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FINAL REPORT

32 MEETING OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) was held in Bavaro Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from November 29 to December 1, 2016.

I. AGENDA¹

1. Adoption of agenda and schedule.
2. Establishment of meeting committees:
 - 2.1 Committee for Drafting the Final Report.
 - 2.2 Committee for Preparing the Operations Plan.
3. Report by the Chair of COM/CITEL.
4. Reports from the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees.
5. Reports from the COM/CITEL Working Groups:
 - 5.1 Coordination Center for the Development of Human Resources
 - 5.2 Working Group on the Strategic Plan of CITEL
 - 5.3. Working Group to Prepare for the Meetings of the ITU Council
 - 5.4 Conference Preparatory Working Group to Address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings.
 - 5.5 Working Group to review and propose updates to the Statute and Regulations in accordance with subparagraphs (e) and (g) of Article 17, “Functions of COM/CITEL,” of the Statute regarding the financial, legal, and operational issues arising from remote participation and increased participation in decision-making meetings of CITEL.
 - 5.6 Ad Hoc Group for the development of new procedures for elaboration, discussion, adoption and presentation of inter-american proposals.
 - 5.7 Ad Hoc Group to determine a new methodology to set the value of the contributory units paid by the associate members of CITEL.
6. Approval of the annual report on the activities of CITEL.
7. 2016 CITEL financial report.
8. Report of the activities of the Secretariat of CITEL, particularly regarding the support of projects for the development of telecommunications/ICT in the Americas.
9. Approval of the 2017 Operations Plan (activities, budget, and meeting scheduling for 2017).
10. Joint CITEL/ITU activities in the region.
11. Proposed amendments of the CITEL Statute and Regulations.
12. Study of OAS General Assembly resolutions affecting CITEL.

¹ COM/CITEL/doc. 055/16

13. Report on the situation of CITEL's cooperation agreements.
14. Date, agenda, and venue of the next meeting.
15. Other business.
16. Adoption of the minutes and Final Report of the meeting.

II. AUTHORITIES OF THE MEETING

Chair of COM/CITEL: Mrs. Katrina Naut, Alternate Chair, representing Mr. José del Castillo Saviñón (Dominican Republic)

Alternate Vice-chair of COM/CITEL: Mrs. Solana Aspiazu, representing Mr. Miguel de Godoy (Argentina)

Executive Secretary of CITEL: Mr. Oscar León

Drafting Committee for the Final Report:

Dominican Republic: Mrs. Lydia Rodríguez and Mr. Bryan Guzmán

United States of America: Mr. Gregory Ratta

Participants:

- a. **Member States COM/CITEL:** Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Paraguay, United States of America, Uruguay.
- b. **OAS Member States:** Bahamas
- c. **CITEL Associate Members:**
 - Canada:** Boeing Canada Technology
 - United States of America:** The Boeing Company, Iridium Satellite LLC, Internet Society (ISOC), Microsoft Corporation, North American Broadcasters Association (NABA)
- d. **CITEL Observers:** Regional Technical Commission of Telecommunications (COMTELCA), International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

III. RESOLUTIONS

COM/CITEL/RES. 282 (XXXII-16)²

COURSE PROGRAMME OF CITEL FOR THE YEAR 2017

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

That the results of the Competition for the OAS Professional Development Program are not yet available, and there is no information about the budget available for scholarships in 2017,

ACKNOWLEDGING:

That through the Regional Training Centers of CITEL and the Center of Excellence of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) the effective training on telecommunications/ICT is enabled,

RESOLVES:

1. To empower the General Coordination for the Human Resources Development to: (a) select, based on the budget available for scholarships, the higher training priority courses of the member States; (b) schedule the dates for the courses to comply with the rules of the OAS.
2. To establish that in case the Human Resources Development Department of the Organization of American States (OAS) formally invites participation in the Competition of the Professional Development Scholarship Program for 2017, the General Coordination would participate in the cases in which the Institutes are interested in sharing the costs corresponding to the scholarships according to the conditions of the OAS.
3. To empower the Coordination, when possible, to reallocate the amounts of the scholarships offered in the event the materials for evaluations and the provisional invitation are not available at least three months prior to the scheduled start of the course.
4. To thank the Human Resources Development Department of the OAS for the continuous and outstanding support provided in the dissemination of the CITEL course offering and to request this training is given maximum priority considering the recognized contribution of telecommunications/information and communications technology (ICT) to sustainable development and the reduction of poverty.
5. To establish that the condition under which the courses will be offered, unless otherwise stated in *resolve* 1, shall be:

² COM/CITEL/doc. 69/16 rev. 1 cor. 1

- That at least 10% of the total amount collected for the tuition of all participants for a distance learning course disseminated by the OAS/CITEL is deposited in the account for scholarship specific funds which would be used as a reserve fund budget (seed money) for the course programme for the coming years and the authorization for the use of which would be through the Coordination for the Human Resources Development.

