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**FINAL REPORT**  
**NINTH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I: PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES (PCC.I)**

The Ninth Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services was held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 16-20 November 1998.

**I. AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Establishment of the Working Groups of the Meeting.
3. Presentation and Evaluation of Working Group and Working Group Reports on:
  - a. Standards Coordination
  - b. Network Modernization and New Services
  - c. Certification Processes
  - d. Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services
  - e. Human Resource Development
  - f. Study of Global Information Infrastructure
  - g. International Telephone Service Accounting Rates
4. Conclusions, Resolutions and Recommendations of the Working Group and Ad Hoc Working Group Meetings on:
  - a. Standards Coordination.
  - b. Network Modernization and New Services
  - c. Certification Processes
  - d. Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services
  - e. Human Resource Development
  - f. Study of Global Information Infrastructure
  - g. International Telephone Service Accounting Rates
5. Progress Report by the PCC.I Seminar Coordinator for 1999
6. Other Matters
7. Approval of the Plenary Session Minutes
8. Approval of the Final Report

**II. MEETING AUTHORITIES**

Alternate Chairman:

Mr. Felix Castro  
Chief of International Affairs  
Ministry of Communications, Colombia

Executive Secretary of CITEL:

Mr. Roberto Blois Montes de Souza

Drafting of the Final Report:

Chairman: Mr. William Poveda (Colombia)  
Members: Mr. José Pirrone (Venezuela)  
Mr. Marcos de Souza Oliveira (Brazil)  
Mr. William McCrum (Canada)  
Ms Jeanne Gellman (USA)  
Mr. Eduardo Gabelloni (Telefonica - Argentina)

### III. RESOLUTIONS

#### PCC.I/RES. 52 (IX-98) <sup>1</sup>

#### INTERCONNECTION REGULATION RAPPORTEUR'S WORK PLAN

The Ninth Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication

#### CONSIDERING:

- (a) That the 1998 Summit of the Americas (SOA) Plan of Action included a mandate for CITELE to develop best practices guidelines on interconnection;
- (b) That in response to the SOA mandate, PCC.I adopted PCC.I/DEC. 12 (VIII-98) calling for the establishment of an Interconnection Regulation Rapporteur (IRR) under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Study of the Global Information Infrastructure (AHWGSGII) to compile, summarize and make available information on the interconnection practices of the region with the goal of proposing to the AHWGSGII best-practices guidelines on interconnection regulation by the end of 1999; and,
- (c) That the AHWGSGII appointed Jeanne Gellman of the United States to be the Interconnection Regulation Rapporteur,

#### TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- (a) That the Member States have designated points of contact for CITELE;
- (b) That in some cases the Member States' designated points of contact for CITELE are not working directly on interconnection issues; and
- (c) That it will greatly facilitate the gathering of information and development of best practices guidelines if the IRR can work directly with a designated point of contact, from each Member State, who is working on interconnection matters,

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<sup>1</sup> (Doc. 677/98 rev. 1)

**RESOLVES:**

1. To adopt the Work Plan in Appendix A which sets forth a schedule for the gathering of information on interconnection policies in the region and to assist with the development of best practices guidelines on interconnection as directed in PCC.I/DEC.12(VIII-98).
2. To request the IRR to work expeditiously to fulfill the SOA mandate to have best practices guidelines on interconnection for the region by the end of 1999 by carrying out its work electronically and during meetings convened for this purpose by the AHWGSGII.
3. That the AHWGSGII will meet during every PCC.I meeting, as detailed in Appendix A, to discuss the work of the IRR.

**INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT:**

To send a letter with this resolution (including the appendices) by November 30, 1998 to each Member State requesting that they provide the IRR (Jeanne Gellman: Tel: +1 202 418 0743; Fax: +1 202 418 2824; Email: [jgellman@fcc.gov](mailto:jgellman@fcc.gov) with the name, telephone number, fax number and email address of a designated a point of contact on interconnection by January 14, 1999. The points of contact will assist the IRR with the compilation of information on interconnection practices in the region using the survey in Appendix B and provide input on the development of best practices guidelines on interconnection regulation.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **CITEL INTERCONNECTION POLICY WORK PLAN**

