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I. AGENDA

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3. Report and Evaluation of the Meetings of the Working Groups and Ad Hoc Working Groups.
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 - b. Working Group on Network Modernization and New Services;
 - c. *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Certification Procedures;
 - d. *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Value Added Services.
4. Considerations on the use of funds proceeding from associate members.
5. Senior Telecommunication Officials Meeting, September 1996.
6. Coordination of Harmonization Activities between PCC.I and III to improve the efficiency of the standard coordination on wireless networks and the certification processes.
 - a. Report on the Coordination Meeting between PCC.I and III, held in Asuncion, Paraguay;
 - b. Consideration of the Resolution PCC.III/Res.28 (IV-96) "Mandates of PCC.I and PCC.III" and Resolution PCC.III/Res 33(IV-96) "Methods for Harmonizing Activities of PCC.I and PCC.III to Coordinate the Uniformizing of Wireless Networks"
 - c. Coordination between PCC.I and PCC.III regarding certification processes. Consideration of Resolution PCC.III/RES.29(IV-96).
7. Consideration of the Resolution COM/CITEL/RES.21 (III-95) "Identification of the Minimum Requirements for the Development of the Global Information Infrastructure".
8. Conclusions, Resolution and Recommendation proceeding from the Meetings of the Working Groups and *Ad Hoc* Working Groups.
 - a. Working Group on Network Modernization and New Services;
 - b. *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Process Certification;
 - c. *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Value Added Services.
 - d. Working Group on Development of Human Resources;
9. Agenda, Venue and Date of the Fifth Meeting of the PCC.I.
10. Other Matters.

11. Approval of the Summary Minutes of the Working Sessions.

II. AUTHORITIES

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III. RESOLUTIONS

PCC.I/RES.22 (IV-96)

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP ON GLOBAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The Fourth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee 1: Public Telecommunications Services

CONSIDERING:

1. That CITELE received the mandate of the Summit of the Americas, that took place in Miami in 1994, to promote concrete actions to meet the needs of the region in terms of information infrastructure, determining that it is an essential element for the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the Americas;
2. That in the Regional Meeting of the Ministers of Industry and Commerce, that took place in Denver, USA, in 1995, CITELE was assigned to accelerate the studies requested by the Summit of the Americas;
3. That, through Resolution 21 (III/95), the Third COM/CITELE Meeting elected PCC.I to undertake the studies needed to identify the minimum telecommunication infrastructure which will contribute to the region's development process;
4. That the International Telecommunications Union in the Americas Telecom '92 Conference determined that by the year 2000, the introduction of telephone services in Latin America's telecommunication market should be of about 20%;
5. That technological evolution has been causing the convergence of telecommunications services;
6. That this convergence creates new situations which the regulating agencies need to consider and deal with efficiently;
7. That the need to implant a Global Information Infrastructure has emerged, which demands the definition of policies regarding interconnection norms and the assigning of the radio electric spectrum for the provision of mobile services and other trans-border services;
8. That such infrastructures should be implanted to benefit all the members, which will promote greater technology transfer, as well as human resource formation, among others;
9. That ITU-T Study Group 13 has formed a joint working Party to study the architecture, definitions, and functions of GII, including identification of necessary standards of the technical

interfaces.

10. That, by decision of the Chairman of the PCC.I, a Special Commission to deal with the topic of Global Information Infrastructure was set up in this meeting, which will be coordinated by Mr. Mario Rondón of Venezuela and composed by the Delegations of: Argentina, Telefónica de Argentina, CTU, Ecuador, United States, the Ericsson of Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela.

RESOLVES:

1. That an Ad Hoc Group on Global Information Infrastructure should be created to prepare, within a maximum period of two (02) months, a preliminary report to the Chairman of PCC.I who will present it to the COM/CITEL Steering Committee in July, and within at most three months after the above-mentioned deadline, a final report to be presented by the PCC.I Chairman at the Fourth COM/CITEL Meeting, to be held in November 1996, covering the following areas:
 - a) Suggestions to collaborate with the member countries in order to define the minimum infrastructure of telecommunications, considered necessary by them, and to increase the penetration of telecommunications services in the Region.
 - b) Suggestions to implant guidelines linked to network and services interconnection in the Americas and regional standardization.
 - c) Guidelines for greater technology transfer, training of human resources and development, under principles of equality and equity, of Global Information Infrastructure.
 - d) Administrative and technical elements which serve as guidelines to address the problems generated by the provision of trans-border services.
2. That group, must obtain information from PCC.I, PCC.II and PCC.III and ITU, in all the aspects related to the matter of the Global Information Infrastructure;
3. That Mr. Mario Rondón of Venezuela be assigned as Chairman of this Ad Hoc Group, with the participation of the chairmen of the ad hoc Groups and Working Groups of PCC.I and Argentina, Telefónica de Argentina, Brazil, CCIT, Ecuador, United States, Ericsson of Mexico, Costa Rica and Venezuela.
4. Adopt the Work Plan which is included in the Annex.