- 6. To establish a virtual session program about topical issues on telecommunications/information and communications technology (ITC).

- 7. To request the Secretariat of CITEL to liaise with agencies that offer telecommunications/TIC training with a view to establish Cooperative Agreements on training which allow to meet the needs of the region. Specially, to liaise with ITU Centers of Excellence and other multilateral agencies to seek Synergies and course developments during the year 2017.

- 8. To urge Administrations to submit candidates for the scholarships to be offered for the course programme for 2017 in order for them not to miss the opportunities offered.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WITH:

1. Supporting the General Coordination for the Human Resources Development.
2. Disseminating these courses as widely as possible.

COM/CITEL/RES. 283 (XXXII-16)³

DRAFT AGENDA, SITE AND DATE FOR THE 33 MEETING OF COM/CITEL

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the 33 Meeting of COM/CITEL December 12, 13 and 14, 2017, in Bávaro, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, subject to the availability of funds for the 14th.
2. To approve the draft agenda for the 33 Meeting of COM/CITEL attached to the present Resolution.

³ COM/CITEL/doc. 87/16 rev. 1

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 283 (XXXII-16)

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 - 5.6 Ad Hoc Group for the development of new procedures for elaboration, discussion, adoption and presentation of inter-american proposals.
 - 5.7 Ad Hoc Group to identify CITEL associate member opportunities to improve their attendance.
6. Approval of the annual report on the activities of CITEL.
7. 2017 CITEL financial report.
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COM/CITEL/RES. 284 (XXXI-16)⁴

DESIGNATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF COLOMBIA AS GENERAL COORDINATOR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That, through Resolution COM/CITEL RES.140 (XII-02), the administration of Uruguay was given the responsibility of General Coordination for the Development of Human Resources;
- b) That, as expressed by the aforementioned Administration, budget limitations and Human Resource allocations issues have made it impossible to continue shouldering the aforementioned responsibility,
- c) That, by means of Resolution COM/CITEL RES.272 (XXXI-16), the administration of Paraguay was given the responsibility of General Coordination for the Development of Human Resources, *ad referendum* its official communication accepting this responsibility, which should be communicated to the Executive Secretary of CITEL.

That the administration of Paraguay informed the Secretariat of CITEL of their inability to assume the responsibility of the General Coordination for the Development of Human Resources.

RESOLVES:

1. To appoint the Administration of Colombia as Chairman of General Coordination for the Development of Human Resources.

COM/CITEL RES. 285 (XXXII-16)⁵

STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITEL

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a. That Article 1 of the Statute of CITEL, establishes the mission to facilitate and promote the integral and sustainable development of interoperable, innovative and reliable telecommunications (ICTs) in the Americas, under the principles of universality, equity and affordability.
- b. That, in addition, Article 1 of the Statute establishes that the vision of CITEL is the full integration of the American States into the Global Information Society, with a view to enabling and accelerating social, economic and environmentally sustainable development for all the

⁴ COM/CITEL/doc. 84/16

⁵ COM/CITEL/doc. 74/16 rev. 2

region's inhabitants through the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies/ICTs,