- November 30, 1998: The Executive Secretariat sends a letter to each Member State requesting that they provide the IRR with the name, fax number, telephone number, and email address of an interconnection point of contact.
- January 14, 1999: Deadline for the Member States to provide the IRR with the name and contact information for the interconnection point of contact.
- February 15, 1999: Deadline for the Member States to send to the IRR the Responses to the Interconnection Survey.
- Prior to next PCC.I : IRR circulates a report of responses to the interconnection survey to interconnection points of contact.
- IRR circulates a draft outline for best practices guidelines to the interconnection points of contact for their comment.
- 1st PCC.I in 1999: IRR presents a report on the results of the interconnection survey to the AHWGSGII.
- IRR presents for discussion the first draft of the interconnection best practices guidelines to the AHWGSGII.
- IRR presents for discussion a work plan to complete best practices guidelines by the end of 1999.

## APPENDIX B

### CITEL INTERCONNECTION REGULATION SURVEY

#### A. Regulatory framework and policy

1. Which entity/entities (*i.e.*, regulator/ministry) has/have the responsibility for establishing interconnection policies in your Member State?
  - a. Is the incumbent telecommunications operator partially or wholly government owned?
  - b. Please explain to what extent is the regulatory entity independent of any telecommunications operators.
2. Where has the regulatory framework for interconnection been set forth -- legislation, licenses, regulatory statements, directives, and/or other means? Please attach copies of any such document(s).

#### B. Interconnection regime generally

1. Does the regulatory framework for interconnection apply to: (1) fixed local interconnection, (2) fixed long distance interconnection, (3) fixed international service interconnection, (4) mobile service interconnection, and/or (5) any other services ?
2. Please briefly outline the procedures used by your Member State to license telecommunications operators. (*i.e.*, information required of applicants, normal time period for application processing).
3. How do customers access different carriers -- carrier-selection prefixes, carrier pre-selection (equal access), or some other means? Please describe.

#### C. Extent of interconnection obligation

1. Does the regulatory framework impose an obligation on existing network operators to provide interconnection to competing fixed network operators? to mobile operators?
  - a. If not, what are the provisions for ensuring that interconnection takes place?
  - b. If so, on whom is the obligation imposed -- the incumbent fixed network operator, all fixed network operators, other networks, service providers? Please explain.



- i. How is the obligation enforceable -- by the regulator, by interested/affected parties through the judicial system, other means?
  - ii. What are the sanctions for failure to provide interconnection or to offer reasonable interconnection terms (*i.e.*, license revocation, fines, etc)?
2. Who has the right to interconnect -- all domestic facilities-based carriers, service providers, content providers, others?
  - a. Are there different classes of fixed operators' licenses? If so, please describe.
  - b. Are all such carriers afforded the same rights to interconnect?
3. Does the regulatory framework address the specific rates, terms and conditions for interconnection? Are they required to be reasonable and nondiscriminatory? Please describe.
4. Are interconnection agreements publicly available?

#### **D. Interconnection Pricing**

1. Have specific nationwide and local termination rates been set by the regulator. If so, what are the rates?
2. Is regulatory approval of interconnection charges required? If so, on what basis would they fail to gain approval? Have any interconnection charges ever failed to gain approval?
3. Is information about specific interconnection charge agreements publicly available?
4. Do interconnection charges differ based on the type of license held by the interconnecting carrier? Based on the location from which the traffic originated?
5. Does the regulatory framework prescribe the cost basis for determining interconnection charges?
  - a. If so, does the regulatory framework prescribe an historic or a forward-looking cost model (*i.e.*, fully-allocated or long-run incremental models)?
  - b. What kind of cost accounting system is used?
  - c. If no, what method is used to determine interconnection charges?
6. Are universal service contributions factored into interconnection charges? If so, please explain.

#### **E. Resale and Unbundling**

1. Is unbundled access to network services required and, if so, to what network services (*i.e.*, local loop, local and tandem switching capability, operator services, trunk lines)?

2. Does the interconnection regime require that operators offer telecommunications services at wholesale prices for resale by new entrants?
  - a. If so, what services are required to be made available?
  - b. Please describe how pricing methodology differs from that which applies to interconnection or leasing of unbundled network elements.