REQUESTS THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Bring this Resolution to the attention of all the CITEL members, encouraging them to participate actively.

ANNEX**PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR THE AD HOC GROUP ON
GLOBAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

1. Review and encourage participation in ITU-T Study Group 13 Joint Working Party on Global Information Infrastructure, and disseminate ITU-T reports on this subject;
2. Identify elements in the work programs of CITELE Working Groups related to Infrastructure programs that need to be focused and coordinated to meet the goals;
3. Identify regulatory and administrative matters derived from CITELE's Working Groups with the aim of separating them from the technical work carried out by those groups, so as to ensure that their mandates are in tune with CITELE goals;
4. Suggestions for adjustment of CITELE Working Group work programs to ensure that all essential elements are being addressed.

PCC.I/RES.23 (IV-96)**SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE QUALIFICATION**

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RECOGNIZING:

The importance of training and human resources development in all spheres related to telecommunications;

That the strengthening of human resource training will enhance the meeting of the goals and targets of CITELE;

That the appropriation of fellowship funds at the highest level possible will promote maximum use of the capability of regional training centers.

RESOLVES:

To request OAS, through the appropriate department, to review the needs and funding for training fellowships on the occasion of determining the appropriations so as to provide funding at the highest possible level.

To request the Executive Secretary of CITELE to send this Resolution to the Secretary General of OAS and to the Head of the Fellowship Department.

PCC.I/RES.24 (IV-96)

Agenda, Place and Date of the Fifth Meeting of PCC.I

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RESOLVES

That the fifth meeting of PCC.I shall take place in Lima, Peru from 9-13 September 1996 and whose draft agenda is found in the Annex.

ANNEX

DRAFT AGENDA

V MEETING OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I: PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES September 9-13, 1996 Lima, Peru

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Constitution of the Working Groups of the Meeting.
3. Matters pending from the fourth meeting of PCC.I
4. Report and Evaluation of the Reports of the Working Groups and Ad Hoc Groups
 - a. On Standards Coordination;
 - b. On Network Modernization and New Services;
 - c. On Certification Procedures;
 - d. On Value Added Services;
 - e. On Basic and Universal Telecommunication Services
 - f. On Human Resources Development.

5. Presentation and Evaluation of the Report of the Joint Working Group on Legal Matters and Administrative Procedures of PCC.I, PCC.II and PCC.III.
6. Senior Telecommunication Officials Meeting, September 1996.
7. Conclusions, Resolutions and Recommendations proceeding from the Meetings of the Working Groups and Ad Hoc Groups.
 - a. On Standards Coordination;
 - b. On Network Modernization and New Services;
 - c. On Certification Procedures;
 - d. On Value Added Services;
 - e. On Basic and Universal Telecommunication Services
 - f. On Human Resources Development.
8. Other Matters
9. Agenda, Venue and Date of the Sixth Meeting of the PCC.I.

PCC.I/RES.25 (IV-96)

Regional Guidelines for the Provision of Value-Added Services

The Fourth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunications Services

NOTING:

That CITELE, fulfilling the mandate stemming out of the Miami Summit of the Americas through Resolution PCC.I/ Res. 9 (II-95), installed the *Ad Hoc* Group on Value-Added Services aimed at the development of regional guidelines promoting the expansion and growth of Value-Added Services in the Americas;

That the *Ad Hoc* Group on Value-Added Services, in its Work Plan approved during the First Meeting, held in Grenada envisages, as strategy number 4, the “Preparation of a document containing recommendations to PCC.I on Regional Guidelines for the provision of Value-Added Services on the basis of contributions presented by CITELE members”;

That the *Ad Hoc* Group on Value-Added Services, in its First Meeting held in Grenada agreed to accurately define strategy number 7 of its Work Plan to the extent that the document on Regional Guidelines “must be presented to the Permanent Consultative Committee I for its corresponding examination and approval” and;

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the draft of Regional Guidelines for the provision of Value-Added Services, attached to the *present* resolution.
2. To request the Executive Secretariat to distribute to all members the text of this resolution and the draft of Regional Guidelines, herein attached.

