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THIRTEEN MEETING OF PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I: PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

The XIII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services was held in Lima, Peru, October 30 to November 3, 2000.

I. AGENDA¹

1. Approval of the Agenda and Calendar.
2. Establishment of the Drafting Group of the meeting.
3. Report from the Working Groups on the Progress made since the XII meeting.
4. Development of the tasks of:
 - a) Working Group on Standards Coordination
 - b) Working Group on Certification Processes and Mutual Recognition Agreements
 - c) Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services
 - d) Working Group on the Promotion of the Global Information Infrastructure in the Americas
 - e) Ad Hoc Group to study and define an approach to telecommunications services that use IP technology.
 - f) Working Group on Economic Affairs and Tariff Principles in the telecommunication sector in the Americas.
5. Report of the ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly
6. Approval of the Final Report.
7. Agenda, site and date of the next meeting.
8. Other matters.

II. MEETING AUTHORITIES

Designated Chair:

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Executive Secretary:

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¹ PCC.I/doc.1087/00

III. RESOLUTIONS

PCC.I/RES.96 (XIII-00)²

Reference Book on Tele-education in the Americas

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CONSIDERING:

The document PCC.I/doc.1138/00rev.3 submitted by the Working Group on Basic and Universal Services where it is proposed to develop a reference book on Tele-education in the Americas;

The valuable contribution that such reference book will be to all member countries; and

The financial implications that the publication of the reference will have;

RESOLVES:

1. To publish a book on Tele-education in the Americas, which contains, *inter alia*, policies and strategies for its development in the region.
2. To instruct the Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services and the Rapporteur for Tele-education, to proceed to collect information, draft documents, and publish the book under the coordination of the Chair of the Working Group.
3. To urge the member states of CITELE to cooperate in collecting information.
4. To invite the ITU/BDT to participate with CITELE in the publication of the book "Tele-education in the Americas"
5. To request the BDT/ITU to provide a similar level of cooperation as it did in the publication of the book on Universal Service in the Americas.
6. To authorize expenditures of the same magnitude as those used during the making of the book "Universal Service in the Americas"

INSTRUCTS:

- a) The Executive Secretary of CITELE formally to request the participation and cooperation mentioned in Resolves 4 and 5 above.
- b) The Executive Secretary of CITELE in coordination with the Chair of the Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services to contact the appropriate offices of the

² PCC.I/doc.1138/rev.3

- OAS, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and other related agencies, in order to request their cooperation with the aforementioned project.
- c) The Executive Secretary to sent this resolution to COM/CITEL requesting it endorsement for this project.

PCC.I/RES.97 (XIII-00) ³

**Automatic Roaming Among Mobile Telephone
Services in the Americas**

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CONSIDERING:

- a) That the operators of the mobile telephony service should try to provide the widest possible coverage by means of roaming agreements,
- b) That there has been a huge increase in traffic over the networks of mobile operators, and that those operators should monitor the proper use of their systems by preventing fraudulent usage of same,
- c) That there are a large number of different counter-fraud systems and that these systems are not always compatible with each other,
- d) That the CITEL approved RES.25 (II98) relating to "Automatic Roaming among Mobile Telephony Services in the Americas", which determined that our countries should develop strict policies to discourage different types of fraudulent usage.
- e) That the fraud is detrimental to the benefits from the Roaming International Service which leads to a restriction in the region's telecommunication integration.

RESOLVES:

- 1. To encourage suppliers to perform compatibility studies of the counter-fraud systems available on the market.
- 2. To request Mobile Operators in the Americas to make every effort to implement systems that will ensure the transfer of information from roamers safely, in real time, as such systems become available on the market.
- 3. To encourage Administrators in the Americas to use the legal and administrative mechanisms in place to ensure prompt and fair settlement of disputes originated as a result of fraud in international roaming.

³ PCC.I/doc.1153/00rev.3

It therefore suggests that the Mobile Operators take the following measures: analyze the feasibility of having networks that will support authentication; provide their clients with authenticated terminals/equipment which possess the corresponding “A-Key”; have Client Profilers; establish Credit Limit control procedures; and ensure the exchange of black lists.