- c. That, in the VI Ordinary Meeting of the Assembly of CITELE, held in the city of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) in February 2014, resolution CITELE RES. 70 (VI-14) approved the Strategic Plan of CITELE for the 2014-2018 period.
- d. That, in accordance with this Plan, the strategic goals of CITELE are:
 - 1) Encouraging the development of interoperable telecommunication/ICTs in the Americas, including infrastructure, services, equipment and devices;
 - 2) Promoting initiatives to expand the use/adoption/penetration of telecommunication/ICTs in the Americas;
 - 3) Fostering inclusiveness and affordability of telecommunication/ICTs and reducing the digital divide in the Americas;
 - 4) Promoting the development of a harmonized telecommunication/ICTs environment in the Americas;
 - 5) Promoting greater and more active participation by the Member States of CITELE and all actors of the telecommunication/ICT sector in the activities of CITELE; and
 - 6) Ensuring that the Organization continue to contribute with financial and non-financial resources to the sustainability of CITELE;
- e) That the Secretariat of CITELE has the technical capability to improve and perfect the strategic goals of CITELE, in accordance with its Strategic Action Plan, by means of a more intensive application of the telecommunications/ICT component, through greater participation in programs, projects and activities already underway, and with new initiatives based on the current and future needs of the Member States and Associate Members of CITELE,
- f) That, pursuant Executive Order 16-02 Rev.1 of the General Secretariat of the OAS about the **Strategic Initiatives of the General Secretariat**, the use of telecommunications/ICTs is cross-cutting to the four pillars of the OAS: democracy, human rights, integral development, and multidimensional security, and that CITELE must facilitate and promote their development in the region through these pillars;
- g) That, during the plenary session of the Permanent Council of the OAS, held on October 31, 2016, the Organization's Comprehensive Strategic Plan was approved (AG/RES. 1 (LI-E/16), which contains a Matrix with the Strategic Guidelines and Objectives of the Pillars: Democracy, Human Rights, Integral Development, Multidimensional Security, as well as the Areas of Institutional Building and Administrative Management.
- h) That promoting the development, coordination and implementation of strategies and projects in the Member States, access to and use of telecommunications/ICTs can be expanded or implemented in those that are not connected yet, with the support and participation of the CITELE members, other international organizations, the public and private sectors, academia and civil society, in order to achieve greater social inclusion and improve the quality of life of our peoples;
- i) That, to this end, it becomes essential to generate spaces for dialogue between the private sector, public sector, and multilateral organizations so they can be on the same page regarding their strategies, resulting in an accelerated achievement of the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations on September 25, 2015;

j) That, on June 14, 2016, in Santo Domingo, The Secretary General of the OAS signed, together with representatives from the private sector, the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas, in order to support the Member States of the Organization on the road to integrating ICTs into their national policies within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

k) That it is important to measure the level of advancement of telecommunication/ICTs, especially in those that do not have a Digital Agenda, regarding the components of network accessibility, network capacity, use of ICTs, affordability, investment, and availability of human capital, among other indicators; also, to make progress in the characterization of the digital ecosystem that includes, in addition to the main features and deployment of the telecommunications networks, the state of existing services, the level of content and application development, the state of appropriation of ICTs and existing gaps, and the capabilities of the population.

RESOLVES:

1) To instruct the Chair of the Ad Hoc Group of the Strategic Plan, in coordination with the Executive Secretariat and the Chairs of COM/CITEL and the Permanent Consultative Committees, to design and execute, during 2017, a roadmap aimed to the establishment of follow-up mechanisms to monitor the level of execution of the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan of CITEL, as presented in Annex 1, and to identify, within the available indicators harmonized by the ITU, those that are relevant to the Strategic Plan.

2) To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL:

- To request the ITU, at no charge, the follow-up indicators available for the region, to use them in order to strengthen the implementation of the CITEL Action Plan to measure the progress made regarding the achievement of specific Plan objectives and targets.
- To identify projects and strategic partners, at the regional and international level, that contribute to the implementation within the framework of the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan of CITEL, in particular to support the countries of the Americas that still do not have National Connectivity Agendas / Digital Agendas, as well as to strengthen those Agendas in the countries of the Americas that already have them, designing, together with the Chair of COM/CITEL and the Chairs of the PCCs, a toolbox for the development of Connectivity Plans and Spectrum Plans.
- With existing resources or those obtained in accordance with the previous *resolves* items, to provide technical assistance to existing programs, projects and activities, as well as any new telecommunications/ICT initiatives, with the aim of promoting the strategic goals of CITEL according to its Strategic Action Plan, and to help the countries of the region search for solutions to their obstacles and challenges with respect to social innovation.

3) To instruct the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees to analyze the Comprehensive Strategic Plan of the OAS, adopted during the plenary session of its Permanent Council, held on October 31, 2016, and to submit their comments regarding its impact on the activities of their respective Committees to the Chair of COM/CITEL, so they can be discussed during the next meeting, preferably before February 2017.

