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FINAL REPORT

36 MEETING OF PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE II: RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (PCC.II)

The 36 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II) was held virtually, from November 30 to December 4, 2020.

I. MEETING OFFICERS

Chair of PCC.II	Mr. Mario Germán Fromow Rangel (Mexico)
Alternate Chair of PCC.II:	Mr. José Arias (Mexico)
Vice Chair of PCC.II:	Mr. Héctor Budé (Uruguay)
Vice Chair of PCC.II:	Mr. Agostinho Linhares de Souza (Brazil)
Vice Chair of PCC. II:	Mr. Carlos Eduardo Valle (El Salvador)
CITEL Executive Secretary:	Mr. Oscar León

Drafting Group:

Chairperson:	Diana Gómez (Mexico)
Members:	Marc Girouard (Canada) Sandra Wright (USA)

II. REPORT OF THE PCC.II CHAIR

During the 36 meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II), the Chair and the Alternate Chair of the Committee conducted deliberations based on the Agenda items listed in document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5150/20. Furthermore, the PCC.II Working Groups met according to the schedule issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5151/20. The results of the activities held at the meeting can be summarized as follows:

1. Working Group Relative to CITEL's Preparation for World Radiocommunication Conferences.

This Group met 5 (five) times. During those meetings 82 documents were considered. The group's agenda was issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5238/20.

The Report by the Chair with all the details was issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5252/20.

2. Working Group on Terrestrial Services

This Group met 2 (two) times. During those meetings 9 documents were considered. The group's agenda was issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5233/20.

The Report by the Chair with all the details was issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5251/20.

3. Working Group on Spectrum Management

This Group met once. During the meetings 6 documents were considered. The group's agenda was issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5156/20.

The Report by the Chair with all the details was issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5250/20.

4. Working Group on Radio Broadcasting

This Group met once. During the meetings 2 documents were considered. The Report by the Chair with all the details was issued as document PCC.II-RADIO/doc. 5247/20.

5. Working Group on Satellite Systems and Science Services

In order to make the work of the 36th Meeting of PCC.II more efficient, the Working Group on Satellite Systems and Scientific Services did not meet on this occasion and the documents presented for this Meeting were presented during the First Plenary Session.

6. Working Group to Coordinate Strategic Initiatives of the OAS related to Radiocommunications

The Working Group to Coordinate Strategic Initiatives of the OAS related to Radiocommunications did not receive contributions and did not meet on this occasion.

7. Ad Hoc Group on "Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of PCC.II"

In order to make the work of the 36th Meeting of PCC.II more efficient, the Ad Hoc Group on "Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of PCC.II." did not meet this time. However, it was agreed that the Ad Hoc Group on "Resolutions, Recommendations and Decisions of PCC.II", established through Decision PCC.II / DEC. 202 (XXXI-18), continue its work until the end of the 37th meeting of PCC.II; meeting in which, it must render its report and accompany the final product of its work.

8. Issues to be highlighted

1. The next (37) Meeting of the PCC.II will be held from April 5 to 9, 2020, by virtual participation.

III. AGENDA ¹

1. Approval of the agenda and schedule.
2. Appointment of the Drafting Group for the Final Report.
3. Meeting of the Working Groups on:
 - 3.1 Working Group on Preparation for Regional and World Radiocommunication Conferences.
 - 3.2 Working Group on Terrestrial Fixed and Mobile Radiocommunication Services.
 - 3.3 Working group on Spectrum Management
 - 3.4 Working Group on Satellite Systems and Science Services.
 - 3.5 Working Group on Broadcasting.
 - 3.6 Working Group to Coordinate Projects Associated with Strategic Initiatives of the OAS related to Radiocommunications
 - 3.7 *Ad Hoc* Group on “PCC.II Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations”
4. PCC.II Strategic Plan.
5. Agenda, Venue and Date of the next Meeting of PCC.II.
6. Other matters.
7. Approval of the Final Report of the Meeting.

