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SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING

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(Document submitted by the Chair of PCC.II: Broadcasting)

Member States

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Permanent Observers

European Commission
Spain
France

Observer Organizations

ITU

Guests

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FIRST SESSION

On March 8, 2000 at 4:30 p.m., in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina, the first session of the VII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting, came to order. Presiding over the meeting were Mr. Diego Souto, Chairman of the PCC.II, Ms. Salma Jalife, Chairperson of PCC.III, and Ms. Graciela Piedras, Executive Secretary of CITEL.

Mr. Souto, in his participation during the session, underscored the significance of the session because of the issues to be addressed and because the institution was coming to a historical event, as at this time, two different PCC Working Group tasks would be jointly accomplished. These Groups have the responsibility of satisfactorily bringing together the different stances in the WRC-00 Region.

Ms. Jalife, then took the floor and in turn congratulated the two PCC's and their Working Groups for their success in this novel way of working.

At 4:45 p.m., the meeting recessed in order to commence with Working Group activity, and was later reconvened once these activities were over.

On March 9, 2000 at 3:00 p.m., the recess came to an end, and discussion of the documents created began. If adopted, they would be sent directly to PCC.III: Radiocommunications, to be then added in the Working Group discussion preparing for WRC-00, with a view to common Inter-American proposals.

The Chairman of PCC.II: Broadcasting, submits for consideration of the Plenary Session the following documents: PCC II/doc. 305/00 relative to item 1.20 on the WRC-00 agenda; PCC II/doc. 307/00 relative to item 1.19 bis on the WRC-00 agenda and PCC II/doc. 308/00 relative to item 1.19 on the WRC-00 agenda.

In view of the fact that they were all approved, work would proceed as described before.

Before adjourning, during the time devoted to other business, the Mexican delegation provided verbal information on a United States project for the use of the 12.2 to 12.7 GHz band, for a point-to-multipoint terrestrial system. The delegation pointed out that in their region the above band was allocated to satellite broadcasting and further stated that even if it was suitable to defend interference planning from other regions, it should not be that interference occurred in their own Region 2. The United States delegation expressed that an operation license had not been granted yet because it was still under study. For this reason, the delegation invited the other administrations to forward their comments on the issue. Several administrations present expressed their concern as to this matter, and requested the United States to provide all necessary information thereon. The Chair requested the information to be submitted at the next PCC II meeting as an informative document on the subject. The United States delegation agreed.

The Brazilian delegation submitted informative document PCC II/inf 304/00 describing the new ITU organization they had created for themselves in order to address new broadcasting issues. The plenary session decided that this issue would be dealt with at the next regular meeting of PCC II. It also invited all the administrations in the region, associate members, observers and guests to participate in the seminar on digital television to be held in the city of San Paulo, Brazil, on March 13 and 14, 2000, which would display the only three operational systems in the world. The Chair emphasized the significance of this seminar and urged everyone to participate.

At 4:00 p.m., the VII Meeting of the PCC II: Broadcasting was adjourned.