4) Instruct the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) so, before the 33 Meeting of COM/CITEL and as the outcome of the follow-up and evaluation of the Strategic Plan, they send

inputs on Goals, Objectives, Indicators, and Expected Results to the Ad Hoc Group on the Strategic Plan, and that, at the discretion of each Committee, they should be continued, updated, prioritized or incorporated into the Action Plan and the Strategic Plan for the 20018-2022 period, taking into account the organization's financial situation.

- 5) Invite the Member Countries of CITEI to help the Ad Hoc Group carry out this Resolution.

ANNEX I TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 285 (XXXII-16)

Proposed Work Plan:

Activity	Period
Analyze the indicators developed by the PCCs based on the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.	February 2017.
Define the relevant indicators corresponding to COM/CITEL.	February 2017.
Prepare a document and send it to the Chairs of the PCCs and the CITEI Member States for comments.	March 2017
Organize a virtual meeting to define the document to submit to COM/CITEL.	June 2017.
Submit the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the CITEI Strategic Plan to COM/CITEL.	33 Meeting of COM/CITEL.
Report, in each annual meeting of COM/CITEL, about the status of execution of the Strategic Plan based on established indicators and mechanisms.	34 and 35 Meeting of COM/CITEL.
Submit the Final Report on the execution of the Strategic Plan during the 2017 annual meeting of COM/CITEL.	33 Meeting of COM/CITEL.

COM/CITEL/RES. 286 (XXXII-16)⁶

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIONS PLAN FOR 2017

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) The program-budget and draft calendar of meetings considered at the sessions of the Meeting of COM/CITEL; and
- b) The information on the situation of Associate Members presented by the Secretariat of CITEL,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To adopt the calendar of meetings for 2017 contained in Annex 1 hereto.
- 2. To approve the draft program-budget for 2017 attached hereto as Annex 2.
- 3. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to inform the Member States of any change in the circumstances affecting the budget for 2017 approved.

⁶ COM/CITEL/doc. 89/16 rev. 2

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 286 (XXXII-16)

PRELIMINARY CALENDAR OF CITEL 2017

Meeting	Date	Venue
Working Group of the ITU Council	January 30 to February 10, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations	February 9 to 10, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
9 th Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education	February 9 to 10, 2017	Nassau, Bahamas
Regional Development Forum for the Americas	February 21, 2017	Asunción, Paraguay
Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-17	February 22 to 24, 2017	Asunción, Paraguay
Mobile World Congress & Ministerial Programme 2017	February 27 to March 2, 2017	Barcelona, Spain
ITU-D (SG 01)	March 27 to 31, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
ITU-D (SG 02)	April 3 to 7, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
7th. ITU Green Standards Week	April 3 to 5, 2017	Manizales, Colombia
Workshop on “Digital Inclusion and Meaningful Broadband Adoption in the Americas”	April 17, 2017 (Monday before the first day of the 30 Meeting of PCC.I)	Lima, Perú
Seminar: Telecommunication Services and their impact on Privacy Protection	April 18, 2017 (session of the Working Group on Policies and Regulations during the 30 Meeting of the CCP.I)	Lima, Perú
Seminar on Development Project Management	April 19, 2017 (session of the Rapporteurship on Regional Initiatives during the 30 Meeting of the CCP.I)	Lima, Perú
30 Meeting of PCC.I	April 18 to 21, 2017	Lima, Perú
Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG)	April 25 to 27, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG)	May 1 to 5, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland

Meeting	Date	Venue
RPM Coordination Meeting	May 8, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)	May 9 to 11, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
2017 Session of the ITU Council	May 15 to 25, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
OAS General Assembly	June 2017	México
WSIS Forum 2017	June 12 to 16, 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
29 Meeting of PCC.II	June 27 to 30, 2017	Orlando, United States of America
31 Meeting of PCC.I	24 al 28 de julio de 2017	San Salvador, El Salvador
ITU's Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-17)	July 14 to 17, 2017	Nassau, Bahamas
Working Group to prepare for and follow up on WTSA, WCIT, and WTDC	October 9 to 20, 2017	Buenos Aires, Argentina
World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17)	October 9 to 20, 2017	Buenos Aires, Argentina
30 Meeting of PCC.II	November 28 to December 1, 2017	Colombia
33 Meeting of COM/CITEL	December 12 to 14, 2017	Punta Cana, República Dominicana
7 Assembly of CITEL	First quarter of 2018 (before February 28, 2018 to have documents ready for the PP)	Argentina
34 Meeting of COM/CITEL	After the Assembly	Argentina
ITU Plenipotenciary Conference 2018 (PP-18)	October 29 to November 16, 2018	Dubai