DRAFT AGENDAS OF THE WORKING GROUPS

3.1 Working Group on the preparation of CITEL for Regional and World Radiocommunication Conferences

1. Presentation and approval of the agenda.
2. Working methods.
3. Preparation for the Radiocommunications Assembly (RA-23) and the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23).
 - 3.1 Update of WRC-23 preparations.
4. Report of chapter chairpersons and CITEL representatives.
5. Consideration of issues resulting documents submitted through the collaborative space.
6. Work Plan.
7. Other matters.

3.2 Working Group on Terrestrial Fixed and Mobile Radiocommunication Services

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Report on ITU-R activities.
3. IMT implementation.
4. Compatibility studies.
5. Sub-Working Group of Spectrum management.

¹ PCC.II-2020-36-5150_i

6. Work Plan.
7. Other business.

3.3 Working Group on Spectrum Management

1. Presentation and approval of the Agenda.
2. Follow-up on the activities and studies carried out within the ITU by Study Group 1 and Study Group 3 of the ITU-R.
3. Exchange of relevant information and best practices among CITELE Members on aspects regarding spectrum management and affordable and widespread access to ICTs.
4. Presentation of contributions.
5. Work Plan.
6. Other business.

3.4 Working Group on Satellite Systems and Science Services

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Implementation of regulations that facilitate deployment of satellite services.
3. Harmful interference from unauthorized transmissions in satellite networks.
4. C and Ku band use, operation and applications.
5. Existing databases on satellite systems.
6. Operation of satellite services with no authorization.
7. Work Plan.
8. Other business:
 - 8.1 Use and operation of satellite bands in addition to C and Ku bands;
 - 8.2 Regulations and operation of small satellites (picosatellites, nanosatellites, cubesats);
 - 8.3 Use of new technologies;
 - 8.4 Compatibility between satellite services (fixed and mobile) and terrestrial fixed and mobile services;
 - 8.5 Use of bands authorized for amateur service by amateurs via satellite.

3.5 Working Group on Broadcasting

1. Opening remarks.
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. Consideration of the inputs documents on:
 - 3.1 Digital Television;
 - 3.2 Digital Sound Broadcasting;
 - 3.3 Spectrum Usage and New Technologies for Broadcasting;
 - 3.4 Rio Janeiro 1981 Agreement;
4. Work Plan.
5. Other business.

3.6 Working Group to Coordinate Projects Associated with Strategic Initiatives of the OAS related to Radiocommunications

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Work Plan.
3. Other business.

3.7 *Ad Hoc* Group on “PCC.II Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations”

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Work Plan.
3. Other business.

IV. RESOLUTIONS

PCC.II/RES. 137 (XXXVI-20)²

AGENDA, VENUE AND DATE OF THE 37 AND 38 MEETINGS OF PCC.II

The 36 Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II),

CONSIDERING:

- a) The challenging situation that the world is facing due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic;
- b) How uncertain the development and control of the COVID-19 virus may be in the upcoming months;
- c) The different actions that Member States and Associate Members have taken to stop the spread of the virus;
- d) That the 35 and 36 meetings of PCC.II were held in an exceptional manner in a virtual venue to deal with the most urgent topics.

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the 37th. Meeting of PCC.II by virtual participation from April 5 to 9, 2021;
2. To hold the 38th. Meeting of PCC.II in Mexico from August 30 to September 3, 2021;
3. To approve the draft agenda for the 37 Meeting of PCC.II, attached in the annex of this Resolution.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.II/RES. 137 (XXXVI-20)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Approval of the agenda and schedule.
2. Appointment of the Drafting Group for the Final Report.
3. Meeting of the Working Groups on:
 - 3.1 Working Group Relative to CITEL's Preparation for World Radiocommunication Conferences
 - 3.2 Working Group on Terrestrial Services
 - 3.3 Working Group on Spectrum Management

² PCC.II-2020-36-5229c1_i

- 3.4 Working Group on Satellite Systems and Science Services
 - 3.5 Working Group on Radio Broadcasting
 - 3.6 Working Group to Coordinate Strategic Initiatives of the OAS related to Radiocommunications
 - 3.7 Ad Hoc Group on “Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of PCC.II”
- 4. PCC.II Strategic Plan.
 - 5. Agenda, Venue and Date of the next Meeting of PCC.II.
 - 6. Other matters.
 - 7. Approval of the Final Report of the Meeting.