PCC.I/RES.98 (XIII-00) ⁴

**Agenda and date of the XIV Meeting of the
Permanent Consultative Committee I:
Public Telecommunication Services**

The XIII meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the XIV Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services from to 2001, in Brazil.
2. To adopt the Draft Agenda for the XV Meeting of PCC.I annexed to this Resolution.

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Agenda and Calendar.
2. Establishment of the Drafting Group of the meeting.
3. Report from the Working Groups on the Progress made since the XIII meeting.
4. Development of the tasks of:
 - a) Working Group on Standards Coordination
 - b) Working Group on Certification Processes and Mutual Recognition Agreements
 - c) Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services
 - d) Working Group on the Promotion of the Global Information Infrastructure in the Americas
 - e) Ad hoc Group to study and define an approach to telecommunications services that use IP technology.
 - f) Working Group on Economic Affairs and Tariff Principles in the telecommunication sector in the Americas.
5. Approval of the Final Report.
6. Agenda, site and date of the next Meeting.
7. Other matters.

⁴ PCC.I/doc.1187/00

PCC.I/RES.99 (XIII-00)⁵

**Standards Relating to the Application of
Electronic Signatures and the Security of on-
Line Commercial Transactions**

The XIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services,

CONSIDERING:

That the Rapporteur Group on E-Commerce and Community Development proposed in its report CCP.I/doc.1021/00 presented at the plenary session of the Working Group to Promote Global Information Infrastructure held during the Twelfth Meeting of PCC.I, that the topic of standards relating to the application of electronic signatures and the security of on-line commercial transactions be given a prominent place in the work of Inter-American Telecommunication Commission PCC.I and that the said draft resolution be resubmitted to the plenary of WGPGII during the Thirteenth Meeting in Lima, Peru; this was approved unanimously by the delegates present.

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the remittance of those topics to the Working Group on Standards Coordination so that it may schedule the start of the work involved as of this PCC.I Meeting.
2. That the Permanent Working Groups to Promote Global Information Infrastructure and on Standards Coordination will exchange the results of their work on this subject.
3. To request the Chair of PCC.I to inform COM/CITEL that these guidelines were adopted in PCC.I to boost the development of telecommunication and of information technologies oriented toward Electronic Commerce in the Americas.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

1. To send this resolution and the report of the Rapporteur Group on E-Commerce and Community Development (PCC.I/doc.1021/00) to the CITEL member administrations.
2. To send this document to COM/CITEL.

⁵PCC.I/doc.1163/00

PCC.I/RES.100 (XIII-00)⁶

**Certification Processes for Electronic Signatures and the
Security of on-Line Transactions for
E-Commerce and Other Legal and Economic Applications**

The XIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services,

CONSIDERING:

That the Rapporteur Group on E-Commerce and Community Development proposed in its report CCP.I/doc.1021/00 presented at the plenary session of the Working Group to Promote Global Information Infrastructure held during the Twelfth Meeting of PCC.I, that the topic of certification processes for electronic signatures, security of on-line transactions, and authentication of the actors involved be given a prominent place in the work of Inter-American Telecommunication Commission PCC.I and that the said draft resolution be resubmitted to the plenary WGPGII during the Thirteenth Meeting in Lima, Peru; this was approved unanimously by the delegates present.

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the remittance of those topics to the Working Group on Certification Processes and Mutual Recognition Agreements so that it may schedule the start of the work involved as of this PCC.I Meeting.
2. That the Permanent Working Groups to Promote Global Information Infrastructure and on Certification Processes and Mutual Recognition Agreements will exchange the results of their work on this subject.
3. To request the Chair of PCC.I to inform COM/CITEL that these guidelines were adopted in PCC.I to boost the development of telecommunication and of information technologies oriented toward e-commerce in the Americas and other legal and economic services and applications in the Americas.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

1. To send this resolution and the report of the Rapporteur Group on E-Commerce and Community Development (PCC.I/doc.1021/00) to the CITEL member administrations.
2. To send this document to COM/CITEL.