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 286 (XXXII-16)

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION (CITEL) YEAR 2017

(Amount in US\$)

	REGULAR FUND	REGULAR FUND	SPECIFIC FUNDS		TOTAL
	RF OAS	CITEL-MEETINGS	SF PCC.I	SF PCC.II	
INCOME					
OAS Regular Fund (Personnel)	294,300				294,300
OAS Regular Fund (Non Personnel)	70,500	57,300			127,800
Specific Funds Income of the PCC.I			202,500		202,500
Specific Funds Income of the PCC.II				400,500	400,500
TOTAL INCOME	364,800	57,300	202,500	400,500	1,025,100
EXPENDITURES					
Secretariat of CITEL					
Staff Salaries: US\$ 294,300					
Sal. 2 Staffs [Paid by the OAS Regular Fund]	294,300				294,300
50% Sal. 2 Staffs [Contrib. SF PCC.I (US\$)]			122,960		122,960
50% Sal. 2 Staffs [Contrib. SF PCC.II (US\$)]				122,960	122,960
Administrative Expenditures Regular Fund (See attached Table)	50,500				50,500
Total Secretariat's Expenditures:	344,800	0	122,960	122,960	590,720
CITEL's Meeting and Activities					
30 Meeting PCC.I			30,000		30,000
31 Meeting PCC.I			30,000		30,000
29 Meeting PCC.II				80,000	80,000
30 Meeting PCC.II				80,000	80,000
33 Meeting of COM/CITEL		27,300			27,300
Basic activities of the Secretariat of CITEL	20,000		19,540	40,000	79,540
Additional Resources for the Strategic Plan (Resol. COM/CITEL/RES. 266 (XXXI-15))				77,540	77,540
Total Meeting and Activities Expenditures	20,000	27,300	79,540	277,540	404,380

Other Expenditures

Support from the Secretariat to Meetings and International Representations		30,000			30,000
Total Other Expenditures	0	30,000	0	0	30,000
TOTAL - EXPENDITURES	364,800	57,300	202,500	400,500	1,025,100
TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0

PROJECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR 2017 (US\$)

SECRETARIAT REGULAR FUND

SECRETARIAT

Budget		50,500	
Expenses	Documents		-
	Equipment		1,477
	Supplies		1,200
	Postage		400
	Phone, Fax		800
	Server Maintenance		2,400
	LAN-Internet		4,300
	LAN-Printer		400
	Translation Costs (*)		25,700
	Courier/S&H charges		400
	AD&D Insurance		350
	Webex		1,023
	Software liceneses (annual payment)		10,450
	VPN		1,600
	Other		-
	Total		50,500

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Annual Report	3,500
Secretariat	22,200
	25,700
	25,700

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PCC-I DRAFT BUDGET – 2017

(US\$)

	SPECIFIC FUNDS		TOTAL
	SF PCC.I	Associate Personnel	
INCOME			
OAS Regular Fund (Non-Personnel)			
Balance PCC.I Specific Funds - 1 January 2017			
Income - Specific Funds PCC.I	202,500		202,500
Voluntary Contributions			
TOTAL INCOME:	202,500		202,500
EXPENDITURES			
CITEL Secretariat			
Staff Salaries: US\$			
Staff Salaries (50% by 2) [Contribution SF PCC.I]	122,960		122,960
Total Secretariat Expenses:	122,960		122,960
CITEL's Meetings and Activities			
30 Meeting PCC.I	30,000		30,000
31 Meeting PCC.I	30,000		30,000
Basic activities of the Secretariat of CITEL	19,540		19,540
Additional Resources for the Strategic Plan (Resol. COM/CITEL/RES. 266 (XXXI-15))			
Total CITEL's Meetings and Activities:	79,540		79,540
Other Expenditures			
Total Other Expenditures:			0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	202,500		202,500
TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	0		0