DRAFT AGENDAS OF THE WORKING GROUPS

3.1 Working Group Relative to CITEL’s Preparation for World Radiocommunication Conferences

- 1. Presentation and approval of the agenda.
- 2. Working methods.
- 3. Preparation for the Radiocommunications Assembly (RA-23) and the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23).
 - 3.1 Update of WRC-23 preparations.
- 4. Report of chapter chairpersons and CITEL representatives.
- 5. Consideration of issues resulting documents submitted through the collaborative space.
- 6. Work Plan.
- 7. Other matters.

3.2 Working Group on Terrestrial Services

- 1. Approval of the agenda.
- 2. Report on ITU-R activities.
- 3. IMT implementation.
- 4. Compatibility studies.
- 5. Work Plan.
- 6. Other business.

3.3 Working Group on Spectrum Management

- 1. Presentation and approval of the Agenda.
- 2. Follow-up on the activities and studies carried out within the ITU by Study Group 1 and Study Group 3 of the ITU-R.
- 3. Exchange of relevant information and best practices among CITEL Members on aspects regarding spectrum management and affordable and widespread access to ICTs.
- 4. Presentation of contributions.
- 5. Work Plan.
- 6. Other business.

3.4 Working Group on Satellite Systems and Science Services

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Implementation of regulations that facilitate deployment of satellite services.
3. Harmful interference from unauthorized transmissions in satellite networks.
4. C and Ku band use, operation and applications.
5. Existing databases on satellite systems.
6. Operation of satellite services with no authorization.
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8. Other business:
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 - 8.3 Use of new technologies;
 - 8.4 Compatibility between satellite services (fixed and mobile) and terrestrial fixed and mobile services;
 - 8.5 Use of bands authorized for amateur service by amateurs via satellite.

3.5 Working Group on Radio Broadcasting

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Consideration of the inputs documents on:
 - 2.1 Digital Television;
 - 2.2 Digital Sound Broadcasting;
 - 2.3 Spectrum Usage and New Technologies for Broadcasting;
 - 2.4 Rio Janeiro 1981 Agreement;
3. Work Plan.
4. Other business.

3.6 Working Group to Coordinate Strategic Initiatives of the OAS related to Radiocommunications

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Work Plan.
3. Other business.

3.7 Ad Hoc Group on “Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of PCC.II”

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Work Plan.
3. Other business.

V. RECOMENDATIONS

PCC.II/REC. 62 (XXXVI-20)³

IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING REGULATORY TELECOMMUNICATION POLICIES DURING AND FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The 36 Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) that the advent of COVID-19 has increased current economic and social inequalities;
- b) that telecommunications/ICT are a key activity for the economic, social, and cultural development of countries;
- c) that global telecommunication/ICT infrastructure is a key and indispensable input for regional and national economies and for the well-being of all societies;
- d) that telecommunication/ICT services play a valuable role in offsetting COVID-19's adverse impacts on equity;
- e) that exchange forums where participants can share their experiences in order to examine procedures and practices that promote a comprehensive vision that would enable them to better address the challenges stemming from the pandemic have proven to be of great value;
- f) that it is essential for information and communication systems to continue to be functional and even to be expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency and recovery phases;
- g) that, during crisis conditions, there was an excellent collaboration between the different sectors (for example, health, education, security, etc.) and the telecommunication/ICT sector, as well as between the public and private sectors;
- h) that it is likely that the COVID-19 phenomenon shall speed up the achievement of many sector reforms and innovations that were already under way, for example, allocating and sharing spectrum for specific applications, updating and implementing digital infrastructure, sharing infrastructure, and rolling out new generations of communication technologies;
- i) that, for social reasons, it is best to move forward with the rollout of improved digital infrastructure, a harmonized allocation of spectrum, and new generations of technological standards,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) that the exchange of experiences taking place in the series of round tables and forums coordinated by the CITEL Secretariat contributed positively to the responses of OAS member states to better address the COVID-19 pandemic;

