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COMMITTEE B

CITEL

**PROPOSAL FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE
SUBMITTED BY THE CITEL ASSEMBLY**

The 1998 CITEL Assembly adopted the attached resolution indicating its support for the Center of Excellence concept for the Americas Region and instructed the Executive Secretary of CITEL to submit it to the World Telecommunication Development Conference for its consideration.

CITEL RES.17 (II-98)¹

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE CONCEPT FOR THE AMERICAS REGION

The Second Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That the Second World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-98) meeting in Malta will address the important issue of Human Resource Development, and that the CITEL Assembly wishes to express its strong interest in developing the Center of Excellence concept, and particularly, how the concept will evolve in the Americas Region.

CONSIDERING:

1. The need to increase the number of training opportunities made available to the Member States in priority areas where access to such training is limited.
2. That priority training needs have been identified in the region, such as senior level training of policy makers, regulators and senior corporate managers, among others.

REALIZING:

1. The importance of further developing the Center of Excellence concept in the Americas Region as a way to expand access to training and substantially contributing to the fulfillment of human resource development priority needs, with due regard to the CITEL Plan of Action.
2. That in the case of the Americas Region the Center of Excellence concept may involve the generation of a cooperative effort among numerous participating entities.
3. That the Center of Excellence concept seeks the most effective means to stimulate the provision of training in the identified priority areas.

NOTING:

1. That the ITU, through the Telecom Surplus Development Program, has allocated 2 million Swiss Francs as seed money for the establishment of a Center of Excellence in the Americas Region.
2. That the Center of Excellence concept has been strongly supported by representatives of the Americas Region on the ITU Council, as well as during the Regional Preparatory Meeting to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-98) held in Margarita Island, 1 September, 1997, and during the last COM/CITEL meeting held in Uruguay in 1-5 December, 1997.

HAVING EXAMINED:

The documents submitted by the ITU/BDT to this Assembly as well as to the last COM/CITEL meeting held in Uruguay and the relevant comments made by interested delegates to the ITU in order to improve the preliminary project proposal.

¹ CITEL/doc. 139 rev.1/98 (Approved during the Fourth Plenary Session).

RESOLVES:

1. To express the highest interest of CITELE Member States in further developing the Center of Excellence concept for the benefit of the Americas Region and to secure the resources allocated by the ITU for that project.
2. To coordinate efforts in conjunction with the ITU/BDT, the regional and international telecommunication organizations in the Americas Region, and other interested bodies in the region, fostering the continued development of the Center of Excellence concept for the Americas Region.
3. To support ITU/BDT efforts towards perfecting the Center of Excellence concept for the Americas Region and to request all Member States to specially support this matter at the WTDC-98.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT:

1. To distribute this resolution to CITELE Member States, as well as to the regional and international telecommunication organizations in the Americas Region.
 2. To present this resolution as a common CITELE proposal to the Second World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-98).
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