-05)³

APPROVAL OF THE CITEL COURSE PROGRAM FOR 2006

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the report by the General Coordinator for the Development of Human Resources points to the outstanding results achieved by the 2005 CITEL training program;
- b) That the results of the survey on 2006 training needs presented by the CITEL Member States are already available, and
- c) That cooperation with the ITU Center of Excellence for the Americas has been maintained and strengthened,

FURTHER CONSIDERING:

- a) That continuing training of human resources in the sector is fundamental for the economic development of countries in order facilitate the introduction of advanced technologies in the context of the continuous development of telecommunications, and
- b) That during the XVI Meeting of COM/CITEL, the Administrations insisted on the importance of increasing the budget for the granting of scholarships for telecommunication courses,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following program of courses under the 2006 CITEL budget prepared by the Coordination for the Development of Human Resources taking into account the priorities presented by Member States. When the regular fund budget for CITEL 2006 scholarships is used, the number of scholarships shall be authorized by the above-mentioned Coordination bearing in mind the available budget and the Organization of American States regulations. Initially, 15 scholarships shall be offered for distance learning courses and 4 scholarships for attendance-based courses on the dates suggested in Annex 5 of COM/CITEL/doc 1039/05 rev.1.

Institution	Course	Category
National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay (ANTEL) (<i>Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de Uruguay</i>)	IPTV-based triple play	Distance learning
Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) (<i>Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros</i>)	Voice Over IP. Regulatory, Technological and Market Considerations	Distance learning
Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) (<i>Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros</i>)	Digital television: Technological and Market Considerations	Distance learning

³ COM/CITEL /doc. 1046/05 rev.2

Institution	Course	Category
Center of Excellence for the Americas National Telecommunications Commission of Venezuela (<i>Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones</i>) (CONATEL)	Decision-making for the Acquisition of Telecommunications Technology	Distance learning
Center for Technological Innovation of the School of Engineering of Paraguay (<i>Centro de Innovación Tecnológica de la Facultad de Ingeniería de Paraguay</i>)	Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH)	Attendance-based
CentroAmerican Telecommunication Commission (COMTELCA) (<i>Comisión de Telecomunicaciones de Centro América</i>) Under Secretariat of Telecommunications (SUBTEL-Chile) (<i>SubSecretaría de Telecomunicaciones de Chile</i>)	Planning and Design of Rural Networks	Distance learning
Julio Garavito Colombian School of Engineering (<i>Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería "Julio Garavito"</i>)	Applications and Data in Mobile Telephony Networks	Distance learning
Julio Garavito Colombian School of Engineering (<i>Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería "Julio Garavito"</i>)	Information Network Security	Distance learning
School of Engineering and Technology of the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU) (<i>Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica de Uruguay</i>)	New Generation Converging Public Networks	Distance learning
School of Engineering and Technology of the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU) (<i>Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica de Uruguay</i>)	Cost and evaluation of Projects on Network Services Applied to Decision Making	Distance learning
National Institute for Telecommunication Research and Training of Peru (INICTEL) (<i>Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones</i>)	Environmental Management of Electromagnetic Field	Distance learning
Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) (<i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires</i>)	WI FI Networks	Distance learning
Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) (<i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires</i>)	Access networks	Distance learning
United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) Sponsored by the Pan American Health	Disaster Communications Management	Attendance-based

Institution	Course	Category
Organization (PAHO)		
United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) Sponsored by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Comsearch	Spectrum Management in the Civil Sector	Attendance-based

2. That in the event that the OAS Office of Scholarships, Training and Information Technology invites to participate in the Competition for the 2006 Program of Scholarships for Professional Development Training Courses, the General Coordinator will participate if said Institutes are interested and will request:

- 30 additional scholarships for each distance learning course mentioned in the previous table;
- 5 additional scholarships for each attendance-based course, and
- Number of scholarships to be determined on a case by case basis, for other courses responding to training priorities presented by the countries.

3. To empower the Coordinator to schedule course dates, to select other courses to meet the training needs of Member States, and to decide on the number of scholarships to be awarded in each case up to the maximum scholarship budget available to the Commission and in accordance with the needs of the Administrations.

4. To follow the necessary procedures before the OAS to request a 20% increase in the scholarship regular fund budget assigned to CITEL.

5. To thank the OAS Office of Scholarships, Training and Information Technology for their continuous and excellent support in disseminating CITEL course offer.

6. That the conditions under which courses will be offered –unless otherwise stated – shall be:

- Each distance learning group will have a maximum of 35 students.
- The maximum tuition fee for distance learning courses that have a CITEL scholarship will be US\$ 200.
- 10% of the total amount collected from tuition fees from all scholarships granted by CITEL/OAS to distance learning courses offered through the ITU Center of Excellence platform will be deposited in an account to be used as seed budget for the course program in coming years. The use of such seed budget will be authorized by the General Coordinator for the Development of Human Resources.

7. To urge Administrations to get their countries representatives in the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CEPCIDI) to simplify and speed up procedures relating to scholarships in the telecommunications area.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

- a) To follow the relevant procedures to comply with *resolves* 1, 4 and 7 above.
- b) To widely disseminate information related to such courses.

- c) To approach the relevant authorities with a view to drafting a proposal for simplifying the scholarship application form for distance learning courses as well as speeding up related procedures.

COM/CITEL RES. 199 (XVI-05) ⁴

DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL 2006-2010

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That by Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 149 (XII-02), the Strategic Plan of CITEL 2002 – 2006 was adopted;
- b) That at its XIII Meeting, COM/CITEL resolved to develop courses of action to measure the progress achieved in completing activities scheduled in the Strategic Plan and to add annual indicators to measure progress with regard to the objectives;
- c) That by Resolution CCP.I/RES.52 (IV-04), Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunication Standardization presented to the Working Group on CITEL's Strategic Plan the PCC.I Actions regarding the Strategic Objectives and Priorities of CITEL's Strategic Plan for 2002-2006;
- d) That by Decision CCP.II/DEC 36 (V-05), Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications including Broadcasting presented to the Working Group of CITEL's Strategic Plan, the PCC.II objectives, strategic priorities, courses of action, and indicators to evaluate compliance with CITEL's Strategic Plan;
- e) That the Strategic Plan of CITEL 2002–2006 has fulfilled its purpose;
- f) That the technological progress made in the telecommunication area calls for new goals and actions in the work to be carried out by CITEL, and
- g) That the IV Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL will be held in February 2006,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the IV Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly the adoption of the Strategic Plan of CITEL 2006-2010, for which purpose it submits for consideration the attached Draft Strategic Plan, which takes account only of its present structure and shall be subject to such changes and mandates of the Permanent Consultative Committees and Working Groups as the Assembly may decide.

