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FINAL REPORT

XVIII MEETING OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The XVIII Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) was held in San José, Costa Rica, December 5 to 8, 2006.

I. AGENDA¹

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 - 2.2 Committee to prepare the 2007 Plan of Operations.
3. Report of the Chair of COM/CITEL.
4. Reports of the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees.
5. Report and meeting of the Conference Preparatory Working Group to consider regional preparations for world conferences and meetings.
6. Reports and meetings of the COM/CITEL working groups:
 - 6.1 Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.
 - 6.2 Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITEL.
 - 6.3 Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
 - 6.4 Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas.
7. Adoption of the Annual Report on the activities of CITEL.
8. Approval of the 2007 Plan of Operations (activities, budget, and scheduling of meetings to be held in 2007).
9. Joint CITEL/ITU activities in the Region.
10. Proposed amendments to the Statute and Regulations of CITEL.
11. Examination of OAS General Assembly resolutions with impact on CITEL.
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13. Situation of the Associate Members.
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15. Other issues.
16. Adoption of Final Report.

II. AUTHORITIES OF THE MEETING

Chair:	Mr. Pedro Pablo Quirós Cortés (Costa Rica)
Vice-Chair:	Mr. Alvaro Solares Arenas (Mexico)
Executive Secretary:	Mr. Clovis Baptista (OAS)
Drafting Group:	Ms. Hissell Mayorga Quirós (Costa Rica)

¹ COM/CITEL/doc.1076/06

III. RESOLUTIONS

COM/CITEL RES. 203 (XVIII-06)²

APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSIDAD DISTRITAL FRANCISCO JOSÉ DE CALDAS [FRANCISCO JOSÉ DE CALDAS DISTRICT UNIVERSITY] AS A CITEL REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

The XVIII Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) The application presented by the Administration of Colombia for the *Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas* [Francisco José de Caldas District University] to be recognized as a CITEL Regional Training Center;
- b) The procedure for an organization to be recognized by CITEL to operate as a Regional Training Center [Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 141 (XII-02)], and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The positive evaluation of the Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources of the documentation presented by the aforementioned training center,

RESOLVES:

To approve the inclusion of the *Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas* as a CITEL Regional Training Center.

INSTRUCTS THE SECRETARIAT OF CITEL:

To inform the Administration of Colombia of the approval of this application.

² COM/CITEL/doc.1093/06

COM/CITEL RES. 204 (XVIII-06) ³

APPROVAL OF THE CITEL PROGRAM OF COURSES FOR 2007

The XVIII 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 2006 CITEL training program;
- b) That it is fundamental for the economic development of the countries to continuously train their human resources in the sector to allow for the introduction of advanced technologies in the context of the continuous development of telecommunications; and
- c) That the results of the survey on 2007 training needs presented by the CITEL Member States are already available,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the following program of courses under the 2007 CITEL fellowship budget prepared by the General Coordination for the Development of Human Resources taking into account the priorities in Member State training needs as presented by Member States. When the regular fund budget for CITEL 2007 scholarships is used, the number of fellowships shall be authorized by the above-mentioned Coordination bearing in mind the available budget and the Organization of American States regulations. Initially, 15 fellowships shall be offered for distance learning courses and 4 fellowships of round trip economy class ticket from country of origin to venue of course for attendance-based courses on the dates suggested in Annex 5 of COM/CITEL/doc 1103/06 rev.2.

Institution	Course	Category
National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay (ANTEL) <i>Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de Uruguay (ANTEL)</i>	Internet Protocol Television Service (IPTV)	Distance learning
National Telecommunications Administration of Uruguay (ANTEL) <i>Administración Nacional de Telecomunicaciones de Uruguay (ANTEL)</i>	Convergence of fixed / mobile through IMS	Distance learning
Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) <i>(Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros)</i>	Digital television: Technological and Market Considerations	Distance learning
Colombian Association of Engineers (ACIEM) <i>(Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros)</i>	Regulation and standardization of Interconnection	Distance learning
Center for Technological Innovation of the School		Attendance-based