#### **F. Dispute Resolution**

1. If the interconnection terms and conditions are set through commercial agreements between the parties, does the regulatory framework prescribe any dispute resolution mechanisms?
2. Does the regulatory framework contain a timetable for negotiations?
3. Does the regulatory framework set up a clear dispute resolution mechanism(s) if the parties cannot agree, (*i.e.*, arbitration, mediation, regulator-prescribed charges)?
4. In case of a dispute, is there a default interconnection charge and/or specific obligations that create an incentive for the incumbent carrier to negotiate with the entrant?
5. Have operators successfully negotiated interconnection agreements without recourse to the dispute resolution mechanism?

#### **G. Technical aspects of interconnection**

1. Does the regulatory framework prescribe technical requirements of interconnection (*i.e.*, number and location of points of interconnection, network management across the points of interconnection, other requirements)? Please specify.
2. Are incumbent/ carriers required to collocate the equipment of competitors in their central offices? What procedures are available if there is insufficient space for the competitors' equipment? How are issues of multiple competitors handled?

#### **H. Competitive safeguards**

1. Where an incumbent provides both monopoly and competitive services, are there any provisions to ensure that the incumbent is unable to set prices at anticompetitive levels?
2. Are there separate antitrust laws that govern the behavior of carriers?
3. Has the regulator/court been required to act in enforcing any of the competitive safeguards? If so, what was the result?

**PCC.I/RES. 53 (IX-98)<sup>2</sup>**

**AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE OF THE TENTH PCC.I MEETING**

The Ninth Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunications Services

**RESOLVES:**

1. To hold the X Meeting of PCC.I in Colombia during the first semester of 1999.
2. To approve the attached draft agenda for the X Meeting of PCC.I

**APPENDIX**

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE X MEETING OF PCC.I**

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Establishment of the Working Groups of the Meeting.
3. Presentation and Evaluation of Working Group and Ad Hoc Working Group Reports on:
  - a. Standards Coordination;
  - b. Network Modernization and New Services;
  - c. Certification Processes;
  - d. Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services;
  - e. Development of Human Resources;
  - f. Study of Global Information Infrastructure.
  - g. International Telephone Services Accounting Rates
  - h. Preparation for the ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly
4. Conclusions, Resolutions and Recommendations of the Working Group and Ad Hoc Working Group Meetings on:
  - a. Standards Coordination;
  - b. Network Modernization and New Services;
  - c. Certification Processes;
  - d. Basic and Universal Telecommunications Services;
  - e. Development of Human Resources;
  - f. Study of Global Information Infrastructure.
  - g. International Telephone Services Accounting Rates

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<sup>2</sup> (Doc.727/98)

- h. Preparation for the ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly.
- 4. Other Matters.
- 6. Approval of the Summary Minutes of Plenary Sessions.
- 7. Approval of the Final Report.

**PCC.I/RES. 54 (IX-98) <sup>3</sup>**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR THE PREPARATION FOR THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY**

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

**CONSIDERING:**

- (a) The importance of the work of the ITU-T sector in the implementation of telecommunication systems and services in all the countries of the world; and
- (b) That it is in the best interests of the member countries of CITEI to have a voice in the important work of the ITU-T sector,

**REALIZING:**

The advantages to be gained by acting together to ensure that the views of the Americas region are heard in the global forum of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly;

**RESOLVES:**

1. To establish an Ad Hoc Working Group to assist member countries in their preparations for the ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly by preparing common proposals that address the issues on the agenda of the conference and in particular to address:
  - a. New and/or revised study questions for the study groups of the ITU-T;
  - b. Identification of the study questions that are of a high priority for the region of the Americas;
  - c. Identification of working methods or procedures which member countries feel would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the ITU-T, including initiating cooperation with other telecommunication bodies.