⁴ COM/CITEL /doc. 1050/05 cor.1

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 199 (XVI-05)

**DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL
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DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL 2006-2010

ENVIRONMENT

The Strategic Plan for CITEL establishes priorities in the work programs of the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs), promotes active participation by the Member States and Associate Members of CITEL, and strengthens cooperation with the ITU and other regional telecommunication bodies. The CITEL Assembly, in Resolution CITEL/RES. 44 (III-02), adopted the Strategic Plan of CITEL 2002- 2006 and resolved to revise it periodically.

Since the approval of the Strategic Plan, for 2002-2006, carried out in 2002, CITEL faces major changes arising from the part it plays in the Information Society, the decision of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito, its technical and administrative leadership and the Summits new guidelines and mandates which must be incorporated in the respective Strategic Plan.

This Strategic Plan has also been developed in response to the need to guide CITEL in the 21st century, taking into account the situations mentioned above, advances in telecommunication technologies, the restructuring of Administrations of Member States, and the convergence of technologies and services worldwide.

The digital divide and limited telecommunication infrastructure in rural and marginal urban areas in some Member States of CITEL is hampering the implementation of the Information Society. However, the World Summit on the Information Society has issued fundamental policy instruments, such as the Declaration of Principles, the Plan of Action, the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, and the Tunis Commitment, which must guide CITEL's future actions.

The Strategic Plan of CITEL takes as its main reference the objectives and functions established in the Statute of CITEL and takes account of the changes made to the ITU's Strategic Plan as a result of the technological progress made worldwide.

1. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF CITEL

The Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is an entity of the Organization of American States established by the General Assembly under Article 53 of the Charter of the Organization.

The objectives and functions of CITEL are:

Objectives:

- a. To facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continuing development of telecommunications in this hemisphere.
- b. To promote and foster the existence of appropriate telecommunications for the process of regional development.
- c. To organize and sponsor the periodic meetings of technicians and experts to study planning, financing, construction, operation, standardization, technical assistance, maintenance, and other matters related to the use and operation of telecommunications in the Americas.
- d. To promote the adoption of uniform technical standards and criteria for the operation of the systems, in order to obtain maximum benefit from the available facilities for each individual country and for the region as a whole within the framework of global standardization of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- e. To promote and study technical assistance, in agreement with the governments of the countries concerned.
- f. To foster the improvement and harmonization of administrative, financial, and operational procedures for the planning, installation, improvement, maintenance, and operation of the telecommunication networks of the Member States of CITEL, within the framework of the recommendation of the ITU.
- g. To recommend studies and promote the adoption of official agreements between the governments of the Member States of the Organization, in connection with the planning, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications systems in the hemisphere.

Functions:

- a. To promote or undertake studies that will permit the orderly development of telecommunication networks, making use of the most suitable and efficient systems available.
- b. To maintain continuous contact with the various governmental and non-governmental international organizations in the field of telecommunications, and to promote the coordination of their activities with those of the Member States of the Organization.
- c. To request the cooperation of world or regional governmental organizations, especially the ITU, the Caribbean Telecommunication Union, and of international agencies concerned with telecommunications that enjoy consultative status with the United Nations or maintain cooperative relations with the Organization.
- d. To collect and disseminate among the Member States of CITEL information pertaining to accomplishment of its objectives, as well as any other information that may be of interest.

- e. To serve as the principal advisory body of the Organization in all matters related to telecommunications in the Americas.
- f. To study the legal aspects of telecommunications, taking into account existing inter-American instruments, with a view to the preparation of new draft conventions in this field.
- g. To study legal problems related to satellite direct transmission, in order to prepare draft inter-American conventions or agreements on this subject and to formulate a common position for the Member States of CITELE to take in this connection when dealing with the applicable international agencies.
- h. To prepare studies on the harmonization on matters relating to telecommunications.
- i. To make recommendations in the field of telecommunications to the governments of the Member States of CITELE, taking into account those made by the ITU.
- j. To prepare and coordinate research in the field of telecommunications and electronics.
- k. To consider any other matters relating to inter-American cooperation in the field of telecommunications as requested by the General Assembly, or the Councils of the Organization.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

2.1 International telecommunication policy

- a) The World Summit on the Information Society has provided the following instruments for implementation:
 - Declaration of Principles
 - Plan of Action
 - Tunis Agenda for the Information Society
 - Tunis Commitment
- b) Policy instruments established in the Region, such as the Blue Book: Telecommunication Policies for the Americas, set forth guidelines for telecommunication development in the Americas.
- c) Under cooperation agreements with other international organizations CITELE undertakes to implement joint actions.

2.2 Technology advances

The changes that have taken place in recent years in the area of information and communication technologies impact in many ways the role of the organizations with responsibility for promoting telecommunication development. Therefore, the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission cannot remain on the sidelines of such events, which are characterized by

- Rapid technological advances that enable the efficiency of services to be improved and innovations to be incorporated as new services are implemented;
- New technologies enable infrastructure costs to be reduced;
- Rapid development of IP-based networks and the need to take optimal advantage of the benefits of such technology for all peoples of the world, at fair prices.
- Digitization of sound and image broadcasting that enhances interactivity.
- New broadband applications and new applications of existing technologies that involve investment for their development.
- The convergence of telecommunication, information, and audiovisual technology is facilitating the expansion of services, especially for education, health, government, manufacturing, and commerce programs, among others.
- Major insufficiencies of telecommunication infrastructure and access to information in most Member States, especially in relation to new technologies.
- The need to have, in a timely manner, appropriate regulations and standards for implementation of new technologies emerging on the market, favoring a context of equitable and predictable competition.
- The significant role played by telecommunication for a comprehensive development in Information Society.

2.3 Comparative development

- The substantial difference among countries with regard to the expansion and modernization of telecommunication services;
- The need to amend legislation as a result of technological convergence and technological evolution of the telecommunications.
- Liberalization of both product and service markets;
- National and regional initiatives to promote the development of the Information Society.

3. CITEL'S GOALS FOR 2006–2010

The role of CITEL, as the only regional intergovernmental telecommunication organization, must be carried out in the context of the work of the International Telecommunication Union which, pursuant to its Constitution and Convention, the Radio Regulations, the International Telecommunication Regulations and other applicable ITU regulations, is the world's leading telecommunication organization, so that CITEL may contribute to achieving the Union's objectives.

The primary objectives and goals of CITEL must be fulfilled through its bodies: the CITEL Assembly, the Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL), the Steering Committee, the Permanent Consultative Committees, and the Working Groups, which shall submit annual reports on the fulfillment of their goals.