³ COM/CITEL/doc.1127/06 rev.1

Institution	Course	Category
of Engineering of Paraguay (<i>Centro de Innovación Tecnológica de la Facultad de Ingeniería de Paraguay</i>)	Broadband by ADSL	
Telecommunications Commission of Central America (COMTELCA / Comisión de Telecomunicaciones de Centro América)--Honduras	Public Policies on the information and communications technology (TIC) Sector	Distance learning
Julio Garavito Colombian School of Engineering	Mobile Telephony Systems	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 Fields in telecommunications	Distance learning
National Institute for Telecommunication Research and Training of Peru (INICTEL) (<i>Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones</i>)	Design and Implementation of IP Networks	Distance learning
Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) <i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA)</i>	Multimedia Wireless Services	Distance learning
Buenos Aires Institute of Technology (ITBA) <i>Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA)</i>	WiMax Networks—IEEE 802.16 Standard	Distance learning
School of Engineering and Technology of the Catholic University of Uruguay (Facultad de Ingeniería y Tecnologías de la Universidad Católica de Uruguay)	Implementation of Aggregate Ethernet/MPLS networks for multiservice provision	Distance learning
United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) Sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Disaster Communications Management	Attendance-based
TELESUR	Design and Implementation of a Secure web page Service in Internet	Distance learning
United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) Sponsored by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Comsearch	Radio frequency spectrum Management	Attendance-based
Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas	Fraud Prevention, Detection, and Control Techniques	Distance learning
Federal Telecommunication Commission of Mexico (COFETEL)	Harmful interferences to satellite systems	Attendance-based

2. That in the event that the OAS Department of Human Development invites to participate in the Competition for the 2007 Professional Refresher Course Scholarship Program, 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 fellowships 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 thank the OAS Department of Human Development for their continuous and excellent support in disseminating CITEL course offer.

5. To continue strengthening the coordination between CITEL and the Center of Excellence of the ITU to keep and increase the training benefits in telecommunications in the region.

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 CITEL distance learning scholarship courses will be US\$ 200.
- 10% of the total amount collected from tuition fees from all distance learning scholarships granted by CITEL/OAS 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 Coordination for the Development of Human Resources.

7. To encourage Administrations to take the necessary steps 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 resolve items 1 and 5.
- b) To widely disseminate information related to such courses.

COM/CITEL RES. 205 (XVIII-06) ⁴

APPROVAL OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN FOR 2007

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

CONSIDERING:

- a) The draft Program-budget and the draft calendar for 2007 of CITEL developed by the COM/CITEL Committee to Prepare the Plan of Operations;
- b) The information about the situation of associate member submitted by the Secretariat of CITEL, and
- c) That the venues of the XI meeting of PCC.I and the X meeting of PCC.II have not been confirmed,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To approve the Meeting Schedule for 2007 included in Annex 1 hereto. The holding of the XI meeting of PCC.I and the X meeting of PCC.II is subject to confirmation of the availability of the corresponding financial resources.
- 2. To approve the Draft Program-Budget of CITEL for 2007, which is attached in Annex 2 hereto bearing in mind the indication in *resolve* 1.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY :

- a) To send a copy of this Resolution and the documents attached hereto to the Administrations of the CITEL Member States and to the PCC associate members.
- b) To undertake the necessary consultations with Member States to hold the XI meeting of PCC.I and the X meeting of PCC.II.

⁴ COM/CITEL/doc.1130/06 rev.1

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 205 (XVIII-06)

Meeting	Date	Location
X PCC.I	March 19 to 22	Argentina
Seminar on Terrestrial Spectrum for IMT (WRC-07 agenda item 1.4)	April 16	El Salvador
Workshop on Technical and Regulatory Aspects related to the Effects of Electromagnetic non-ionizing emissions	April 16	El Salvador
IX PCC.II	April 17 to 20	El Salvador
X PCC.II	July 24 to 27	To be confirmed
XII Steering Committee (STE)	To be confirmed (July/August)	San José, Costa Rica
XI PCC.I	To be confirmed (September)	To be confirmed
XX Preparatory Working Group for the Meetings of ITU Council	September 4	Geneva, Switzerland
WG-WRC	October 21 and during WRC-07	Geneva, Switzerland
XIX COM/CITEL	December 4 to 7	San José, Costa Rica
XXI Preparatory Working Group for the Meetings of ITU Council	December 4 to 7	San José, Costa Rica