ANNEX**DRAFT****GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF VALUE ADDED SERVICES**

The following guidelines are based on principles acceptable in a number of multilateral, international and regional fora, such as the WHO Telecom Annex to the Services Agreement and APEC'S guidelines on Value-Added Services.

These guidelines are subject to the respective national laws and regulations of the Member States, and integrated with their plans and priorities for development. If from the perspective of the Member States it is in their economic and social interest to do so, they recommend the growth and progressive development of a free market for Value-Added Services. Subject to the above, it is recommended to the Member States that the introduction of Value-Added Services be implemented based on the following principles:

1. Operators or providers of Value-Added Services should be accorded non-discriminatory, transparent treatment, equal commercial opportunities with treatment no less favorable than that each Member State accords to its national operators or providers of Value-Added Services;
2. Administrative procedures for Value-Added Services should be administered on a non-discriminatory, transparent and expeditious basis and be based on reasonable and objective criteria;
3. Member States should adopt principles to promote non-discriminatory, transparent and reasonable access and equitable costs for interconnection services to the public network in a manner that establishes equal opportunities and conditions for everyone, including the network operators and its affiliates;

4. Information required under administrative procedures should be limited to that which is necessary for conformity to a country's national regulations and to the international and regional agreements of the Member States;
5. Regulatory systems should facilitate and support the development of Value-Added Services through the simplification of administrative procedures;
6. Operators or providers of Value-Added Services, whether they have their own networks or not, should be able to obtain services and interconnect to the national and international public network with leased circuits under non-discriminatory terms and conditions;
7. Operators or providers of Value-Added Services should be able to perform necessary switching, signaling and processing functions to offer exclusively Value-Added Services and use proprietary protocols of their choice, in conformance with national regulations or Member States practices on interconnection to the public network;
8. Customers of Value-Added Services operators or providers should be able to purchase and attach to the public network, terminal equipment of their choice that complies with the national regulations or Member States' practices on certification procedures, standards and homologation;
9. The administrations or regulatory authorities of the Member States could consider the preceding guidelines without damaging the rights of end users to receive from service operators and providers fair treatment and adequate service;

IV. DECISIONS

PCC.I/DEC. 1 (IV-96)

After analyzing Document PCC.I-210/96 on Human Resource Development, the meeting decided to express its support for the holding of the First Coordination Meeting of CITELE with Regional Centers and their heads, during the Fifth Meeting of PCC. III, to be held in August, 1996, in Brazil, in order to enforce Resolution RES. 19 (III-95) of COM/CITELE.

Thus the Chairman of the Working Group on Development of Human Resources:

Will prepare and circulate among the countries in the Region a document requesting information on their needs in terms of requirements for training in telecommunications;

Will prepare and circulate among the heads of the Centers a background paper, including Procedures for the operation of Regional centers in the framework of their relation to the

Coordinating Body within CITEI itself, in order to deal with it in point 2 of the agenda approved by Resolution PCC.III/30 (IV-96);

Will inform the heads of the Centers, as soon as possible, of the exact dates and duration of the First Meeting.

The Executive Secretary will inform the Chairman of PCC.III, CITEI's Coordinator for Regional Centers, and the Chairman of the Working Group on Human Resource Development of this decision.

PCC.I/DEC. 2 (IV-96)

After examining document PCC.I 233/96 on the use of "Funds from Associate Members", the meeting decided to adopt the same guidelines approved by PCC.III. These guidelines are included in document PCC.III/ REC.15 (IV-96).

in addition, it is decided that:

- The funds should be applied to cover communication expenses, as per recommended distributions.
- Chairpersons of PCCs should work in a coordinated manner to ensure the appropriate distribution of the costs of working groups with joint activities.
- Alternatives should be developed to increase the number of associate members and encourage the existing associate members to increase the number of their "Contributory Units".
- That the Executive Secretary should inform the other CCPs of this Decision.

PCC.I/DEC. 3 (IV-96)

The Fourth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I decided to request COM/CITEI to consider, in the process of defining a schedule for the meetings to be held in 1997, the possibility of holding two PCC.I meetings in parallel to the regular meetings of its Working Groups and that these meetings be scheduled as follows:

- a) the 6th PCC.I could be held on February 24-28, preceded by a meeting of the Standards Coordination Working Group.
- b) the 7th PCC.I could be held on September 22-26, preceded by a meeting of the Standards Coordination Working Group.

The Fourth Meeting of the PCC.I also decided to accept the kind invitation from the Administration of Venezuela to host the 6th PCC.I.

V. LIST OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTS

Summary Minutes of the First Plenary PCC.I-236/96

List of Documents PCC.I-97/96 Rev.3

List of Participants PCC.I-198/96 Rev.2