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<sup>3</sup> (Doc.728/98)

2. To conclude the work of the Ad hoc Working Group 6 months before the opening of the Assembly.
3. To utilize, to the extent possible, the electronic forum of CITELE in the conduct of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group.
4. To prepare the set of common proposals in accordance with the procedure established in PCC.III (Res 65) and forwarded to the Chairperson of PCC.I and the Executive Secretary for the purpose of coordination with the other region organizations prior to their submission by the Executive Secretary to the ITU for the work of the Assembly.
5. That the chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group should coordinate the presentation of the common proposals at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly.
6. To designate Mr. Leonel Lopez Celaya, of Mexico as the chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

**INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT:**

To distribute the common proposals to all Member States for the purpose of soliciting support for the proposals from as many countries as possible.

**PCC.I/RES. 55 (IX-98)<sup>4</sup>**

**SECOND CITELE/PCC.I FORUM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERING:**

- (a) That at the fourth plenary session of its Eighth Meeting, PCC.I decided to develop a new series of Technical Seminars on Telecommunications involving the principal topics of interest and pertinence to the work of PCC.I. Mr. Alberto A. Zetina-Velez of Mexico was appointed as General Coordinator of the Second CITELE/PCC.I Telecommunications Forum and instructed to identify and propose topics of principal interest to the development of the work required to fulfill the PCC.I mandates, to organize the seminars and workshops, to select the speakers and to publicize the event;
- (b) That the topics of principal interest identified by the General Coordinator are TELEDUCATION, TELEMEDICINE, INTERCONNECTION REGULATIONS, ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVER IP and they were included in the report he presented at the Second Plenary Session of the IX Meeting of PCC.I; and

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<sup>4</sup> (Doc.732/98)

- (c) That during the IX Meeting of PCC.I, the chairmen of the working groups on these topics underscored the need for a series of seminars on the same and their appropriateness to aid and expedite development of the work.

**BEARING IN MIND:**

- (a) That the coordinators of these topics have informed the General Coordinator of their plans and the amount of time required to address them adequately; and
- (b) That an analysis of the various schedules of impact and interest to the Members and Associate Members of CITELE, and the opportunity to take utmost advantage of the information that will be available during the Second Forum for the work of CITELE and particularly that of PCC.I has been done;

**RESOLVES:**

1. To hold the Second CITELE/PCC.I Forum on Telecommunications on two consecutive days if possible during the X Meeting of PCC.I, according to the proposed schedule outlined in Attachment I of this resolution.
2. That the General Coordinator shall submit an alternative date to the Chairman of PCC.I for approval, along with a proposal on the means required to hold the forum on a special date should it be impossible to hold the forum during the Tenth PCC.I Meeting,
3. That the General Coordinator of the Second CITELE/PCC.I Forum on Telecommunications shall advise all Member States and Association Members of the final program, agenda, list of speakers and schedule of the forum before 25 February 1999, subject to approval by the Chairman of PCC.I.
4. The following Topic Coordinators are appointed to help coordinate the Second Forum.

Miss Jeanne Gellman of the USA - Interconnection Regulations

Mr. Saad Chedid of Argentina – Tele-education

Mr. Enrique Diaz Ceron of Mexico– Electronic Trade, Community Development and Telecommunications over IP

Mr. Juan Villaroel of Ecuador – Telemedicine

## ATTACHMENT I

### DRAFT SCHEDULE OF THE SECOND CITEL/PCC.I FORUM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Second CITEL/PCC.I Forum on Telecommunications will be held during a two-day period , as part of the X Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications, in simultaneous sessions developed according to the following schedule.

Tuesday:

8:30 – 9:00 hours      Inauguration of the Forum by the Chairman of PCC.I and senior officials of the host country

9:00 – 18:30 hours      Seminar on Electronic Commerce and Community Development, and Telecommunications over IP  
Seminar on Telemedicine

Wednesday

8:30 – 18:00 hours      Seminar on Interconnection  
Seminar on Tele-education

18:00 – 18:30 hours      Conclusions and Adjournment

### PCC.I/RES.56 (IX-98)<sup>5</sup>

#### BOOK ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN THE AMERICAS TO BE PREPARED JOINTLY BY CITEL, BDT/ITU and AHCIET

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

#### HAVING OBSERVED:

That Resolution PCC.I/RES.45 (VIII-98) approved that CITEL and BDT/ITU jointly prepare a book on Universal Service in the Americas, and the Terms of Reference appearing at the end of the same resolution were approved as a minimum and not as a constraint for this work, so that they be included in the tasks to be carried out by the experts.

