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(COM/CITEL)  
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***Report on the establishment of the value of the contributory unit, categories of Associate Members and their minimum levels of affiliation fee***

***Ad hoc Group to determine a new methodology to set the value of the contributory units paid by the Associate members of CITEL***

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATIONS OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Canada and the United States are fully aware of the financial situation affecting the Organization of American States, and of the serious repercussions it may have for the sustainability of CITEL.

Canada and the United States appreciate the efforts undertaken by the Ad hoc Group to determine a new methodology to set the value of the contributory unit paid by the Associate Members of CITEL.

Canada and the United States recognize that the contributory unit for Associate Members can be increased as prescribed in Article 87 (1) of the Regulations of CITEL, but reiterate the need for further and detailed consultations with CITEL Member States and Associate Members on any future increases.

Canada and the United States believe that the rationale to support any future increase in the value of the contributory unit for Associate Members should go beyond a general explanation of the financial situation affecting the OAS, and include, for further review, a clear outline of the current and future activities and programs of CITEL which should be established under a results-based management mechanism.

The delegations of Canada and the United States request that this statement be incorporated in the report by the Chair of COM/CITEL.

San Salvador, May 20, 2016

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## **FINAL REPORT**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL) was held in San Salvador, El Salvador, May 16 & 18, 2016.

#### **I. AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**

1. Approval of the agenda.
3. Procedure for distance participation at the Third Special Meeting of COM/CITEL.
4. Report of the Ad-Hoc Group to determine a new methodology to set the value of the contributory units paid by the Associate Members of CITEL.
5. Approval of the Final Report.
6. Other business.

#### **II. AUTHORITIES OF THE MEETING**

**Chair of COM/CITEL:** Mrs. Amparo Arango, on behalf of Mr. Gedeón Santos (Dominican Republic)

**Executive Secretary of CITEL:** Mr. Oscar León (OAS)

#### **Committee for Drafting the Final Report:**

**Chair:** Juan Carlos Castro (El Salvador)

**Delegates:** Eunice Letona, Paz Osegueda, Carlos Rodríguez y Rafael Arbizú (El Salvador).

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<sup>1</sup> COM/CITEL/doc. 64 (3-E/16) rev. 2

### **III. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **COM/CITEL RES. 8 (III-E-16)<sup>2</sup>**

##### **CONTRIBUTIONS BY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF CITEL**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL),

##### **CONSIDERING:**

- a) That, under Article 24 of the Statute of CITEL, associate members of a Permanent Consultative Committee (PCC) may fully participate in all the activities of that Permanent Consultative Committee;
- b) That, under Article 29 of the Statute of CITEL, the fees from associate members shall be determined by the Regulations of CITEL;
- c) That under Article 87.4 of the Regulations of CITEL, funds derived from associate membership fees shall be allocated to the budget of the corresponding PCC and used as directed by the respective PCC Chair to defray expenses of PCC meetings, their groups, and relevant activities of the corresponding PCC;
- d) That, at the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL, by resolution CITEL RES. 77 (VI-14), the unit value for contributions of associate members was set at three thousand five hundred U.S. dollars (US\$3,500) for each Permanent Consultative Committee in which the associate member participates;
- e) That the value of the membership fees should cover the costs related to the annual participation in each PCC by the representatives of the associate members, as well as the activities deemed advisable for the PCC;
- f) That the Specific Fund contributions do not cover all costs associated with the holding of meetings and other basic activities of CITEL's PCC;
- g) That by 2017, the projected reductions of the general funds of the Organization of American States (OAS) will exceed USD 12 million, thus its expected a possible reduction in CITEL's budget that could affect the entity's operation and administrative functioning. Therefore, it is urgent to raise those funds from other sources;

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<sup>2</sup> COM/CITEL/doc. 68 (3-E/16) rev. 5

- h) That, in view of the foregoing, it is urgent to implement the methodology presented by the Ad Hoc Group, which proposes an increase to the current value of the contributory unit, and the establishment of new categories of associate members;
- i) That the funds provided by the associate members of PCC.I and PCC.II are needed to ensure the functioning and support of the Secretary of CITEI, as well as for the celebration of the periodic scheduled meetings;
- j) That the current financial sustainability of CITEI and the activities of its PCC is critical, and so it becomes the ability of the Americas region to present inter-american proposals at the main meetings and world conferences for telecommunications/ICT and the conservation of CCP's as privileged spaces for the regional exchange in telecommunications/ICT matters;
- k) That Article 17.g of the Statute of CITEI authorizes it to adopt any urgent measures, which cannot be deferred until the next meeting of the CITEI Assembly and which shall remain in force until the CITEI Assembly can consider them; and
- l) That Article 100 of the Regulations of CITEI provides that when COM/CITEI determines that an amendment is urgent, it may decide to apply that amendment provisionally pending final decision by the CITEI Assembly at its next Regular or Special meeting, in accordance with Article 17 (g) of the Statute, and that amendments to these Regulations, once adopted by the CITEI Assembly, shall be presented to the General Assembly of the Organization at its next regular session for its information,

#### **RESOLVES:**

1. To approve *ad referendum* of the Assembly of CITEI at its next meeting, effective as of January 1, 2017, the unit value for contributions by associate members of USD 6,000 for each Permanent Consultative Committee in which they participate.
2. To approve *ad referendum* of the Assembly of CITEI, effective as of January 1, 2017, the following modification to Article 87.1 of the Regulations of CITEI:

Associate members shall contribute to the funding of their respective PCC, voluntarily choosing the level of contribution. The minimum contributory level shall be "a quarter" of a unit for associate members belonging to academia for both PCC; "one" unit for associate members with legal personality in one of the Member States and "one and one half" units for the others. All these contributions may be increased in minimum "one half" unit levels.
3. Authorize that the funds collected by the affiliation fees of associate members shall be assign to cover the expenses of the PCC meetings, its groups or activities that are of benefit of the corresponding PCC, as well as to ensure the functioning and to support basic activities of the Secretary of CITEI.
4. To instruct the Executive Secretary to present this resolution to the Assembly of CITEI at its next meeting for its consideration.
5. To instruct the Ad Hoc Group established by Resolution COM/CITEI RES. 263 (XXIX-14) to continue its efforts in preparing a recommendation of a methodology and associate member categories for the next CITEI assembly.

**COM/CITEL/RES. 9 (III-16)<sup>3</sup>**

**MODIFICATION TO ANNEX 1 OF RESOLUTION COM/CITEL/RES. 276 (XXXI-15): RULES FOR THE CALL TO THE ACADEMIC ESSAY CONTEST ON: HOW CAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT CONTRIBUTE TO MEETING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS?**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (COM/CITEL),

**RESOLVE:**

1. Modified Annex 1 of resolution COM/CITEL/RES. 276 (XXXI-15) on section “Key Dates” as follows:

**DRAFT KEY DATES:**

Contest launch date	June 28, 2016
Registration deadline (CITEL website).	September 30, 2016
Deadline for essay submission in digital format (to the CITEL institutional contact)	December 3, 2016
Evaluation dates (JURY):	January 3 – January 17, 2017
Winner announcement date:	January 31, 2017

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<sup>3</sup> COM/CITEL/doc. 70 (3-E/16)

#### **IV. LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Minutes of the First Plenary Session	COM/CITEL/doc. 71 (3-E/16)
Minutes of the Second Plenary Session	COM/CITEL/doc. 74 (3-E/16)
List of Documents	COM/CITEL/doc. 62 (3-E/16) rev. 3
List of Participants	COM/CITEL/doc. 63 (3-E/16)
Final Report of the Meeting	COM/CITEL/doc. 75 (3-E/16)