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 205 (XVIII-06)

<u>ESTIMATED INCOME</u>		<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
-		-
OAS Regular Fund	506.900	
PCC.I Specific Fund Balance as of 12/31/06	12.000	
PCC.I Specific Fund 2007	110.000	Payment of membership fee - Associate Members
PCC.II Specific Fund Balance as of 12/31/06	200	
PCC.II Specific Fund 2007	190.000	Payment of membership fee - Associate Members
X Meeting PCC.I host Country Contribution	61.000	
XI Meeting PCC.I host Country Contribution	61.000	
IX Meeting PCC.II host Country Contribution	72.000	
X Meeting PCC.II host Country Contribution	72.000	
XII Meeting Steering Committee host Country Contribution	62.000	
COM/CITEL XIX Meeting host Country Contribution	62.000	
	TOTAL	
	<u>1.209.100</u>	
 <u>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</u>		
- CITEL Secretariat		
Personnel Salaries : US\$ 590,019.00		
Paid by Regular Fund	453.400	Salaries for four staff members
Paid by SF PCC.I	53.600	40% of the salaries paid to two staff members
Paid by SF PCC.II	83.020	60% of the salaries paid to two staff members
General expenses	<u>34.180</u>	
	Total Secretariat expenses	
	<u>624.200</u>	
 CITEL Meetings		
X Meeting PCC.I	95.000	US\$ 34,000 SF PCC.I; US\$ 61,000 host country
XI Meeting PCC.I	95.000	US\$ 34,000 SF PCC.I; US\$ 61,000 host country
IX Meeting PCC.II	125.000	US\$ 53,000 SF PCC.II; US\$ 72,000 host country
X Meeting PCC.II	125.000	US\$ 53,000 SF PCC.II; US\$ 72,000 host country
XII Meeting S/C	62.000	Meeting entirely funded by the Administration
COM/CITEL XIX Meeting	62.000	Meeting entirely funded by the Administration
	Total Meeting Expenses	
	<u>564.000</u>	

Other expenses		
Secretariat Support for WRC-07	15.000	Tickets and per diem (1 person for 1 month and 1 person for 15 days)
Interpretation ITU Council WG	4.200	5 hours of interpretation
Interpretation ITU Council WG	1.700	2 hours of interpretation
Total other expenses	<u>20.900</u>	Expenses funded by the Regular Fund
TOTAL	<u><u>1.209.100</u></u>	
INCOME - EXPENSES =	<u><u>0</u></u>	

Note: SF=Specific Funds; S/C=Steering Committee

COM/CITEL RES. 206 (XVIII-06) ⁵

MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 86 OF THE CITEL REGULATIONS

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

HAVING SEEN:

The Report of PCC.I, COM/CITEL/doc.1116/06 and the document entitled “Participation of Associate Members in the Work of the PCCs, submitted by the Chair of PCC.II, COM/CITEL/doc.1089/06, cor.1.

CONSIDERING:

- a) That modification of Section 2 of Article 86 of CITEL’s Regulations is urgently needed to provide clearer guidelines for the participation of Associate Members in the work of the PCCs ;
- b) That the participation of Associate Members in the work of CITEL’s PCCs is highly valued and encouraged by the CITEL Member States, but it must be structured with due regard for CITEL’s legal status as an inter-governmental international entity of the Organization of American States;
- c) That Section 2 of Article 100 of the CITEL Regulations, within the framework of Article 17(g) of the CITEL Statute, authorizes COM/CITEL to modify CITEL’s Regulations when in its judgment, such modification is urgently required, and to apply any such modification provisionally, *ad referendum* of the CITEL Assembly final decision,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To modify Section 2 of Article 86 of the CITEL Regulations to state as follows:

⁵ COM/CITEL/doc.1131/06 rev.1

2. “Associate members of a PCC may fully participate in all the activities of that PCC with voice but without vote; nevertheless, without the support of the respective Member State, they shall not be able to take the floor to request the PCC to consider a proposal for the purpose of taking a decision. An associate member of any PCC shall also be entitled to participate in the work of any joint working group to which its PCC belongs, without being requested the payment of additional fees.”

