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**XI MEETING OF THE PERMANENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITEL (COM/CITEL)
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I. Agenda of the XI Meeting of COM/CITEL

1. Approval of the Agenda and Calendar.
2. Installation of the Chair and Vice-Chair of COM/CITEL (Article 15 of Statute).
3. Calendar of Meeting to 2002-2003.
4. Draft Agenda, site and date of the XII Meeting of COM/CITEL.
5. Other business.
6. Approval of the Final Report.

II. Authorities

Chair:	Mr. Marcelo Kohan, Argentina
Vice-chair:	Mr. Alvaro Retana, Costa Rica
Executive Secretary	Mr. Clovis Baptista, CITEL

III. Participants

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

IV. Report

The meeting was opened with the approval of the agenda.

Mr. Marcelo Kohan of Argentina was installed as the Chairman of COM/CITEL and Mr. Alvaro Retana of Costa Rica as the Vice-Chairmanship of COM/CITEL. Both countries will serve in the respective capacities for the period between the 3rd and the 4th CITEL Assemblies. The other members elected to serve on COM/CITEL are: Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

It was decided to postpone discussion of the schedule of activities for the year 2003 until the COM/CITEL meeting in December.

The director of the ITU's Regional Office for the Americas, Mr Juan Zavattireo, made a brief presentation of the Report of the Center of Excellence for the Americas.

The election of the chair of the newly formed *Working Group on Conference Preparations* resulted in considerable discussion before the meeting agreed to the following:

- a) To accept the kind offer from Ecuador for discharging the responsibilities associated to the Chairmanship of said Working Group and to elect Ecuador by acclamation for such post.
- b) To establish 4 positions of Vice-Chair for the WGCP, to be filled observing the criteria of regional balance within the Americas Region. The meeting also agreed that no position of

Vice-Chair will exist for the sub-region whose representative is actually Chairing the Group. Considering that the Andean Region is already represented by the WG's Chair, the meeting asked the Chair of COM/CITEL to develop appropriate consultations with the countries pertaining to each of the following sub-regional groups in order to bring a proposal for filling the 4 Vice-Chair posts at the XII meeting of COM/CITEL:

- Mercosur and Chile
- NAFTA Group
- Central American Group
- CARICOM Group

It was also agreed that the XII meeting of COM/CITEL will define the duration of the term for the Chair and 4 Vice-Chairs of the WGCP.

In the consideration of the December meeting of COM/CITEL, it was agreed that the Chairman in cooperation with the Executive Secretary will propose an agenda and calendar for the XII Meeting of COM/CITEL. The draft agenda will be circulated to the members for their comments.

Because of the lack of time, the Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a report of the meeting and to circulate the report to the members for their approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.