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PCC-II DRAFT BUDGET - 2017

(US\$)

	SPECIFIC FUNDS		TOTAL
	SF PCC.II	Associate Personnel	
INCOME			
REGULAR FUND (Non-Personnel)			
Balance Specific Funds PCC.II - 1 January 2017			
Income - Specific Funds PCC.II	400,500		400,500
Voluntary Contributions			
TOTAL INCOME:	400,500		400,500
EXPENDITURES			
CITEL's Secretariat			
Staff Salaries: US\$			
Staff Salaries (50% by 2) [Contribution SF PCC.II (US\$)]	122,960		122,960
Total Secretariat Expenditures:	122,960		122,960
CITEL's Meetings and Activities			
29 Meeting PCC.II	80,000		80,000
30 Meeting PCC.II	80,000		80,000
Basic activities of the Secretariat of CITEL	40,000		40,000
Additional Resources for the Strategic Plan (Resol. COM/CITEL/RES. 266 (XXXI-15))	77,540		77,540
Total CITEL's Meetings and Activities:	277,540		277,540
Other Expenditures			
Total Other Expenditures	0		0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	400,500		400,500
TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	0		0

COM/CITEL/RES. 287 (XXXII-16)⁷

SUPPORT FROM CITEL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE SEVENTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS AND IN PREPARATION FOR THE VIII SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL, COM/CITEL,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That Resolution COM/CITEL/Res.242 (XXV-11), “Contribution by CITEL to the Sixth Summit of the Americas,” at the Summit held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on April 14 and 15, 2012, of the Permanent Executive Commission of CITEL, invited Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL) to send the President of the Seventh Summit of the Americas documents arising from the various meetings of CITEL that reflected the positive impact of telecommunications and information technology and communication (ICT) on matters of high importance to the region, such as social inclusion, public safety, natural disaster prevention and mitigation, and promoting access to and use of technology;
- b) That by Resolution AG/RES.2765 (XLIII-O/13, “Support from CITEL for the Implementation of the Outcomes of the Sixth Summit of the Americas and the High-Level World Conferences held in 2012 and in Preparation for International Telecommunication Events for the 2013-2014 Cycle” and by Resolution AG/RES. 2859 (XLIV-O/14), “Information and Communication Technologies for Development,” the OAS General Assembly expressed support for the ongoing work of CITEL as the principal advisory body on all matters pertaining to telecommunications/ICTs and the Hemisphere and as a benchmark for the Information Society in the Americas, emphasizing the core competencies of CITEL in the area of ICTs and urging CITEL to promote the development, coordination and implementation of strategies, as applicable, to expand the use of ICTs in accordance with the commitments made at the Sixth Summit of the Americas;
- c) That the Seventh Summit of the Americas was held in Panama City, Panama on April 10-11, 2015, under the theme “Prosperity with Equity: The Challenge of Cooperation in the Americas,” one of whose mandates highlighted the need to “facilitate equitable, pluralistic, broad, secure, and reliable access to new information and communication technologies” in order to promote citizen participation and significantly increase by 2025 “broadband access to overcome the digital gap” and “investment in infrastructure and its effectiveness,” since the main commitments and mandates of the Seventh Summit of the Americas relate directly to the work of CITEL;
- d) That the Heads of State and Government at the Seventh Summit of the Americas entrusted the inter-American organizations and institutions to cooperate and coordinate as extensively as they can in implementing the mandates and initiatives contained in the document “Mandates for Action”;

RECOGNIZING

- a) That, although in recent years considerable progress has been made in access to information and communication technologies, the digital gap persists in many Member States;