In fulfillment of CITEL's objectives and functions, the goals indicated below are established for the 2006–2010 period. The order in which they appear is not indicative of their priority or importance.

Goal 1: Maintain and expand cooperation among the Member States of CITEL and between them and the private sector represented by the Associate Members of the Permanent Consultative Committees. This is aimed at achieving harmonized development of telecommunications in the Region.

Goal 2: Assist in bridging the digital divide between the Member States through fulfillment of both the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action achieved in WSIS Phase I, as well as the Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted in WSIS Phase II.

Goal 3: Develop and execute the second part of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas identifying principles, goals, strategies and schedules bearing in mind the priorities identified in the documents of the WSIS, the OAS, the Sub-regional plans, as well as the objectives of national policies.

Goal 4: Maintain CITEL's leadership in the Region in all aspects related to telecommunications and serve as its only representative before the ITU.

Goal 5: Strengthen the foundations of CITEL, increase participation of Member States, Associate Members, representatives of regional telecommunication organizations, observers, guests, and other telecommunication sector-related entities.

Goal 6: Promote, as a priority, training and the technology transfer on topics of greatest interest, especially for developing countries, so as to achieve harmonized development of human resources through the ITU Centre of Excellence for the Americas and CITEL's Regional Training Centers.

Goal 7: Strengthen working mechanisms to prepare for international telecommunication meetings in order to present common consensus-based proposals, with the aim of strengthening the region's position in the world.

Goal 8: Strengthen and update the work of the Permanent Consultative Committees in order to carry out the actions planned in the WSIS mandates and those resulting from the priority actions established by the States of the Americas for the Telecommunication Development Sector, as indicated below:

- Support for the development of rural connectivity in the Americas Region. Bearing in mind the inventory of activities conducted in the Region concerning rural connectivity, support should be given to countries and subregions for the strategic planning of infrastructure development, aimed at increasing connectivity in rural and remote areas, taking particular account of the needs of indigenous peoples, schools, rural medical units, vulnerable sectors of society, health, and education.
- Regional interconnection of information networks for disaster prevention.
- Support for the Administrations in designing and implementing policies and programs for implementation of mass broadband access with the aim of fulfilling national universal service objectives.
- Analysis of political and standardization issues related to the development of technologies and services and their introduction into convergent environments, so as to adopt coordinated standards documents, technical notebooks and recommendations on regulatory issues.

- Include in their working agendas issues under their competence derived from the WSIS agreements and formulate international public policy guidelines in coordination with the ITU.

4. PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES (PCCs) and WORKING GROUPS OF THE ASSEMBLY

4.1 Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I): Telecommunication Standardization

Objective

The objective of this Permanent Consultative Committee is to serve as a technical advisory body of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to telecommunication equipment certification processes, tariff principles and standards coordination for telecommunication networks and services with the goal of ensuring the interoperability of such networks and services within the region.

Study the development of network, system and platform Technologies for convergent services by establishing the political and regulatory consequences, with a view to adopting coordinated standards documents, technical folders and recommendations regulatory disciplines.

Include in the PCC.I agendas issues under their competence derived from the WSIS agreements and formulate international public policy guidelines in coordination with the ITU.

To fulfil the objective proposed for this Committee, it has the following mandates:

Mandates

In accordance with the ITU Regulations and taking into account the ITU Recommendations:

- a. To promote coordination, planning and harmonization among the Member States with respect to tariff, technical standards and operational aspects of telecommunications networks and services including signaling protocols and network interfaces.
- b. To stimulate and promote the development of telecommunications services and networks within the region.
- c. To promote the development and implementation of new technologies, such as IP Protocol, to foster interoperability of services and networks among the Member States.
- d. To study the requirements of telecommunications equipment certification processes in each of the different CITELE countries, so that analyses can be conducted to harmonize such certification processes within the region
- e. To promote the implementation of Mutual Recognition Agreements.
- f. To develop projects relating to economic aspects and tariff principles of telecommunications services.
- g. To raise awareness of regulatory environment for new telecommunication networks and services among the Member States and to promote the discussion.

h. To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for the World Conference on International Telecommunications, World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, including the preparation of inter-American proposals (IAP) and common positions, as well as to undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for these conferences.

i. To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITEL Committees and Working Groups in those areas that by their nature lend themselves to joint action.

In fulfillment of its objective and the mandates it has been assigned, Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I): Telecommunication Standardization would have the following priorities for its work in 2006-2010:

4.1.1 To adopt coordinated standards, identify regulatory disciplines according to technology development, convergence, decisions of the World Summit on the Information Society and OAS objectives entrusted to CITEL.

4.1.2 To seek to bridge the digital divide existing among its Member States, which no doubt has much to do with the lack of infrastructure or its obsolescence and establish a Working Plan with specific goals.

4.1.3 To strengthen cooperation and collaboration among Members of CITEL, among others, for the organization of international events such as the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT), which consolidates the members as a block to pursue common objectives.

4.1.4 To streamline all working mechanisms and to seek participation by all Member States and Associate Members in order to maintain CITEL's leadership in all aspects related to the telecommunication standardization in the Region and to continue to contribute effectively to achieving the objectives of the ITU in all areas of its competence.

4.2 Permanent Consultative Committee (PCC.II): Radiocommunications including Broadcasting

Objective

The objective of this Permanent Consultative Committee is to serve as a technical advisory body within the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission with respect to the coordination and harmonization of standards related to spectrum use and the planning and efficient use of the radio spectrum and satellite orbits for radio services, including broadcasting.

To fulfill this objective, Permanent Consultative Committee II has the following mandates:

Mandates

In accordance with the ITU Regulations and taking into account the ITU Recommendations:

a. To promote among Member States harmonization in the utilization of the radio frequency spectrum and the operation of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in all their different modalities, bearing especially in mind the need to prevent and avoid, to the extent possible, harmful interference between the different services.

- b. To promote and foster the development of radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, in the region.
- c. To promote the development and implementation of modern technologies and new radiocommunication services, including broadcasting, specifically their technical and operational aspects, to meet the needs of Member States.
- d. To undertake the coordination of regional preparations for ITU World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences, including the preparation of Inter-American Proposals (IAPs) and common positions, as well as to undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for these conferences.
- e. To undertake a coordinated effort with the different CITEL groups in those areas that, by their very nature lend themselves to joint action.
- f. To undertake the coordination and harmonization of standards related to spectrum use such as over-the-air broadcasting and common air-interfaces for radiocommunication services.