³ PCC.II-2020-36-5210r4_i

- b) that Telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, tools, and knowledge have made it possible for the response to COVID-19 to be more effective and decisive than it would have been otherwise possible;
- c) that a greater rollout of telecommunication infrastructure can promote access to essential services, such as health, education, and employment;
- d) that better access to telecommunication/ICT services can lead to economic and social inclusion and gender equality;
- e) that public-private cooperation is a key element for the rollout of telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and access to affordable services, which are vitally necessary for economic and social recovery;
- f) that increasing the affordability, availability, and accessibility to public services supports digital connectivity and might ensure access to information and promote social cohesiveness during lockdown.
- g) that the temporary assignment of spectrum has been a crucial element for greater connectivity for the connected and the unconnected; and
- h) that the innovations that have been seen in the regulatory sector, such as the digitization and streamlining of administrative paperwork, guidelines for telecommuting, technological convergence, among others, made positive contributions to mitigating the pandemic's impacts.

RECOMMENDS:

That CITELE members consider implementing the following actions:

1. Promoting actions to make spectrum resources available where the existing radio networks are congested or require tackling greater traffic demand, in order to restore access to service where it has been suspended, giving priority to the connections to critical government functions, vital services, and strategic connectivity points.
2. Boosting actions that make it possible to increase affordability, availability and accessibility of services and devices to guarantee the continuity of services, supporting digital connectivity to guarantee access to information and promote social cohesiveness during lockdown.
3. Granting and keeping, to the extent possible, the essential service status to telecommunications/ICT services to that field activities can continue, such as infrastructure installation and maintenance.
4. Promoting actions that allow telecommunications operators to deploy and maintain a network infrastructure that is resilient, stable and safe to support the entire population, including emergency services.
5. Fostering the drafting and implementation of national emergency telecommunication plans that include response actions to tackle an emergency in a timely, appropriate, and effective way, safeguarding reliable information and communications in the four phases of disaster risk management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

6. Supporting the use of online services, especially by children and vulnerable populations, respecting the right to privacy and promoting trust and security in the use of data, while observing the regulatory framework applicable in each country.
7. Empowering the safe exchange of digital contents to support electronic education, telehealth, digital agriculture, electronic financial services and mobile payments, as well as electronic government platforms.
8. Promoting an increase in connectivity, facilitating spectrum access for the provision of ICT services, the rapid rollout of infrastructure, access to communication equipment, and the transit of Telecommunication/ICT staff, taking into account elements such as administrative simplification to grant state and/or municipal permits, maintaining the verification of terms and conditions, and other ways to exert a positive impact on service delivery.
9. Motivating coordination between businesses and the government in order to undertake joint actions in response to the pandemic and tackle the rise in the demand for connectivity, ensuring that strategic and essential services are provided with quality and continuity.
10. Enabling universal service funds or assistance funds for connectivity projects in rural, remote, or underserved areas, as well as access to essential services promoting incentives that facilitate access to spectrum use.
11. Implementing information campaigns aimed at the general population regarding phone and text scams, as well as the importance of telecommunication infrastructure, emphasizing that there is no connection whatsoever between telecommunication transmission antennas and the risk of COVID-19 spreading.
12. Enabling virtual assistance channels and telephone lines with short numbers to answer inquiries or information requests from the population in case of an emergency.

PCC.II/REC. 63 (XXXVI-20)⁴

INITIATIVES IN THE MATTER OF RADIOELECTRIC SPECTRUM TO EXPAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICTS IN RURAL, UNSERVED OR UNDERSERVED AREAS

The 36 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II).