2. To establish that the foregoing modification of Article 86 of the CITEL Regulations shall enter into force provisionally as of the date of this Resolution, *ad referendum* of the CITEL Assembly’s approval at its next Meeting.

3. To recommend the foregoing modification of Article 86 to the CITEL Assembly for final approval at its next Meeting.

COM/CITEL RES. 207 (XVIII-06) ⁶

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

The XVIII Meeting of the Permanente Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the XIX Meeting of COM/CITEL in San José, Costa Rica, December 4 to 7, 2007.
2. To approve the draft agenda for the XIX Meeting of COM/CITEL annexed hereto.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL RES. 207 (XVIII-06)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda and schedule.
2. Establishment of the committees for the meeting:
 - 2.1 Committee to draft the final report.
 - 2.2 Committee to prepare the 2008 Plan of Operations.
3. Report of the Chair of COM/CITEL.
4. Reports of the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees.
5. Report and meeting of the Conference Preparatory Working Group to consider regional preparations for world conferences and meetings.
6. Reports and meetings of the COM/CITEL working groups:
 - 6.1 Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources.
 - 6.2 Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITEL.
 - 6.3 Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

⁶ COM/CITEL/doc.1128/06 rev.1

- 6.4 Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas.
7. Adoption of the Annual Report on the activities of CITEL.
8. Approval of the 2008 Plan of Operations (activities, budget, and scheduling of meetings to be held in 2008).
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COM/CITEL RES. 208 (XVIII-06)⁷

REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS

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

CONSIDERING:

That the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-06) approved a milestone resolution on the “Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITR)” that further recognizes that as technologies evolve, countries around the world are evaluating their policy and regulatory approaches to ensure an enabling environment to foster the development of the information society,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That CITEL can play an important role in facilitating regional discussion of the current ITRs;
- b) That CITEL can also play an important role in identifying topics of regional interest for the world Telecommunications Policy Forum (WTPF) to be convened in 2009,

RESOLVES:

To request a report from PCC.I on the follow up activities on the Plenipotentiary Conference of 2006 outcomes regarding the ITR, specifically on Resolution COM5/4 (ANTALYA, 2006) “Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations”.

⁷ COM/CITEL/doc.1124/06

IV. DECISIONS

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

DECIDES:

COM/CITEL DEC. 54 (XVIII- 06) ⁸	To instruct the Secretariat to send a message to the Administration of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay indicating that the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission shall always have a very special and emotive memory of the tireless labor of Mr. Luis Manuel Peluffo Cánepa in promoting the existence of adequate telecommunications for contributing to the region's development. The message will also tender the heartfelt condolences of CITEL to his family, colleagues and friends for their irremediable loss.
COM/CITEL DEC. 55 (XVIII- 06) ⁹	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To conduct a study aimed at using the Key performance indicators (KPI) to assess the relationship between objectives, mandates, goals, and outcomes of CITEL actions.2. To establish that this study will be conducted within the framework of the Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITEL, and that the Administrations of Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the United States and Mexico will be involved in conducting the study jointly with the Secretariat of CITEL.3. To require PCC.I and PCC.II to take part in the preparation of the study.
COM/CITEL DEC. 56 (XVIII- 06) ¹⁰	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the proposals in documents COM/CITEL/doc.1080/06 cor.1, COM/CITEL/doc.1081/06 rev.1, COM/CITEL/doc.1084/06, COM/CITEL/doc.1090/06 and COM/CITEL/doc.1094/06 rev.1, submitted to the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas.2. To approve that the relation between CITEL and ITU, regarding connectivity issues, be channeled through the chair of the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas, so that the chair may interact with Administrations, acting as their spokesperson in the various initiatives in this area, introduced by the ITU in the region.3. To integrate the Regional Project CITEL – ITU – “REDUCING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND ADVANCING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY” with the projects approved by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (areas of Connectivity and Broadband).4. To request the Administrations of Brazil, Colombia and Mexico to jointly prepare a regional strategic analysis of the value chains of connectivity, including, among others, the following:

⁸ COM/CITEL/doc. 1103/06 rev.2

⁹ COM/CITEL/doc. 1120/06

¹⁰ COM/CITEL/doc. 1132/06 rev.1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LAN Infrastructure: PCs, software, etc. ; ○ Access networks; ○ Transport: satellite, terrestrial FO, underwater FO; ○ Interconnection to NAPs and Tier-1s; ○ Ownership: ICT Literacy, development of local contents; ○ Strategies for the monitoring. <p style="text-align: center;">This study will also be submitted in the X meeting of CCP.I.</p> <p>5. To request the Administration of Canada to include the impact assessment topics defined in the report of the ad hoc group of the Working Group on Connectivity in the Americas, in the report it is preparing for PCC.I.</p> <p>6. To instruct the CITELE Secretariat to prepare a comprehensive management model for connectivity projects including, among other elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Documents to be submitted by the Administrations of Canada, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico at the next PCC.I (mentioned above); ○ Studies by Regulatel and ECLAC (e-LAC), with which the Secretariat will make the pertinent agreements. <p style="text-align: center;">This Management model must include, among other essential elements, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidebook for the preparation of connectivity projects; ○ Processes to identify the most suitable funding sources for projects, based on their special characteristics; ○ Assessment of the expected impact. <p>7. To approve that CITELE, when so requested, provides the monitoring for the countries in the preparation of project models and their presentation to potential investors. Likewise, if so requested, it may take charge of the project’s management during its implementation. The cost of this management will be covered by the project and included in its costing.</p>
<p>COM/CITELE DEC. 57 (XVIII- 06)¹¹</p>	<p>1. To instruct the Steering Committee that, with the support of the Chair of the Conference Preparatory Working Group, gather the necessary information to be submitted to the OAS Secretary General, Ambassadors to the OAS, and OAS entities in charge of preparing and allocating the OAS budget, including CITELE’s budget. This has the purpose of highlighting the importance and value of CITELE work and outcomes for the economic, social, and cultural development of OAS Member States with the goal of getting an increase in the contributions to the OAS regular fund assigned to CITELE. This increase would allow CITELE to continue carrying out its activities in an efficient way.</p> <p>2. That in its work the Steering Committee considers all the Recommendations, Resolutions, and Decisions regarding this task as approved by CITELE and the OAS Assembly earlier.</p>

¹¹ COM/CITELE/doc. 1126/06

	<p>3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITELE to disseminate among its Member States the information and documents prepared on this matter by the Steering Committee in order for them to take them into consideration in the awareness-raising efforts that their Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions to the OAS do to win support for the approval of an increase in the budget allocation of OAS to CITELE beginning in 2008.</p> <p>4. To instruct the Steering Committee to report the outcomes of the steps taken at the XIX Meeting of COM/CITELE.</p>
<p>COM/CITELE DEC. 58 (XVIII-06)¹²</p>	<p>1. To send to the OAS 2007 General Assembly the attached draft Resolution “STRENGTHENING HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CITELE’S WORK ON FOSTERING TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION”, highlighting the important activities carried out by CITELE in 2006.</p> <p>2. To attach this draft Resolution to the Annual Report to be submitted by CITELE to the OAS General Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DRAFT RESOLUTION AG/RES. YYYY (XXXVII-O/07)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STRENGTHENING HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CITELE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,</p> <p>HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 2160 (XXXVI-O/06), in which the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITELE) is requested to submit a follow-up report on its activities to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh regular session;</p> <p>CONSIDERING:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the CITELE is the ideal forum for the coordination, discussion, and harmonization of regional strategies and policies on telecommunications and for the exchange of information in this area, so as to facilitate and promote the ongoing development of telecommunications in the Hemisphere, including information and communication technologies (ICTs); and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITELE, held in San José, Costa Rica, adopted the Strategic Plan of CITELE for 2006-2010;</p> <p>RECALLING:</p>

¹² COM/CITELE/doc. 1115/06 cor.1

That, in the Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-based Society, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Member States of the OAS request that “the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization of American States (OAS) continue to support the incorporation of ICTs into national development plans,” and further request the OAS to continue, through its General Secretariat, in particular through its specialized commissions, such as CITEL, coordinating regional efforts to develop initiatives and identify additional resources to provide greater access to ICTs and their use and benefits, thus contributing to bridging the digital divide; and