#### WHEREAS:

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<sup>5</sup> (Doc.717)

- (a) The Chairman of the Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunication Services was charged with preparatory work, doing this in coordination with the PCC.I Chairman and the CITEL Executive Secretary;
- (b) To guarantee the referred preparatory work, the mentioned officials envisaged incorporating AHCINET into the project; and
- (c) The information document on this subject sets out the conditions of the Chairman of the Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunication Services and the CITEL Executive Secretary, as well as AHCINET's acceptance to participate in the mentioned project.

**RESOLVES:**

1. To approve that AHCINET participates in preparing the **BOOK ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN THE AMERICAS** within the framework of Resolution PCC.I/RES.45 (VIII-98).
2. To carry out the same jointly by CITEL, BDT/ITU and AHCINET.
3. To charge the Chairman of the Working Group on Basic and Universal Telecommunication Services to coordinate preparatory work with the PCC.I Chairman and the CITEL Executive Secretary.

**INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT:**

To put in place the foregoing, together with AHCINET and the ITU Regional Office.

**PCC.I/RES.57 (IX-98)<sup>6</sup>**

**APPOINTING ARGENTINA AS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE FIRST TELE-EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT OF CITEL**

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

**HAVING OBSERVED:**

- (a) That PCC.I Resolution .48 (VIII-98) establishes that Rapporteurs be appointed for Tele-education and Tele-medicine; and
- (b) That said resolution envisages that the Rapporteur Group shall address the topic of developing generic solutions for possible tele-education applications, among other matters.

**WHEREAS:**

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<sup>6</sup> (Doc.717/98)



- (a) That during the I World Telecommunications Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994), Member States agreed on basic principles of the role to be played by telecommunication in the development of countries. It set out guidelines and specific programs to encourage States to cooperate and take action directed at the developing and less developed countries;
- (b) In this same sense, it stated the need to highlight the importance of technology in developing human resources. It specifically referred to using technology for education and training, this being the way to raise the quality and efficiency of education with regard to the implementation cost;
- (c) Therefore, ITU members were urged to undertake the studies needed to design strategies that will intensify the use of telecommunication systems and services for distance education;
- (d) During the Miami Summit this year, Heads of State in our region expressed their conviction that a country's information infrastructure – telecommunications, information technology and radio broadcasting – constitute an essential component of political, economic, social and cultural development;
- (e) Throughout these four years, CITEL has been responding to these challenges. Following the Santiago Summit, we now find ourselves facing a new challenge: the initial assertion that telecommunication was a development mechanism for countries, becomes more specific and takes on a new dimension once education has been identified as the key to progress. In this respect, educational systems must provide access and use of the most efficient information and communications technology;
- (f) Our governments have paid special attention to the ethical imperative of reaching the most needy sectors, therefore distance education programs will be boosted as will the establishment of information networks;
- (g) Resulting from these considerations, the Summit of the Americas instructed the Organization of American States (OAS) to use whatever means at hand to develop and boost cooperation in areas such as distance education, seeking that this cooperation meet the specific needs of each country. In this sense, the Government should work with the private sector to encourage the development of electronic network applications that support education in the telecommunications sector;
- (h) These actions simply reassert that the importance of telecommunications as a means of technological evolution lies in its capacity to transform socio-political, economic and cultural realities.

**FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING:**

- (a) That document 493/98 submitted by Argentina at the VIII PCC.I Meeting gave rise to setting up a Rapporteur Group on tele-education;
- (b) That other countries have indicated an interest hosting Tele-education Pilot Projects; and
- (c) That Argentina has sent a note to the tele-education rapporteur formally stating its intent to become the headquarters for a pilot tele-education project.

**RESOLVES:**

1. To appoint Argentina as the headquarters for the First Tele-Education Pilot Project of CITEL
2. To instruct the Tele-education Rapporteur to follow-up on the different stages of the pilot project and submit a report at the next PCC.I meeting.