CONSIDERING:

- a) That Decision PCC.I/DEC 309 (XXXVII-20) instructed the Secretariat of CITELE to remit to PCC.II the document “Improving Coverage, Universalizing Telecommunication/ICT Services, and Identifying the Development of Models for Bridging the Digital Divide by Connecting the Unconnected in Rural, Unserved or Underserved Areas” and also the Recommendation “Initiatives to Expand Telecommunications/ICT in Rural, Unserved or Underserved Areas” for discussion, comments, and the feasibility of a proposal with specific recommendations related to spectrum issues.
- b) That it is necessary for the Administrations to promote urgent actions to facilitate technological development and connectivity to broadband networks, which should be affordable to benefit all sectors of the population.

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an urgent need to accelerate the implementation of connectivity solutions to serve all citizens.
- b) The importance of technological neutrality.
- c) That the availability of spectrum and orbit resources are an extremely important input to bridge the connectivity divide and should be developed as recommended by the ITU-R and other similar organizations.
- d) That the administrations may have different priorities, legal and regulatory requirements, social and economic-financial conditions and availability of radioelectric spectrum.
- e) That it is necessary to consider new alternatives, technologies, means of access, and services that can solve in the short term the lack of connectivity and Telecommunication/ICT services in areas that do not have them or that are not affordable.

RECOMMENDS:

That CITELE administrations that wish to develop projects or initiatives for the expansion of Telecommunications/ICTs in rural, unserved or underserved areas, observing the regulatory provisions applicable in each country, consider the following initiatives:

1. Consider incentives for suitable use of the radioelectric spectrum to expand the coverage of affordable, quality Telecommunication/ICT services, implementing flexible regulatory frameworks that facilitate access to service and the use of radioelectric spectrum, in order to encourage investment in these areas and promote compliance with service coverage obligations.

⁴ PCC.II-2020-36-5230r5_i

2. Consider alternative, innovative models for assignments, licensing and payment for the use of radioelectric spectrum that aim to facilitate the expansion of coverage.
3. Consider policies to promote targeted investments aimed at satellite, and terrestrial solutions including, aeronautical and stratospheric platforms, among others that could provide Telecommunication/ICT services in the short term.
4. Consider implementing new technologies and techniques for dynamic management of licensed and license-exempt radioelectric spectrum to enable its flexible or shared use.

VI. DESICIONS

PCC.II/DEC. 212 (XXXVI-20)⁵

POSTPONEMENT OF WORKSHOP “DYNAMIC SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT: BEST PRACTICES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES”

The 36 Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) The challenging situation that the world is facing due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic;
- b) That the 35th. Meeting of PCC.II was held in an exceptional manner in a virtual venue to deal with the most urgent topics.
- c) That the 36th meeting of PCC.II was expected to be held in person.

DECIDES:

1. To postpone the seminar approved by resolution PCC.II / RES. 136 (XXXV-20) until the next in person meeting of PCC.II

⁵ PCC.II-2018-35-5220_i

PCC.II/DEC. 213 (XXXVI-20)⁶

ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC GROUP TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND THE SELECTION OF CITEL SPOKESPERSONS FOR WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCES

The 36 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II),

DECIDES:

1. To establish an ad hoc group to revise and merge the procedure for the preparation and submission of inter-American proposals and the selection of CITEL spokespersons for World Radiocommunication Conferences contained in Resolution CCP.II/RES. 121 (XXX-17) and Resolution CCP.II/RES. 125 (XXXI-18), respectively.
2. To designate Mr. Marco Escalante (hall@technologist.com) of the administration of Guatemala as chair of the group and Mr. Kenji Kuramochi (kenji@conatel.gov.py) of the administration of Paraguay as Vice-chair.
3. To have the group conduct its work on the basis of virtual and/or face-to-face meetings and conclude its work by the 38 meeting of PCC.II at the latest.
4. To invite CITEL member states and associate members of PCC.II to send their contributions to help improve the procedure mentioned in the present decision and to participate in the group's work.