In fulfillment of its objective and mandates it has been assigned, Permanent Consultative Committee II (PCC.II): Radiocommunications including Broadcasting will have the following priority objectives in 2006-2010:

- 4.2.1 To seek the harmonized development of radiocommunication services facilitating harmonized use of the radio spectrum and maintaining close cooperation with PCC.I regarding standards for telecommunication services and networks.
- 4.2.2 To strengthen participation by all CITEL Members on this Committee, especially its Working Group on Broadcasting, with a view to modernization and harmonized development of this service in the Region.
- 4.2.3 To seek regional harmonization in the use of the radio spectrum for the purpose of reaching agreements that permit the efficient use of this resource in border areas. If necessary, to assist by providing advice to countries that so require on the topic of border agreements for the use of frequencies.
- 4.2.4 To promote effective participation by and coordination of Member States and Associate Members for the purpose of preparing and presenting the consolidated position of the Region at ITU World and Regional Telecommunication Conferences.
- 4.2.5 To enhance spectrum management processes in countries with special characteristics, such as the Caribbean States.

4.3 Conference Preparatory Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings

In accordance with Resolution CITEL/RES. 46 (III-02) of the Assembly, the Conference Preparatory Working Group is 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.

Mandates:

- a. To undertake the coordination of regional preparations of the ITU Plenipotentiary and World Telecommunication Development Conferences, 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 CITELE.
- c. To undertake inter-regional consultations in preparation for these conferences and meetings.

In recognition of the objectives established by the Third Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly, in its establishment and in fulfillment of its mandates, this Group will have the following priority objectives in 2006-2010:

4.3.1 To promote active participation by the Member States and Associate Members in preparing for the World Conferences, both Telecommunication Development and Plenipotentiary, to be held in 2006 and 2010, so that the Region presents itself as a united bloc at these meetings.

4.3.2 To maintain CITELE's leadership at international meetings, strengthen preparatory work mechanisms for international meetings, and seek to ensure implementation of the priority actions established by the States of the Americas for the Telecommunication Development Sector, especially those emanating from the WSIS mandates.

5. STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee's principal function is to coordinate the activities of CITELE's different organs and, therefore, it has responsibility for establishing that the efforts made by the Permanent Consultative Committees are aimed at achieving the priority objectives set forth in the present document. To do this, it has been entrusted with the following functions:

Functions:

- a. To strengthen the coordination of activities of the different entities of CITELE and their relationship with other telecommunications entities or entities involved in this activity inside or outside the region of the Americas to ensure that CITELE as a whole will function better.
- b. To use funds more efficiently and increase the Regular Fund and Specific Fund resources and is responsible for presenting to COM/CITELE a detailed report on:
 - 1. All draft proposals for amending CITELE's Statutes and Regulations.
 - 2. All draft proposals for amending the mandates of the Permanent Consultative Committees and Working Groups that are a part of COM/CITELE.
 - 3. All draft proposal for the budget and all proposals to change budgets and Programs of Activities being implemented.
 - 4. The conclusions drawn from the thorough review of the implementation of the Programs of Activities and Budget carried out by the Permanent Consultative Committees, the Working Groups that are part of COM/CITELE, and the Secretariat of CITELE, and the decisions adopted by the Steering Committee

6. PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (COM/CITEL)

The Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL) is the executive organ of CITEL, and therefore its highest body between meetings of the Assembly. Under this Committee are Working Groups that deal with matters closely related to the goals set forth in this document.

The functions of COM/CITEL are:

- a. To carry out the decisions of the CITEL Assembly, taking into consideration the recommendations of the General Assembly of the Organization and of the pertinent Councils with respect to telecommunications.
- b. To carry out and enforce the objectives of Article 3 of the Statute.
- c. To set the date for the Regular Meetings of the CITEL Assembly, the date and place for the Special Meetings of the CITEL Assembly and make amendments as necessary.
- d. To prepare the draft agendas for the Regular and Special Meetings of the CITEL Assembly and to submit them to the governments of the Member States of CITEL for consideration, through the Executive Secretary, pursuant to Article 9 of the Statute.
- e. To propose to the CITEL Assembly any amendments it may consider necessary to introduce to this Statute and the Regulations.
- f. To establish a work program for the Secretariat and for the office of the Chairman of COM/CITEL for implementation of the decisions of the CITEL Assembly.
- g. To adopt any urgent measures, which cannot be deferred until the next meeting of the CITEL Assembly and which shall remain in force until the CITEL Assembly can consider them.
- h. Through its Chairman or some other designated member of COM/CITEL, to represent CITEL at world, regional, or national meetings or conferences on telecommunications or related activities.
- i. With the cooperation of the Secretariat, to prepare studies, drafts of inter-American conventions and treaties, and any other documents relating to telecommunications in the hemisphere.
- j. Through the Secretary General and the appropriate Council of the Organization, to present to the General Assembly an annual report on the activities of CITEL.
- k. To establish such technical committees and working groups as it may consider necessary determining its work program.
- l. Within the framework of CITEL's objectives, to plan and coordinate inter-American activities in the area of telecommunications.
- m. To review and approve a work program based on the program-budget approved by the General Assembly and an annual proposed budget for CITEL in pursuance of the provisions of Article 117 (c) of the Charter of the Organization; ensuring the strictest possible economy but mindful of the obligation upon CITEL to achieve satisfactory results from the work program undertaken.

Based on these functions of COM/CITEL and the goals set forth in this document, said Committee must achieve, in 2006–2010, the following priority objectives:

6.1 Establishment of priority topics that are current and necessary for most Member States so that a human resource training plan can be established based thereon for each Member of CITEL through CITEL's Regional Training Centers, requesting from each its collaboration with the courses selected. This may be achieved through the General Coordination for the Development of Human Resources.

6.2 Collaboration in bridging the digital divide existing among the different Member States of CITEL and in implementing the Agenda of Connectivity for the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito, through the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas.

6.3 Strengthening participation by all Members of CITEL in the Working Group on CITEL's Strategic Plan, for the purpose of establishing in that Group consensus-based and achievable goals that identify the needs of the Region.

6.4 Strengthening and motivating participation by all Member States of CITEL in all its organs, with the aim of remaining the leading telecommunication organization representing the Region in international and world telecommunication bodies.