⁶ PCC.I/doc.1163/00

PCC.I/RES.101 (XIII-00)⁷

**Action Items and Work Plan for the Ad hoc
Group to Study and Define an Approach to
Telecommunications Services that use IP Technology**

The XIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunications Services,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the activities of PCC.I have been enriched and informed by a series of informational presentations by Administrations, Associate Members, and other organizations interested in telecommunications services that Use IP technology at the III Forum of PCC.I in Isla Margarita, Venezuela, in June 2000 and in the Meeting-Workshop of the Ad Hoc Group in October 2000,
- b) That these presentations, and the discussions they have generated, enabled the three rapporteurs established in the Ad Hoc Group designated at the XII Meeting of PCC.I to report on a wide range of IP technology, access and regulatory issues,
- c) That the Ad Hoc Group, at the XIII Meeting of PCC.I, have identified a number of issues for action and others for inclusion in a work program for further study.

RESOLVES:

To implement the following action items, as described below:

- 1. Instruct the Ad Hoc Group to examine the impact of expanded local content and local capacity on access to the Internet. As a first step, the rapporteur on policies to promote the Internet should gather information on usage trends in markets with expanding local web sites and portals in local languages.
- 2. Fund a poster version of the technology matrix under development for distribution to Administrations, and to leaders at the 2001 Summit of the Americas.
- 3. Instruct the Ad Hoc Group to create a new rapporteurs group led Brazil/Ecuador to begin study of issues related to development on regional NAP.
- 4. Request, as appropriate, the Executive Secretary to invite ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) and the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) to brief PCC.I at its XIV Meeting on the full range of issues related to regional participation in, and cooperation with their organizations.
- 5. To recommend to COM/CITEL that an upcoming edition of the new CITEL magazine be dedicated to Internet access issues.

⁷ PCC.I/doc.1188/00

6. To include in the mandate of the Ad Hoc Group authorization to examine issues related to transitional regulatory regimes in view of development of next generation networks. In addition, to support this study, PCC.I will include this issue on the agenda of the next PCC.I forum and request presentations from the European Union and other regulators on progress made on IP based telecommunications regulations. Furthermore, the Rapporteur on regulation will coordinate with other groups to identify issues related to interoperability of networks and recommend a work plan at the next meeting of PCC.I.

7. To identify – including by inclusion as a theme in the next CITELE forum -- and discuss common regulatory issues concerning emerging access technology, including the role of pro-competitive policies in promoting infrastructure build-out and increased access.

8. To instruct the Ad Hoc Group to form an informal subgroup led by U.S.A. to prepare a draft glossary of Internet terms.

FURTHER RESOLVES:

To instruct the Ad Hoc Group, as its new work program, to:

1. Exam the impact of import duties on terminal equipment and software related to IP based networks (including, but not limited to, the Internet itself), and to advise Administrations regarding this impact.
2. Evaluate the concept of organizing a Latin American entity for the registration of IP addresses, LACNIC.
3. To finalize the technology matrix through coordination with the Standards Coordination Working Group (Subgroup on Next Generation Networks) to include relevant standards and relevant references.

PCC.I/RES.102(XIII-00)

**Action Items and Work Plan
for the Rapporteur's Group on International Arrangements
on Internet Service Charges in the Americas Region**

The XIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunications Services,

NOTING:

That during the XII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services, it was resolved to set up the Ad Hoc Working Group on Economic Affairs and Tariff Principle in the Telecommunication Sector of the Americas, and within this group to create a Rapporteur Group to draw up a study relating to international arrangements on charges in Internet Services

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the co-Rapporteurs have the task of coordinating the preparation of the study entrusted to them.
- b) That at the XIII meeting of PCC.I, a draft Questionnaire was submitted to the consideration of the participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group on Economic Affairs and Tariff Principles in the Telecommunications Sector of the Americas, which could serve as a starting point for gathering information which could be of use for the study of the issue.