⁶ PCC.II-2018-35-5220_i

PCC.II/DEC. 214 (XXXVI-20)⁷

CREATION OF A PCC.II MENTORING PROGRAM

The 36th Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II)

DECIDES:

1. To establish a mentoring program to ensure the continuity of CITELE procedures in accordance with established COM/CITELE regulatory statutes;
2. To commence this program at the 37th meeting of PCC.II.
3. To apply this program to include all PCC.II working groups.
4. To coordinate the program with the CITELE Chair for the ITU Network of Women (NOW) to advance the goals of NOW
5. To designate Mr. Carmelo Rivera (carmelo.rivera@aces-inc.com) to preside over this program and coordinate the development of an informal group, including Ms. Jennifer Manner (Jennifer.Manner@echostar.com), CITELE Chair for NOW, to draft a syllabus so that mentors and mentees are aware of what is expected of them. The syllabus will be periodically evaluated to ensure it is updated as appropriate.
6. The following rules will be applied to the program:
 - a. Interested mentors and mentees should sign up to the program along with the confirmed support of their administration;
 - b. Signing up for the program indicates that the member commits to fully participate in the program and plans to attend future PCC.II meetings;
 - c. Both mentors and mentees should be allowed an opportunity to request someone else to work with if they feel their counterpart is not fully participating in the program;
7. Due to the PCC.II only meeting twice a year, mentors and mentees should be encouraged to correspond between meetings
8. To designate Ms. Jennifer Manner (Jennifer.Manner@echostar.com), the CITELE Chair of NOW, to be the alternate president.

⁷ PCC.II-2018-35-5220_i

PCC.II/DEC. 215 (XXXVI-20)⁸

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MR. JUAN MASCIOTRA

The 36 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications,

DECIDES:

To instruct the Executive Secretariat of CITEI to send a letter of condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Juan Masciotra, expressing solidarity and heartfelt support from the present Permanent Consultative Committee and the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEI) for his death on August 22 this year and highlighting his work in the Organization.

⁸ PCC.II-2018-35-5243_i

PCC.II/DEC. 216 (XXXVI-20)⁹

**TRANSFER TO COM/CITEL OF RECOMMENDATION
PCC.II/REC. 63 (XXXVI-20) "INITIATIVES IN THE MATTER OF RADIOELECTRIC
SPECTRUM TO EXPAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT IN RURAL AREAS AND IN
UNSERVED OR UNDERSERVED AREAS"**

The 36th Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.II),

DECIDES:

1. To instruct the CITEL Secretariat to forward to COM/CITEL Recommendation CCPII/REC. XXX (XXXVI-20)
2. To request that the CITEL Secretariat consolidate, without changes, and forward to COM/CITEL the recommendations approved by the 37th PCC.I and 36th PCC.II.
3. To request that COM/CITEL consider submitting said recommendations to the OAS General Assembly.

⁹ PCC.II-2018-35-5248_i

PCC.II/DEC. 217 (XXXVI-20)¹⁰

**TRANSFER TO COM/CITEL OF RECOMMENDATION
PCC.II/REC. 62 (XXXVI-20) "IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING
REGULATORY TELECOMMUNICATION POLICIES DURING AND FOLLOWING
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC "**

The 36th Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II), aware that Recommendation CCP.II/REC. XXX (XXXVI-20) contains aspects that exceed the competence of this Committee; considering the extraordinary situation derived from the COVID-19 pandemic and that ICTs are essential to address its negative impacts; and taking into account the role of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission as the key advisory body to the Organization of American States on all matters pertaining to Telecommunications/ICTs in the hemisphere,

DECIDES:

1. To instruct the Executive Secretary of CITEL to submit, for consideration of the 37 Meeting of COM/CITEL, Recommendation CCP.II/REC. XXX (XXXVI-20) on "Important issues to be considered when making regulatory telecommunication policies during and following the COVID-19 pandemic".
2. To request that COM/CITEL consider submitting said recommendations to the OAS General Assembly.

¹⁰ PCC.II-2018-35-5249r1_i