COM/CITEL RES. 200 (XVI-05)⁵

PARTICIPATION OF ENTITIES OTHER THAN CITEL MEMBER STATES IN CITEL MEETINGS

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

HAVING SEEN:

The Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Scope of Participation of Non-Member States of CITEL, document COM/CITEL/doc.1030/05 rev.1,

CONSIDERING:

a) That by Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 184 (XIV-04), COM/CITEL, created an Ad Hoc Group on the Scope of Participation of Non-Member States of CITEL and charged it with reporting back to COM/CITEL, with recommendations, at its next Regular Meeting;

b) That the Report of the Group, which it finalized during the present meeting of COM/CITEL, points out a number of typographical and translation errors in the Regulations, particularly in the English text, which require correction;

c) That the Report concludes that although several inconsistencies and minor ambiguities are evident within the texts of CITEL's Regulations regarding the participation of Observers and Associate Members at CITEL's meetings, a total overhaul of the Regulations is not necessary, but that several minor modifications, which are recommended by the Group (Attachment 1 hereto) would remove the ambiguities and facilitate an application of the Regulations on participation consistent with CITEL's objectives, and

⁵ COM/CITEL/doc. 1056/05

d) That the report also recommended that future changes in the Regulations, if undertaken by CITELE, should simplify the present rules by conforming them to a series of general principles governing the participation of non-Member State actors in CITELE's meetings (Attachment 2, hereto), but that before those principles are formally approved by COMCITELE, the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees should be consulted,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Executive Secretary to correct the typographical and translation errors mentioned in the Report, and to publish the corrected text on CITELE's webpage.
2. To adopt and place into force, pending the CITELE Assembly's approval, the substantive amendments to the CITELE Regulations set out in Attachment 1 hereto.
3. To send a copy of the Report to the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees and request that they transmit to the Executive Secretary prior to June 30, 2006, their observations on the General Principles set out in Attachment 2 hereto, together with their recommendations for any modifications to current Regulations and practices governing the participation of all entities, other than CITELE Member States in the activities of their respective Committees.
4. To ask the Executive Secretary, together with the Legal Advisor, based on the observations received from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees, to prepare for COMCITELE's consideration at its next Regular Meeting, any modifications to CITELE's Regulations they consider necessary for the implementation of the General Principles set out in Attachment 2 hereto.

ATTACHMENT 1 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITELE RES. 200 (XVI-05)

MODIFICATIONS TO CITELE'S REGULATIONS

In the modified provisions that follow, the text in ~~strikeout~~ is hereby eliminated; the text in *italics* is the new added text.

A. Amend Section 5 of Article 77, for the purpose of affording Associate Members the same participatory rights currently enjoyed by Observers in COM/CITELE meetings, so that it states:

ARTICLE 77

5. Observers in the categories stipulated in Articles 13, 14, 15, ~~and 16,~~ *and 17* may attend COM/CITELE meetings as observers on the same conditions as those established in the Regulations for their participation in the CITELE Assembly meetings.

B. Amend Article 46, for the purpose of clarifying that only CITELE Member States may present proposals – all of which must be written -- so that it states:

ARTICLE 46

Proposals and Amendments

Proposals

1. Proposals must be presented in writing to the Secretariat *by the Member State delegations* no later than the day before the session at which they are to be discussed or submitted to a vote, in order to be distributed in the CITELE working languages to participating Member States before deliberation of them begins. However, if no Member State objects, the Chairman of the body that is required to deal with the matter may authorize discussion of a proposal that was not distributed in time.

2. The delegation that presents a proposal shall indicate the working committee that should study it, unless the proposal is one that is required to be submitted to a plenary session for discussion. In case of doubt, the Chairman of the Assembly shall decide.

C. Amend Articles 49, 50, 51, and 52, for the purpose of clarifying that only CITELE Member States may raise points of order, so that they state:

ARTICLE 49

Points of Order

During the discussion of a matter, any delegation may raise a point of order, which shall be decided upon immediately by the Chairman. Any representative *of a delegation* may appeal the decision of the Chairman, in which case the appeal shall be put to a vote. When raising a point of order, the representative may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

ARTICLE 50

Suspension of Discussion

The Chairman or any representative *of a delegation* may make a motion that discussion be suspended. Only two *such* representatives may speak briefly in favor of such a motion and two against it, after which it shall be immediately put to a vote.

ARTICLE 51

Closing Discussion

1. Any representative *of a delegation* may make a motion that debate be closed when he/she considers that a topic has been discussed sufficiently. This motion may be opposed by two representatives *of delegations*, after which it shall be declared approved if it receives the vote of two-thirds of the delegations present at the session. The Chairman may limit the time allowed to speakers under this Article.

2. The Chairman may close the debate if he/she considers that it has become repetitive, or if it no longer addresses the issue at hand. In which case, the Chairman shall take into consideration the issues which have up to then obtained consensus and establish the way in which the meeting shall proceed. Two delegations may speak briefly against such a decision, after which it shall be declared approved if it receives the vote of two-thirds of the delegations present at the session.

ARTICLE 52

Suspension or Adjournment of a Session

During the discussion of any topic, a representative *of a delegation* may make a motion that the session be suspended or adjourned. Such motions shall be put to a vote immediately, without discussion. The Chairman may limit the length of the remarks of the representative who proposes suspension or adjournment of the session.

ATTACHMENT 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 200 (XVI-05)

General Principles

The Ad Hoc Group agreed on the following general principles that should be applied to the participation of Observers, including Associate Members. These general principles may lead to future modifications of the texts to simplify the provisions governing participation of Observers.

For the purposes of these general principles, three categories of participants are considered: Member States, Associate Members, and Observers.

CITEL Member States will have more rights of participation than Associate Members.

No Observer shall have greater rights than any Active Associate Member.

Active Associate Members shall be considered Observers at COM/CITEL and CITEL Assembly meetings.

Active Associate Members of a PCC may fully participate in all the activities of that PCC with voice but without vote.

Active Associate Members may submit documents of an informational nature to meetings of their PCC.

At the request or with the permission of the presiding officer, Observers may contribute verbally or by submitting information documents.

A Member State may object to the contribution of an Associate Member or an Observer pursuant to a point of order under Article 46 of the CITEL Regulations.

Observers from other regional organizations, as much as possible, should be given fully reciprocal rights as CITEL is given, when attending that organizations' meetings.