That, in resolution AG/RES. 2243 (XXXVI-O/06), “Support for the Implementation of the Declaration of Santo Domingo,” the General Assembly urged member states to attach priority to and continue supporting the implementation of the second phase of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Plan of Action of Quito and, in accordance with that document, to continue adopting policies and regulations that promote the development and expansion of, and access to, infrastructure, especially in rural, remote, and underserved areas;

RECOGNIZING:

The importance of telecommunications and information and communication technologies for the political, economic, social and cultural progress of the countries, and that many countries in the region still do not have the necessary basic infrastructure, or long-term plans, laws, and regulations in force to promote ICT development and use;

The need to promote equitable, affordable, and universal ICT access everywhere so as to bridge the digital divide and create digital opportunities for all; and

The wide variety of activities undertaken by CITEL in 2006 to introduce technological advances, develop common positions for the Member States of CITEL to take when dealing with the ITU, strengthen dialogue among Members of CITEL, and expand training opportunities in order to promote the ongoing development and strengthening of the telecommunication sector in the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge authorities of member state governments to continue to promote the development, incorporation, and use of ICTs, and to request CITEL and the OAS General Secretariat to support such efforts.

2. To express its satisfaction with the work of CITEL to identify measures to strengthen hemispheric cooperation for the development of telecommunication infrastructure, and in creating an important platform for dialogue and exchange of experiences in order to move forward in this area.

3. To instruct the General Secretariat to implement the programs and projects set out in the Strategic Plan of CITEL for 2006-2010, especially those referring to the work of the second phase of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, promotion of the use of ICTs and the availability of broadband

	<p>infrastructure, further human resource development and training, and preparation and follow-up on inter-American proposals, positions, and coordinated views for high-level international telecommunication meetings, so as to strengthen the regional position in the international context.</p> <p>4. To instruct CITELE, with support from the General Secretariat:</p> <p>a. To continue reviewing, in the framework of the second phase of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, the status of telecommunication/ICT services and connectivity;</p> <p>b. To identify the sectors with critical deficiencies where priority action is needed; and</p> <p>c. To present each year a report to the General Assembly that contains concrete proposals on how best to improve the status of ICTs in the countries, for wide dissemination in the member states, the private sector, and other interested groups.</p> <p>6. To invite all member states to attach high priority to allocating resources to the telecommunication sector and to step up cooperation between developed and developing countries, as well as among developing countries, with a view to facilitating access to telecommunications infrastructure, especially in rural areas.</p> <p>7. To urge the Secretary General to include CITELE projects and programs among such priorities as may arise for the mobilization of external resources.</p> <p>8. To urge the member states and permanent observers, individuals, and national and international public and private entities that wish to do so to participate in CITELE activities under way; follow up on their progress; and make voluntary contributions to support the development and implementation of CITELE projects and programs.</p> <p>9. To request the Permanent Council, through the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs (CAAP), to invite the Secretariat of CITELE to submit reports periodically on the financial resources needed to implement its mandates.</p> <p>10. To request CITELE to present to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh regular session a follow-up report on the implementation of this resolution.</p>
<p>COM/CITELE DEC. 59 (XVIII- 06)¹³</p>	<p>Taking into account the report on CITELE's magazine, <i>citel.XXI</i> (document COM/CITELE /doc. 1134/06) and a communication from Convergencia Latina, the company that has published the above-mentioned magazine, COM/CITELE decided to terminate the contract and requests the Secretariat to inform the company, thanking them for the work done.</p>

¹³ COM/CITELE/doc. 1133/06 rev.1

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V. LIST OF BASIC DOCUMENTS

Summary Minutes of the Inaugural Session and the First Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 1107/06 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Second Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL /doc. 1129/06
Summary Minutes of the Third Plenary Session and Closing Session:	COM/CITEL /doc. 1133/06 rev.1
List of Documents:	COM/CITEL /doc. 1074/06 rev.6
List of Participants:	COM/CITEL /doc. 1075/02 rev.1
Final Report for the Meeting	COM/CITEL /doc. 1134/06 rev.1