RESOLVES:

1. To prepare, using input from all CITELE members and utilizing the CITELE electronic forum, a final version of this Questionnaire by January 10, 2001.
2. To ask that the CITELE Secretariat distribute the Questionnaire to member administrations, request that administrations assist the co-Rapporteurs in carrying out the work related to the Questionnaire, and make the CITELE electronic forum available for the co-Rapporteurs and all other interested CITELE members for the work program of the Rapporteur's Group.
3. To request that administrations submit this questionnaire to appropriate parties within their countries and ask that it be returned by March 1, 2001. Administrations will submit the data gathered to the co-Rapporteurs using the CITELE electronic forum. The co-Rapporteurs can be contacted at: ldiaz@cft.gob.mx, and millersh@state.gov.
4. To prepare terms of reference for further study of this issue for the possible use of a consulting firm. The decision of whether to hire a consulting firm will be taken at the XIV PCC.I Meeting, which will be held in March 2001.
5. To begin the analysis of international charging arrangements of Internet services at the XIV PCC.I Meeting, using the data gathered by the Questionnaire.
6. To adopt the following as the Work Program items for the Rapporteur's Group on International Internet Charging Arrangements:
 - a) To prepare a Questionnaire that will cover the main aspects of international Internet charging arrangements, and to ask that administrations assist in gathering the data requested by the Questionnaire and provide it to the co-Rapporteurs;
 - b) To prepare objectives or terms of reference for further study of the issue;
 - c) Using the information gathered, to begin a full analysis of international Internet charging arrangements at the XIV PCC.I meeting in March 2001.
7. To create and maintain a list of electronic coordinates of correspondents on this issue, and to request that CITELE members assign a representative of each administration to be a point of contact on this issue for the co-Rapporteurs.

Questionnaire on indicators of the telecommunication sector of the Americas

The XIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services,

HAVING SEEN:

That it was decided during the Twelfth Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services to create the Working Group on Economic Issues and Tariff Principles within the Telecommunications Sector in the Americas.

That among the mandates of that Working Group is to gather information periodically concerning the most significant telecommunication and macroeconomic indicators, in order to make available up to date and reliable information for timely consultation that will facilitate analytical and comparative studies among the countries in the region.

That the work plan that has been submitted and approved includes developing a methodology that will establish guidelines for compiling, disseminating, and publishing economic and telecommunication indicators on a region wide basis for the purpose of standardizing statistical records for their consistent analysis and interpretation and appropriate comparison.

That a Draft Questionnaire on Indicators of the Telecommunication Sector of the Americas was submitted and approved at the second session of this Working Group during the Thirteenth Meeting of PCC I.

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Executive Secretariat of CITEI to send the Administrations the attached Questionnaire on Economic Indicators of the Telecommunication Sector of the Americas during the second week of December of this year, once the plan designed for that purpose has been completed, through which the required indicators, units of measurement in which they should be expressed, and frequency of collection, among other methodological aspects, are to be defined.
2. To request the Administrations to appoint an official who will be responsible for preparing and sending in the answers to that Questionnaire before February 15, 2001. .
3. To appoint the Administration of Venezuela to be responsible for compiling the data from the questionnaire and preparing a statistical report to be submitted at the next meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I.
4. To request the Executive Secretariat of CITEI to order an evaluation of the feasibility of incorporating this questionnaire, for its easy access and consultation, into the current project for redesigning its web page.

⁸ PCC.I/doc.1191/00

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

PCC.I/REC.8 (XIII-00)⁹

Methodology for Calculating the Net Cost of the Universal Service Obligations

The XIII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services

CONSIDERING:

- a) That the Universal Service promotes the population's access to essential telecommunication services, despite regional, social, economic, and handicap-related differences.
- b) That processes are under way to deregulate world economies, in the context of the WTO, and to privatize telecommunication companies in the different regions.
- c) That the process of deregulation of the telecommunications markets makes it necessary to create standards to promote the growth of competition and protect users' rights.
- d) That it is necessary, in this new context, to attain access to the Universal Service at all geographic and social levels, without this causing a distortion of fair competition among different operators.
- e) That most of the countries use different subsidization methods to expand the connectivity of the telecommunication services beyond the force of the market.
- f) That regulation should not foment the setting up of cross-subsidies.
- g) That if subsidies are used for the Universal Service, these should be administered in such a way as to maintain the neutrality of the different service providers.
- h) That it is necessary to subsidize certain services of high social interest, because these demands do not cover the cost that they generate.