COM/CITEL RES. 201 (XVI-05) ⁶

APPROVAL OF THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS FOR 2006

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

⁶ COM/CITEL/doc. 1049/05 rev.1

- a) The 2006 budget program and the draft schedule submitted by the Commission of Operations of COM/CITEL; and
- b) The information on the status of associate members submitted by the Secretariat of CITEL, and
- c) That due to expected changes in the structure of the OAS Secretariat and the financing of the OAS Program budget during 2006, further adjustment to the CITEL budget may be necessary,

NOTING:

- a) That operative paragraph 3 of Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 67 (VII-98) states: “Associate membership fees shall only be applied to the expenses incurred by the specific PCC to which the associate membership applies and that Section 4 of Article 87 of the CITEL Regulations provides that “funds derived from Associate membership fees shall be allocated to the budget of the corresponding PCC and used as directed by the respective PCC Chairman to defray expenses of PCC meetings, their groups, and relevant activities of the corresponding PCC”, and
- b) That as was the case in the 2005 CITEL Budget, the proposed Draft Budget proposes financing two staff positions with Associate Membership fees,

BEARING IN MIND:

That the staff positions to be financed by the PCC membership fees are primarily dedicated to and necessary for providing administrative and technical support to the PCCs, and for that reason, the funding of those positions with PCC Membership under the Draft Budget is consistent with the requirements of Resolution COMCITEL/RES. 67 (XIV-04) and Article 87 of the CITEL Regulations,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Schedule of Meetings for 2006 included in Annex 1 to this Resolution.
2. To approve the Draft Budget Program of CITEL for 2006, contained in Annex 2 to this resolution.
3. To instruct the Steering Committee to monitor execution of the 2006 CITEL Budget, and to adjust that budget, as may be necessary, to reflect any decrease in CITEL income resulting from changes in the structure of the OAS Secretariat and CITEL’s allocation under the OAS Program Budget for that period.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To send a copy of this Resolution and its attachments to Administrations of CITEL Member States and associate members of PCCs.

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 201 (XVI-05)

Meeting	Date	Venue
Fourth CITEL Assembly and Special Sessions of the Assembly	February 20-23	San José, Costa Rica
XVII Meeting of COM/CITEL	February 23	San José, Costa Rica
X Meeting of the Conference Preparatory Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (WTDC-06)	February 24	San José, Costa Rica
Meeting of the Working Group on Preparations for the World Conference on International Telecommunications	February 24	San José, Costa Rica
XI Meeting of the Conference Preparatory Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (WTDC-06)	March 6-15	Doha, Qatar
XVIII Meeting of the Working Group to Prepare the Meetings of the Council of the ITU	April 19 and during the meeting of the Council	Geneva, Switzerland
VIII Meeting of PCC.I	May 23-26	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
XII Meeting of the Working Group to Prepare for Conferences (PP-06)	June 5-6	San José, Costa Rica
XI Meeting of the Steering Committee (STE)⁷	June 7	San José, Costa Rica
VII Meeting of PCC.II	June 20-23	Lima, Peru
IX Meeting of PCC.I	September 12-15	Washington, D.C., United States
VIII Meeting of PCC.II	October 17-20	San Salvador, El Salvador
XIII Meeting of the Conference Preparatory Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (PP-06)	November 5-24	Antalya, Turkey
XVIII Meeting of COM/CITEL	December 4-7	San José, Costa Rica
XIX Meeting of the Working Group to Prepare the Meetings of the Council of the ITU	December 4-7	San José, Costa Rica
XIV Meeting of the Conference Preparatory Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings	December 4-7	San José, Costa Rica

⁷ Meeting attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair of COM/CITEL and the Chairs of the PCCs.

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 201 (XVI-05)
(Amounts in US\$)

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>SOURCE</u>
CITEL Secretariat			Regular OAS Fund (Subprogram 41 D)	514,200	R
Staff Salaries \$ 594,657			PCC.I Specific Funds (Payment of Membership fees)	100,000	P1
Paid by Regular Fund	458,000	R	PCC.I Specific Funds (Cash Balance 2005)	23,510	P1
Paid by Specific Funds	136,657	P1,P2	PCC.II Specific Funds (Payment of Membership fees)	190,000	P2
Administrative expenses	<u>32,400</u>	R	PCC.II Specific Funds (Cash Balance 2005)	21,381	P2
Total Office Expenses	627,057		Contribution of Costa Rica	100,000	V
			Meeting of WCIT & XI Meeting of WGCP: 10.000		
CITEL Meetings			XI Meeting of CC & XI Meeting of WGCP: 30.000		
Meeting of WCTI & XI Meeting of WGCP (Feb,24)	10,000	V	XVIII Meeting of COM/CITEL: 60.000		
XI Meeting S/C (1 day)/ XI Meeting WGCP (2 days)	30,000	V	Contribution of Peru for the VII Meeting of PCC.II	170,500	V
XVIII Meeting COM/CITEL (4 days)	60,000	V	Contribution of Dominican Republic for the VIII Meeting of PCC.I		
IX Meeting PCC.I (4 days)	45,634	R,P1	Contribution of El Salvador for the VIII Meeting of PCC.II		
VII Meeting PCC.II (4 days)	<u>228,000</u>	R,P2,V			
Total Meeting Expenses	373,634				
			Source of funding:		
			R - OAS REGULAR FUND		
CITEL FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO:					
VIII Meeting PCC.I (4 days)	45,000	P1	P1 - PCC.I SPECIFIC FUND		
VIII Meeting PCC.II (4 days)	<u>57,500</u>	R,P2	P2 - PCC.II SPECIFIC FUND		
Total	102,500		V - VOLUNTARY FUNDING		
CITEL Publications					
Publications PCC.I	5,000	P1,R			
Publications PCC.II	<u>5,000</u>	P2			
Total Publications Expenses	10,000				
Other Expenses:					
WGCP (2-hour interpretation at WTDC-06)	1,600	R			
WG ITU Council (2-hour interpretation at Council)	1,600	R			
WGCP (4-hour interpretation at PP-06)	<u>3,200</u>	R			
Total Other Expenses	6,400				
TOTAL OUTLAYS	1,119,591		TOTAL INCOME	1,119,591	

IV. DECISIONS

The XVI Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

DECIDES:

COM/CITEL DEC.45 (XVI-05) ⁸	<p>1. To send to the OAS 2006 General Assembly the attached draft Resolution “STRENGTHENING OF CITEL ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION”, highlighting the important activities carried out by CITEL in 2005.</p> <p>2. To attach this draft Resolution to the Annual Report to be submitted by CITEL to the OAS General Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align:center">ANNEX TO DECISION COM/CITEL DEC. 45 (XVI-05)</p> <p style="text-align:center">DRAFT RESOLUTION</p> <p style="text-align:center">AG/RES. YYYY (XXXVI-O/06)</p> <p style="text-align:center">STRENGTHENING OF CITEL ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION</p> <p style="text-align:center">THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,</p> <p>HAVING SEEN Resolution AG/RES. 2100 (XXXV-O/05), where the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is requested to present a follow-up report on its activities before the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly;</p> <p>RECOGNIZING the commitments made by the Heads of State and Government at the Summits of the Americas in Miami (1994), Santiago de Chile (1998), Québec (2001), Nuevo León (2004) and Mar del Plata (2005) relative to the strengthening of strategies to support the development and ongoing update of a telecommunications regional infrastructure plan and the effort to bridge the digital divide with the ongoing implementation of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quito;</p> <p>REAFFIRMING that, in its capacity of main hemispheric multilateral forum, the OAS has a unique role to play in strengthening connectivity in the region to contribute to its social and economic development;</p> <p style="text-align:center">TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:</p> <p>That Resolution AG/RES.1947 (XXXIII-O/03) adopted the Protocol of Amendment of the Inter- American Convention on the International Amateur Radio Permit which was adopted by Resolution AG/RES.1316 (XXV-O/95) and which permits temporary operations of amateur radio stations within a Member State to those individuals holding an IARP permit from another</p>
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⁸ COM/CITEL/doc. 1036/05