⁷ COM/CITEL/doc. 71/16

- b) That telecommunications/ICTs are the most efficient and effective tools to expand access to information and education for all and to enable freedom of speech and expression, which are essential components of fostering democracy, advocating human rights, ensuring security, and promoting comprehensive development and prosperity in the hemisphere, the four pillars of the Organization of American States (OAS),
- c) That promoting broadband access and increased adoption of broadband services and deployment of broadband infrastructure is essential to reducing the digital and technological gap in the societies of the Hemisphere,
- d) That CITELE has worked on a number of priority activities for the 2010-2016 period that have directly contributed to implementing the four pillars of the OAS and the mandates of the Sixth and Seventh Summit of the Americas, including the launch of the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas initiative, the call to increase investment in broadband infrastructure and promote access to broadband for social inclusion; promoting greater international cooperation to ensure the security and robustness of international telecommunication networks; increasing access to and use of ICTs for emergency services, education and other electronic services while allowing greater citizen participation and exploring new technologies to reduce the digital and technological gap.
- e) That the recent announcement of the Global Connect Initiative, which aims to catalyze multi-sectoral efforts to attract 1.5 billion new Internet users online by 2020, is consistent with the goal of the Seventh Summit of the Americas to promote broadband access for the societies of the hemisphere.
- f) That it is essential to create spaces for dialog between the private sector, the public sector and multilateral agencies to harmonize strategies that will make it possible to accelerate achievement of the development goals of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations on September 25, 2015;

RESOLVES:

1. To invite the Member States to take an active part in CITELE activities related to implementing the mandates and initiatives of the “Mandates for Action” of the Seventh Summit of the Americas; and to collaborate with the Summits of the Americas process by highlighting the importance of aligning the work of CITELE with preparations for the VIII Summit of the Americas to be held in Peru in 2018.
2. To invite the Member States to submit to the Chair of the Summits of the Americas process all documents arising from the various meetings and events of CITELE that reflect the impact of and progress towards implementing the mandates and initiatives of the “Mandates for Action” of the Seventh Summit of the Americas, particularly as regard broadband access and investment in broadband infrastructure.
3. To promote, within the structure and work plan(s) of the appropriate work group(s) of CITELE, access to and increased adoption and development of broadband services, and investment in broadband infrastructure.
4. To support the Global Connect efforts to catalyze multi-sectoral initiatives to attract 1.5 billion new Internet users online by 2020, including its principles to achieve Internet connectivity; to ensure that all public schools in the Americas are connected to the Internet by 2030 and create relevant local content; and to promote digital training to help raise the quality of education and build talent for the new digital economy; and

5. To request that the Executive Secretary of CITELE submit a report on implementation of this resolution to the next regular session of the OAS General Assembly.

COM/CITEL RES. 288 (XXXII-16)⁸

PREPARING FOR THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITEL ASSEMBLY

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITELE (COM/CITEL),

WHEREAS:

- a) Article 6 of the Statute of CITELE provides that “CITELE shall hold a Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly every four years, in the place as determined by the CITELE Assembly in accordance with the principle of rotation set forth in the Regulations;”
- b) Article 5 of the Regulations of CITELE establishes that CITELE shall endeavor to schedule the Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly during the first quarter of the year,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That CITELE has the mission to facilitate and promote the integral and sustainable development of interoperable, innovative, and reliable telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT) in the Hemisphere, on the basis of the principles of universality, equity, and affordability; and that CITELE’s vision is the full integration of the states of the Americas into the world information society, for the purpose of permitting and accelerating social, economic, and environmentally sustainable development for all inhabitants of the region by developing telecommunications /ICT;
- b) That CITELE is the forum for coordination, holding discussions, and harmonizing strategies and policies for telecommunications/ICT in the Hemisphere, as well as the exchange of information on the matter;
- c) That the CITELE Assembly has provided high-level participants a place to debate world, regional, and local issues in connection with the advancement of telecommunications/ICT in the Hemisphere,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That the telecommunications/ICT environment is undergoing constant changes because of various aspects, in particular technological progress, regulatory changes, the convergence of platforms and services, the growing demand of users, and greater needs;
- b) That it is essential for member states and associate members to collaborate closely in CITELE to promote the ongoing evolution of telecommunications/ICTs that take into account the needs of the region;
- c) That it pertains to CITELE to promote a regional dialogue about the most relevant challenges for telecommunications/ICT,

⁸ COM/CITEL/doc. 90/16 rev. 1

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Seventh Regular Assembly of CITELE in the first quarter of 2018 in Argentina;
2. To adopt the preliminary draft agenda of the Seventh Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly attached in the Annex to the present Resolution.
3. To invite the administrations of OAS member states and associate members of CITELE to ensure the participation of the highest-ranking authorities in the field of telecommunications/ICT in their delegations to the CITELE Assembly, in keeping with its Statute and Regulations.
4. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITELE to carry out the actions that are required in order to fulfill the present Resolution.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION COM/CITELE RES. 288 (XXXII-16)