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That the evaluation of the Universal Service costs presents different solutions depending on the different markets and regulatory frameworks of each country.
- b) That in order to calculate the costs of said services, objective calculation methods should be used.
- c) That Working Group 1 Question 7/1 Access/ Universal Service of the ITU Telecommunications Development Office, has established that ..."the cost of the universal service should be

⁹ PCC.I/doc.1152/00

calculated as *the difference between the net exploitation costs including the Universal Service obligations and the costs of the service provider when operating without said obligations...*The net cost of providing the Access/Universal Service, in principle, should be calculated as:

- i. *Cost of service avoidable if there were no Access/Universal Service.*
 - ii. *Less Income produced by these services*
 - iii. **EQUALS NET DIRECT COST**
 - iv. *Less value of any indirect benefit from the Access/Universal Service Obligations.*
 - v. **EQUALS TOTAL NET COST...** (Document 1/115 Rev.1, 2000).
- d) That the adoption of the avoidable cost tends to prevent the granting of subsidies for the rendering of the Universal Service from implying an undue advantage for the service provider over his competitors.
- e) That it is important to set up a clear mechanism to determine the net costs of the Universal Service in order to be able to allocate correctly the subsidies designed for that purpose.

RECOMMENDS:

For the determination of the net costs of rendering the US, to use the criteria described in the annex hereto.

INSTRUCTS:

The Executive Secretary to distribute this recommendation to the CITEL Member Nations.

ANNEX

ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Methodology for Calculating the Net Costs of the Universal Service obligations:

In order to determine the net costs of providing universal service (CNOSU), the following criteria shall be followed:

- a) Formula for calculating the CNOSU, namely:

$$\text{CNOSU} = \text{Avoidable costs} - (\text{Given up direct incomes} + \text{Given up indirect incomes}) - \text{Non monetary benefits}$$

Where:

Avoidable costs: are the long-run savings an efficient Provider would have if it did not provide the service. Costs are said to be of an efficient Provider when they are based on an optimal measurement of its plant, assessed according to its replacement cost, with the best and most efficient technology available and under the assumption of quality of service maintenance.

Given up direct incomes: are the incomes a Provider would not earn if it did not provide the service, and they include the incomes derived from the connection charge, the rental fee, and the traffic generated by those customers to whom the service would no longer be provided.

Given up indirect incomes: are the indirect incomes a Provider would not earn if it did not provide the service, and they include the incomes from calls made by other customers of the same Provider, or by others who are interconnected to it, to customers who would no longer be served, and the incomes from substitution calls that would be made by those customers and/or users who would no longer be served from public payphones or other telephones of the same Provider.

Non-monetary benefits: are those benefits enjoyed by a universal service Provider, in its capacity as such, derived, inter alia, from a greater brand recognition, from the advantages of ubiquity, from the life cycle of the customer or group of customers who would stop being served, from the advantages of having all types of information on segments of the services market, advertising, and displaying of logos on public payphones.

b) The recoverable operation and investment costs of loss-making areas comprise, on the one hand, the subscriber access and management costs of such area, and on the other, the costs of the switching and transmission network necessary for providing the service in the area and for routing the incoming and outgoing traffic of same.

c) In the case of those customers needing special means for accessing the service or needing to make a more burdensome use of the service, the necessary additional costs or the lower incomes affecting the Provider may also be taken into account.

d) Where the Universal Service obligation includes the obligation of providing public telephony services in a given unprofitable area, the net cost of providing the Universal Service may be added to the cost of providing public payphones, that shall be calculated as the difference between the long-run incremental avoidable costs, supported by the provider through its installation, maintenance and routing of the outgoing traffic of those public payphones, and the incomes directly or indirectly generated by them, that would be given up were the Provider exempted from the Universal Service obligation, including the non-monetary benefits derived from that provision, as stated in paragraph a) above.

e) The calculation of the net cost of Universal Service provision shall not include those costs incurred by the Provider for the obligation of routing emergency calls free of charge; those costs caused by the application of specific public safety safeguard measures; compensations or reimbursements to customers, including every associated administrative cost, resulting from non-compliance with the service conditions; those costs caused by the payment of fines derived from the application of applicable sanctions regimes; the costs derived from the obligations imposed upon all providers, as well as every cost for services that, according to the provisions in these Regulations, is not included in the Universal Service obligations.

f) In all cases, a reasonable rate of return, calculated as the opportunity cost of capital in similar activities of an equal risk, on the amount of the avoidable capital employed shall be taken into account for the purposes of calculating the long-run incremental costs.

g) Where direct evaluation of the incomes stated under item a) is not possible, the Application Authority may determine the assessment criteria to be followed.