Member State without any further review, something which is critical in cases of disaster;

That Resolution AG/RES. 2135 (XXXV-O/05) reiterated the commitment of Member States to the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action of Geneva expressed at the World Summit on the Information Society, and underscored the importance of promoting at a regional level - in a coordinated action of the public sector, the civil society and the private sector - activities leading to implementing the postulates established under such Declaration as a way of contributing to the social and economic development of the Hemisphere, and

UNDERSCORING:

The valuable efforts of CITELE, as the main Inter-American telecommunications forum, proposing active, sustainable policies in support of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) and to strengthen the continuity of the initiatives generated in the area of carrying out the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quito and in general for the appropriate harmonization of regional actions related to the development of the Information Society, and for the establishment of a national and regional, proactive strategic vision of Member States as an important means to achieve further results in the international sphere;

FURTHER UNDERSCORING:

The following CITELE activities during the year 2005:

- a. Approval of various recommendations regarding the coordination of rules to guarantee interoperability and the timely introduction of advanced technologies; harmonization of the radio spectrum and the operation of radio communication services, including radio broadcasting; development and implementation of modern technologies and new radio communication services and economic aspects and principles to establish tariffs in order to promote the development of telecommunications networks and services;
- b. Approval and publication within the context of its preamble of the text of the Third version of the Blue Book "Telecommunications Policy for the Americas", a reference tool to provide the countries in the Americas with objective information and descriptions on telecommunication policies and matters relative to regulation, including the difficulties and opportunities posed by developing new telecommunication technologies
- c. Offer of various telecommunications professional refresher courses with materials prepared by accredited training centers in the region and in coordination with the Center of Excellence for the Americas Region of the International

Telecommunication Union (ITU);

- d. Coordination and harmonization of regional views at the telecommunication international forums, through the development of Inter-American proposals and shared positions for the World Telecommunication Development Conference and the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU, both scheduled for 2006, and the World Radiocommunication Conference to be held in 2007;
- e. Organization of various seminars and workshops dealing with priority issues for the countries, such as Number Portability, International Telecommunication Regulations (ITR), Broadband over Power Lines / Power Line Communications (BPL/PLC), “Broadband Wireless Technologies: opportunities and challenges”, and
- f. Maintenance and expansion of cooperation among all the Member States and with the pertinent regional organizations,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the essential value of the work and recommendations by CITELE in its goal of driving telecommunication development in the region, and in particular, in meeting the mandates of the Summits of the Americas, the General Assembly and CITELE assemblies.

2. To reiterate its commitment to continue strengthening and reinforcing mechanisms for Member States to continue implementing the commitments of the Summits of the Americas in connection with telecommunications.

3. To entrust to the General Secretariat of the OAS to approve, through CITELE, the efforts of Member States to:

- a. Promote the spreading and application of CITELE Recommendations among the different stakeholders so that they contribute to its implementation; and that they continue to intensify efforts to adopt the measures, national plans and strategies necessary to improve connectivity in the region.
- b. Develop, promote and foster further dissemination of information, exchange of experiences and lessons learnt and to raise awareness regarding the impact of telecommunications through the different CITELE Observatories that compile information.
- c. Increase the active participation of Member States in the preparation and follow up of high level international telecommunication meetings and in particular in preparing

	<p>coordinated Inter-American proposals, positions and views for such meetings.</p> <p>d. Promote the use of communication and information technologies, and in particular, the availability of a broadband infrastructure as essential elements to encourage massive access to information networks.</p> <p>e. Increase the development and training of human resources to better respond to the demands of the telecommunications sector and the needs of an economy increasingly based on knowledge.</p> <p>f. Consider signing, ratifying or adhering to the Inter-American Convention on the International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) and its Protocol of Amendments, in case they have not done so yet, considering that it is a fundamental tool in cases of disaster situations and consider requesting to the Secretary General that a report be presented to the Permanent Council before the thirty-sixth regular sessions of the General Assembly, regarding the applicable status of signatures, ratifications and adhesions.</p> <p>g. Support the work of expert groups devoted to promoting the thematic areas identified under <i>Further underscoring</i>;</p> <p>4. To urge the Secretary General to demonstrate the OAS commitment to strengthening connectivity in the region by granting the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), in its capacity as specialized OAS entity and main hemispheric telecommunication forum, sufficient resources to strengthen its ability to meet its growing mandates.</p> <p>5. To request CITEL to present a follow-up report to the thirty-seventh regular sessions of the General Assembly</p>
<p>COM/CITEL DEC.46 (XVI -05) ⁹</p>	<p>To submit the attached Draft Resolution to the consideration of the IV Assembly of CITEL.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANNEX TO DECISION COM/CITEL DEC.46 (XVI -05)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DRAFT RESOLUTION CITEL RES. XXX (IV-06) STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE CITEL 2006 – 2010</p> <p>The IV Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL,</p>

⁹ COM/CITEL /doc. 1064/05

	<p>HAVING SEEN:</p> <p>The Draft Strategic Plan of the CITEI for 2006-2010, developed by COM/CITEL,</p> <p>CONSIDERING:</p> <p>That the CITEI Permanent Consultative Committees and Working Groups execute the strategic guidelines established by the above Plan,</p> <p>RESOLVES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To adopt the attached Draft Strategic Plan, submitted by COM/CITEL. 2. To instruct the Permanent Consultative Committees and the Working Groups of CITEI to relate the actions that each shall be carrying out in 2006-2010 to the strategic goals of the Plan, reporting on the Work Plan to achieve these objectives. 3. To instruct COM/CITEL with the follow-up of the Strategic Plan development, defining the actions that are needed to meet the strategic goals.
<p>COM/CITEL DEC. 47 (XVI-05) 10</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To take note of the Progress Report on the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas Update and the Plan of Action of Quito contained in the document COM/CITEL/doc. 1018/05. 2. To highlight the fact that the development of Policies and National Digital Plans in CITEI countries and the progress made regarding sub-regional commitments show that the objectives around which the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas was organized have been met. 3. Since the Agenda objectives regarding Connectivity in the Americas have been met, it is now necessary to move on to a Second Phase on the Agenda of the Americas establishing specific objectives consistent with the commitments made by the States at the Millennium Declaration, in the WSIS Plans of Action, in the Rio Commitments and in the Sub-Regional policy documents. 4. To establish the following Working Plan for the Agenda for Connectivity Second Phase and the Plan of Action of Quito: 5. To establish that the Administration of Colombia with the support of the Administrations of Argentina and Canada shall submit a report at the XVIII Meeting of COM/CITEL, and periodic reports when necessary. 6. To instruct the Secretariat to forward to the Administrations the Annex to Document COM/CITEL/doc.1018/05 requesting in particular confirmation of the information prior to March 1, 2006.