DRAFT GENERAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Organization of the Assembly
 - 2.1 Order of precedence
 - 2.2 Establishment of the Working Committees
 - 2.3 Membership of the Credentials, Style, and Drafting Committees
3. Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the Assembly
4. Report of the Chair of COM/CITELE.
5. Reports of the Chairs of the Permanent Consultative Committees:
 - 5.1 PCC.I: Telecommunications/ICT
 - 5.2 PCC.II: Radiocommunications
6. Strategic Plan of CITELE
7. Proposals to amend the Statute and Regulations of CITELE
8. Establishment of the Permanent Consultative Committees: assignment, purpose, and specific mandate
9. Designation of the member state that would hold the Vice-Chairmanship of COM/CITELE
10. Election of the member states of COM/CITELE
11. Election of the member states that would chair the Permanent Consultative Committees
12. Establishment of the CITELE Plan of Operations for the period 2018-2022 and the corresponding Program-Budget

13. Coordination with other regional and international organizations
14. Call for the 34 and 35 Meetings of COM/CITEL
15. CITEL's preparations for the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
16. Other matters
17. Adoption of the Final Report

COM/CITEL RES. 289 (XXXII-16)⁹

CREATION OF THE AD HOC GROUP TO IDENTIFY CITEL ASSOCIATE MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR ATTENDANCE

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That in accordance with Article 24 of the CITEL Statute, associate members may attend all activities of the Permanent Consultative Committee (PCC) to which they belong;
- b) That by Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 8 (III-E-16), COM/CITEL approved *ad referendum* of the following CITEL Assembly meeting, effective as of January 1, 2017, setting the quota for associate member contributions at USD 6,000 for each Permanent Consultative Committee (PCC) they attend, with reference to the methodological proposal submitted by the Ad-hoc Group created by Resolution RES.265 (XXX-15).
- c) That CITEL is the primary forum for coordinating, debating and harmonizing telecommunication/ICT strategies and policies in the Americas, and for information exchange on the subject; and that it has great value for both the public and private sectors.
- d) That it is necessary to consider the views, needs and contributions of the Associate Members to further strengthen the role of CITEL as the most important telecommunication and ICT organization in the Americas.

RESOLVES:

1. To conclude the duties of the Ad Hoc Group of COM/CITEL created by Resolution COM/CITEL RES. 263 (XXIX-14) and to thank it for the work done.
2. To create an Ad Hoc Group to identify the opportunities for associate members to improve and the means to increase and expand their attendance, including actions, activities, rights and associate categories. This Ad Hoc Group will be open to participation by all CITEL Member States and chaired by the Administration of Mexico, with Brazil, Canada and Uruguay as Vice-Chairs.

⁹ COM/CITEL/doc. 91/16 rev. 2

3. To request that the PCC Chairs survey the opinions, comments and inputs of associate members attending the respective PCC regarding the opportunities for associate members to improve and the means to increase and expand their attendance, including actions, activities, rights and associate categories, and to report the findings of this survey and their recommendations to the Ad Hoc Group created by Resolves 2 of this Resolution within 15 days from the conclusion of their meetings.
4. To instruct the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Group to report to COM/CITEL on the findings of this survey and submit the relevant proposals.
5. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to take all measures required to implement this Resolution.

IV. DECISIONS

COM/CITEL DEC. 92 (XXXII-16)¹⁰

AD HOC GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROCEDURES FOR ELABORATION, DISCUSSION, ADOPTION AND PRESENTATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

The 32 Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL;

DECIDE:

- 1) To renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc Group for the development of new procedures for elaboration, discussion, adoption and presentation of inter-american proposals;
- 2) To appoint Brazil and Paraguay, respectively, as chair and vice-chair of the Ad Hoc group.

¹⁰ COM/CITEL/doc. 88/16 rev.1 cor. 1

V. LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Minutes of the Opening Session and First Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 083/16 cor. 1
Minute of the Second Plenary Session:	COM/CITEL/doc. 092/16 cor. 1
Minute of the Third Plenary Session	COM/CITEL/doc. 093/16
List of Documents:	COM/CITEL/doc. 053/16 rev. 1
List of Participants:	COM/CITEL/doc. 054/16 rev. 1
Final Report of the Meeting:	COM/CITEL/doc. 094/16 rev. 1