Models for calculating the net cost of Universal Service obligations

Where the Application Authority has to intervene on its own initiative or at the request of one of the parties, for the purposes of calculating the net cost of fulfilling the Universal Service obligations, the formula stipulated in point "a)" shall apply, and for the calculation of the non-monetary benefits, the following shall apply:

g.1. Calculation of the non-monetary benefits:

The Application Authority shall determine the assessment criteria to be following for estimating the non-monetary benefits derived from fulfilling the Universal Service obligations, to which end it shall assess at least the following generators of those benefits:

- g.1.1) Life cycle of a customer or group of customers
- g.1.2) Ubiquity
- g.1.3) Greater brand recognition and increase in the company's reputation
- g.1.4) Advertisements in public payphones and use of logos.
- g.1.5) Discounts in the acquisition of goods and services derived from economies of scale
- g.1.6) Commercial advantages of having access to all kinds of information on the telephone service.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE USE OF LONG-RUN INCREMENTAL COSTS

The long-run incremental cost shall be calculated taking account, inter alia, of the following basic principles:

- It shall include only the attributable costs of the elements, functions and assets strictly necessary for the provision of interconnection, including the costs corresponding to planning, operation and maintenance of the necessary infrastructure. The return on these resources and assets shall be based on capital cost market indicators.
- In no case can the costs corresponding to general management, strategic planning, marketing, advertising, customer service, collection, or others be regarded as attributable costs.
- In order to calculate the value of assets, their replacement value shall be taken into account, considering the most efficient long-term provision to provide the required network functionality.
- In order to determine the depreciation factors and replacement costs, the amounts registered in the company accounts shall not be taken as parameters, but rather market values and independent depreciation studies shall be used.
- Historical costs may not be used to calculate incremental costs.

PCC.I/REC.9 (XIII-00)¹⁰

**Cooperation with APEC Regarding Consistent Process
and Procedures for the Implementation of the MRA**

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CONSIDERING:

- a) The desirability of improving the cooperation between regional organizations in similar work areas;
- b) That both CITELE and APEC are both working on the implementation of very similar MRAs;
- c) That the exchange of experiences in the implementation process would be beneficial to both organizations;

RECOMMENDS:

That COM/CITELE encourage PCC.I to cooperate with APEC in the implementation of the MRA because of the benefits to be gained for the member countries in maintaining consistency in the implementation of their own MRAs.

INSTRUCTS:

The Executive Secretary to open a dialogue with the APEC Secretariat to ensure that there are processes in place for the cooperation between the two organizations regarding the exchange of information of experiences for the implementation of their own MRAs.

PCC.I/REC.10 (XIII-00)¹¹

**Suggested Modification to the CITELE Procedure for
Developing Common Proposals for Conferences
and Assemblies of the ITU**

The XIII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I, Public Telecommunication Services

CONSIDERING:

- a) That a number of difficulties were encountered in the preparation and presentation of CITELE common proposals to the WTSA 2000;

¹⁰ PCC.I/doc.1181/00

¹¹ PCC.I/doc.1179/00

- b) That there are a number of important World Conferences to be held in the next four years including:

The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2002,
The World Telecommunications Development Conference in 2002,
The World Radiocommunications Conference of 2003, and
The World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly in 2004

REALIZING:

That an examination of the current procedures for developing CITELE common proposals is on the agenda of COM/CITEL later this month,

RECOMMENDS:

- a) That COM/CITEL take into consideration the following items in their deliberations on a uniform policy for the preparation of common proposals in CITELE forums:
- b) Appointment of a Spokesperson/Coordinator well ahead of the event with responsibility to submit to the relevant PCC's a schedule and deliverables as a working guide for preparations.
- c) Establish a Terms of Reference for the Coordinator and instructions and guidelines on convening meetings, preparing reports, organizing interpretation at coordination meetings, intervening at Conferences and Assemblies if appropriate, production of minutes, and coordination with other regional bodies such as APT, CEPT, ETNO, etc.
- d) Review of the agenda of the ITU event and development of positions on each topic of interest to the CITELE community, even if the guidance is to "remain silent."
- e) The potential usefulness of having two categories of common proposals – one a Joint Proposal agreed by a number of Member States, and secondly a full Inter-American proposal agreed by all Member States
- f) The potential value of a CITELE procedure, based on a simplified subset of procedures for approval of common proposals, for documents to be submitted to Study Groups or Working Parties of the ITU
- g) Change the current procedures for approval of Inter-American Proposals to take into account the following:
- Situation where there are strong objections from certain Member States even though there are 5 or more supporting Member States
 - Make more clear in the CITELE template for contributions that the Inter-American Proposal is NOT an "all Member State" proposal if this is indeed the case
 - Ensure circulation of proposed Inter-American Proposals to other relevant PCCs with reasonable time given to respond
 - The need for a mechanism to allow for minor modifications to common proposals during the Member State review and approval process

PCC.I/REC.11 (XIII-00)¹²

Improvement in the Working Methods of CITEL

The XIII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I, Public Telecommunication Services

CONSIDERING:

- a) That CITEL Permanent Consultative Committees regularly use more than 500,000 sheets of paper during their meetings
- b) That during the past two years, the meetings of the PCCs have been experiencing various levels of electronic distribution of documents to participants,

REALIZING:

- a) That the movement towards a paperless meeting will only become more prominent in the future,
- b) That the distribution of documents by electronic means during meetings of the PCCs amounts to a major improvement in working methods and results in financial savings because of the significant reduction in producing documents in hardcopies,
- c) That there is a need to have a consistent approach to this movement towards total distribution of documents by electronic means at CITEL meetings,
- d) That participants in CITEL meetings need to have sufficient time to plan for the equipment required to participate in paperless meetings,
- e) That a set of specifications need to be defined for the hosts of meetings in order to have a baseline capability available for all CITEL meetings,

RECOMMENDS:

That COM/CITEL consider establishing an Ad Hoc Group for the purpose of identifying a transitional process to arrive at a consistent procedure to be applied at CITEL meetings in order to achieve total distribution of documents by electronic means.

¹² /PCC.1/doc.1167/00

V. DECISIONS

PCC.I/DEC.29 (XIII-00)¹³

Local Number Portability

The XIII Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I, Public Telecommunications Services

CONSIDERING:

- a) The importance of making information on the network infrastructure necessary for the implementation of Local Number Portability (LNP) available to member administrations, network operators, and regulators;
- b) The need for the above mentioned parties to have sufficient knowledge of the issues of administrative ownership of network routing addresses and centralized data bases required for LNP implementation;

DECIDES:

- a) That the Working Group on Standards Coordination prepare for distribution to member administrations, network operators, and regulators, document PCC.I/doc.1178/00 which describes the capabilities necessary in networks in support of LNP;
- b) That the Working Group on Standards Coordination, in conjunction with the Executive Secretary, prepare and present to the Chair of PCC.I, a cost estimate for the publication of the indicated document, in order to have funds allocated to this endeavor;
- c) That the Working Group on Standards Coordination work with the Executive Secretary regarding the preparation and distribution of the document.

PCC.I/DEC.30 (XIII-00)

Conclusion of the Ad hoc Group for Preparation Of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and Letter of Acknowledgement

The XIII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I, Public Telecommunications Services

CONSIDERING:

The excellent work of William McCrum in the coordination of the preparation and presentation of the Inter-American Common Proposals for the World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly,

¹³ PCC.I/doc.1177/00

DECIDED:

1. That the Executive Secretary, on behalf of PCC.I, sent a letter to the Canadian Administration informing them of the appreciation of CITEL for the work of Mr. McCrum in leading the CITEL efforts for the WTSA-2000.
2. That the work of the Ad Hoc Group was finalized and therefore the existence of the Ad Hoc Group was terminated.

VI. LIST OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF PCC.I: TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Minutes of the Opening Session and First Plenary Session	PCC.I./doc.1183/00 rev.2
Minutes of the Second Plenary Session	PCC.I./doc.1192/00rev.2
Minutes of the Third Plenary Session and Closing Session	PCC.I./doc.1193/00rev.1
List of Documents	PCC.I./doc.1085/00rev.4
List of Participants	PCC.I./doc.1086/00rev.3
Final Report	PCC.I./doc.1194/00rev.2