¹⁰ COM/CITEL /doc. 1057/05

7. To thank the Administrations of Colombia, Argentina and Canada for their excellent work.

ANNEX TO DECISION COM/CITEL DEC. 47 (XVI-05)

WORKING PLAN

1. To consult the different Administrations as to the update of information contained in the work carried out by the Secretariat regarding country status in relation to connectivity policies. The Report contains data on thirty countries as follows:

- Administration
- An evaluation on national development and on the information and communications technologies. Based on such information, define strategies and procedures.
- National strategy or Agenda for Connectivity
- Ministry or Agency on which the Agenda for Connectivity is dependent
- National strategy goals
- Implementation: National evaluation of the strategy development and current situation.
- Sources consulted

2. To request that the Administrations make a detailed assessment of the national situation and its relation with the implementation plans of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and identify concrete measures that may require regional support or which could be developed regionally. The result of this assessment will enable the definition of priorities and strategies.

3. To establish the priority areas to be included in the objectives of the Second Phase on the Agenda, beginning with the contributions made by the Administrations and taking into account the Fronts of Action identified on the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quito, the WSIS, and the international and regional commitments. Special attention must be paid to the identification of CITEL responsibilities, so as to avoid duplication ensuring that they fall within the scope of their responsibilities and priorities:

- Infrastructure
 - Broad Band
 - Next Generation Networks
 - IP Telecommunications
 - Digital TV
 - Internet Exchange Points
 - Local Trunk
 - Main Servers
- Universal Service

	<p>Availability Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Education • Contents • Utilization Health, work, culture, small and medium enterprises • Public Policies Country Code Domain Name Numbering <p>International Interconnections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-government • Public Protection and Disaster Management • Cybersecurity Instruments for fighting crime and terrorism Privacy and personal data protection • Investment promotion • Technology development • E-commerce Consumer Protection Transaction security • Capability of access to the Information Society: National and Regional objectives. <p>4. To identify the objectives and strategies in each priority area.</p> <p>5. To identify CITEL responsibilities and those of other OAS specialized agencies, relevant international organizations and of Member States.</p> <p>6. To draft the first version of the Second Phase of the Agenda.</p> <p>7. To submit the First Version to the Administrations for their consideration.</p> <p>8. To draw up the final document and submit it to COM/CITEL.</p>
<p>COM/CITEL DEC. 48 (XVI-05) 11</p>	<p>1. To establish a link at the CITEL Web site of the Observatory on telecommunications Information to the facilitator site for Indigenous Communities.</p> <p>2. To keep the discussion group on Indigenous Communities in the Electronic Forum of CITEL to receive more contributions.</p> <p>3. To establish that the coordinator of the discussion group will do the coordination with the ITU Regional Office.</p>
<p>COM/CITEL DEC.</p>	<p>1. To consider the mandate entrusted to the Ad hoc Group on Scope of</p>

¹¹ COM/CITEL /doc. 1047/05

<p>49 (XVI-05) 12</p>	<p>Participation of Non-Member States of CITEL as fulfilled, its activities finishing at this meeting.</p> <p>2. To send a note of special appreciation and congratulations to the Chair of the WG, Mr. Audrey Allison for the excellent work carried out and the results achieved.</p>
<p>COM/CITEL DEC. 50 (XVI-05) 13</p>	<p>1. To establish an Ad Hoc Group of the Committee of the Plan of Operations of COM/CITEL, coordinated by the Chair of the above mentioned Committee, Mrs. Marian Gordon, to address future funding issues for CITEL.</p> <p>2. That the Ad Hoc Group will work by correspondence and will identify, to the extent possible, a range of options to ensure adequate funding for CITEL's future activities.</p> <p>3. That the Ad Hoc Group will report to the COM/CITEL Members by the IV Assembly of CITEL.</p> <p>4. COM/CITEL's Steering Committee will monitor OAS activities that could affect the 2006 Budget and advise CITEL membership as appropriate.</p>
<p>COM/CITEL DEC. 51 (XVI-05) 14</p>	<p>1. To acknowledge fulfilment of the mandate of the Ad Hoc Group to prepare the Telecommunications Sector of the Action Plan for the Fourth Summit of the Americas, thus concluding their activities in this meeting.</p> <p>2. To send a note of acknowledgment to the members of the Group for their outstanding job.</p> <p>3. To request the Administrations to pay special attention to the documents that have been adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declaration of Mar del Plata - Plan of Action - Communiqués approved by Member Countries.
<p>COM/CITEL DEC. 52 (XVI-05) 15</p>	<p>1. To establish a COM/CITEL Ad Hoc Group for the preparation of a Draft Declaration of San José with the following Terms of Reference:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">To formulate a text for the political Declaration of the Assembly that includes the contributions of the Administrations of the Region and as a framework for the future activities of CITEL.</p> <p>2. To appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of COM/CITEL as Coordinators of this Group to work with the Chair of Permanent Consultative Committee I,</p>

¹² COM/CITEL /doc. 1066/05

¹³ COM/CITEL /doc. 1054/05

¹⁴ COM/CITEL /doc. 1059/05

¹⁵ COM/CITEL /doc. 1058/05

	the Chair of Permanent Consultative Committee II y and the Chair of the Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITELE.
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V. LIST OF BASIC DOCUMENTS

Summary Minutes of the Inaugural Session and the First Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1045/05 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Second Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL /doc. 1052/05 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Third Plenary Session	COM/CITEL /doc. 1060/05 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Fourth Plenary Session and Closing Session:	COM/CITEL /doc. 1063/05 rev.1
List of Documents:	COM/CITEL /doc.1004/05 rev.5
List of Participants:	COM/CITEL /doc.1005/05 rev.1
Final Report for the Meeting	COM/CITEL /doc.1065/05 rev.1 cor.1