**V. DECISIONS**

**PCC.I/DEC.15 (IX-98)<sup>7</sup>**

**SUPPORT FROM PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I ON THE PREPARATION OF APPLICABLE NETWORK ARCHITECTURAL SCENARIOS**

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

**CONSIDERING:**

- (a) At the VIII Meeting of CITEL Permanent Consultative Committee I (PCC.I), use of the scenario methodology to illustrate the Global Information Infrastructure, as contained in recommendation Y.120 of the ITU, was approved for PCC.I; and
- (b) The need for a standard based approach to the information infrastructure in the Americas, which includes the World Wide Web, was pointed out in the Action Plan adopted at the II Summit of the Americas.

**DECIDES:**

To ask Canada to coordinate the preparation of applicable network architectural scenarios to support the global information infrastructure in the Americas.

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<sup>7</sup> (Doc. 706 rev. 1)

**APPOINTMENT OF A RAPPORTEUR GROUP TO PREPARE A COMMON COST  
STRUCTURE PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE**

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

**WHEREAS:**

- (a) Integration processes promote greater liberalization of markets and greater cooperation among countries, for the purpose of establishing large free trade zones in the region;
- (b) Progress has been made through meetings and colloquia held in 1997 and 1998, in studies on the drafting of a model that will allow for definition of international telephone service costs;
- (c) There is presently a delay in the drafting of a cost model with respect to the study on reform of the current accounting rate system; and
- (d) Within the framework of the Study Commission 3, at its meeting in June, 1998 in Geneva, the different countries and work groups are urged to participate more fully in studies referring to accounting rate system reforms and the model for determining international telephone service rates in each region;

**ACKNOWLEDGING:**

That all the countries will be affected by not having an instrument that will allow them to demonstrate their costs, and thereby be able to negotiate rates for rendering of international telephone service.

**DECIDES:**

1. To establish a Rapporteur Group in charge of coordinating intensive work groups for each of the sub-regional integration organizations, so the process of cooperation among countries will be encouraged and become more dynamic in their task of drafting a common scheme for an international telephone service cost structure, to be submitted as a contribution to the CITEL Accounting Rates Working Group.
2. That the work of the regional groups will be carried out by electronic means, or should the occasion arise, in work meetings. Efforts will be aimed at the compilation of information and evaluation of existing cost models and plans in the various countries.
3. That the Rapporteur will present a progress report at the next PCC.I meeting, after it has been reviewed by sub-regional coordinators and Working Group authorities.

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<sup>8</sup> (Doc. 716 rev. 1)

4. That the Rapporteur will remain in close contact with different groups involved with the subject of rate setting and accounting rates (TAL, AHCIENT, etc.) in order to obtain information that should be made available to the Working Group on Accounting Rates.
5. That the coordinators of each sub-regional group will be Venezuela for the Andean Group, a representative to be nominated for Mercosur, Mexico for North America, Guatemala for Central America and the representative appointed by the Working Group Chairman in representation of the Caribbean.
6. That the Rapporteur on this topic will be the representative of Venezuela.

**PCC.I/DEC.17 (IX-98)<sup>9</sup>**

**CONCLUSION OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES  
ON THE STUDY OF SOME ASPECTS DEALING WITH ALTERNATIVE  
CALLING PROCEDURES**

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

**HAVING OBSERVED:**

That by means of resolution PCC.I/RES.7 (II-95) an Ad Hoc Working Group was established to study alternative calling procedures;

**WHEREAS:**

- (a) Following a detailed study on the topic, PCC.I/RES.21 (III-95) was approved, with a recommendation to member States on authorization of telecommunication services in other States; and
- (b) That the mandate given to the Ad Hoc Working Group has been complied with fully,

**DECIDES:**

1. To terminate the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the study of aspects dealing with alternative calling procedures.
2. To congratulate Uruguay and Honduras for the work done.

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<sup>9</sup> (662doc.rev.1)

**V. LIST OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE NINTH MEETING OF  
PCC.I: PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

Summary Minutes of the Opening Session,	PCC.I-704/98
Summary Minutes of the First Plenary Session,	PCC.I-705/98 rev.1
Summary Minutes of the Second Plenary Session,	PCC.I-733/98
Summary Minutes of the Third Plenary Session and Closing Session, 734/98	PCC.I-
List of Documents,	PCC.I-647/98 rev.2.
List of Participants	PCC.I-648/98 rev.1.
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