

APPENDIX D

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Work Plans for Mexico



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**UNITED STATES-MEXICO**  
**HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, JUNE 15-16, 1994**

At the conclusion of the fourth meeting of the United States-Mexico High Level Consultative Commission on Telecommunications held in Williamsburg, Virginia, an agreement and six protocols were signed by the representatives of the two governments. The agreement is a framework agreement on terrestrial non-broadcasting services to which protocols can be annexed concerning the allocation and use of specific radio frequency bands by various radio services. The first six such protocols were signed at this meeting, including a protocol which will allow public air-to-ground radiocommunication service to be extended into the border area and throughout Mexico, and a protocol that will facilitate cellular roaming along U.S.-Mexico border, pursuant to carrier-to-carrier agreements.

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The United States was represented at the meeting by Vonya B. McCann, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy, Reed E. Hundt, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. Undersecretary for Communications and Technological Development, Andres Massieu Berlanga, represented the government of Mexico.

At the Williamsburg meeting, the U.S. and Mexican governments discussed technical, regulatory and international communications and information policy issues. Included in the issues discussed was the Administration's proposal for a National and Global Information Infrastructure. The U.S. and Mexico also discussed the imbalance between U.S. and Mexican carriers in settlement payments which are paid according to agreements which govern how a carrier is compensated for international calls from one country to another. These issues along with many others concerning satellites, broadcasting and radiocommunication services and methods for promoting competition through interconnection and other regulatory structures and processes were included in a work program adopted for 1994-1995.

For details on the agreement and protocols that were signed as well as the work program for next year, consult the Williamsburg Communique and the Work Program for 1994-1995 attached to this press release.

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Fourth Meeting of the United States-Mexico  
High-Level Consultative Commission on Telecommunications

Williamsburg, June 15-16, 1994

**Williamsburg Communiqué**

The United States-Mexico High-Level Consultative Commission on Telecommunications has completed its fourth meeting, held at Williamsburg, Virginia. Topics of major importance in the area of telecommunications were discussed at the meeting, which will result in closer ties between both countries in not only their bilateral relationship but in the international context as well.

The United States Delegation was headed by Vonya McCann, Deputy -Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy. Also participating were Reed Hundt, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

The Mexican Delegation was headed by Andres Massieu Berlanga, Undersecretary for Communications and Technological Development, assisted by Jose Antonio Padilla Longoria, Coordinator for International Relations.

The results achieved by the Commission under the 1992-93 Work Program adopted at Queretaro in 1992 were reviewed at this meeting and a new Work Program for 1994-95 was adopted. The results of the 1992-93 Work Program were very satisfactory and were reflected in the signing of an important inter-governmental agreement, called the Framework Agreement, and six operative agreements, which are referred to as Protocols and are annexed to the Framework Agreement. These results have been reported to the Eleventh Meeting of the United States-Mexico Binational Commission.

The Commission's work during the 1994-95 period will occur during a time of tremendous political and technological development in the telecommunications arenas in both countries. In the U.S., the Clinton Administration's initiative toward a National Information Infrastructure and the accompanying legislative developments have highlighted the importance of telecommunications and information policy. In Mexico, the continuing success of Telmex since its privatization and the government's plans to introduce competition have likewise given

telecommunications an important place in Mexico's domestic agenda.

These domestic developments place added importance on the Commission's work. At the same time, technological developments in telecommunications, including low-earth orbit satellite (LEOs), personal communication services, and high-definition television, as well as the continuing convergence of technologies, demand the attention of the Commission and will be addressed in future work plans.

The work carried out during the 1992-93 work program led to the signing of the following documents:

- Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States Concerning the Allocation and Use of Frequency Bands by Terrestrial Non-Broadcasting Radiocommunication Services Along the Common Border;
- Protocol Concerning the Allocation and Use of the Channels in the 220-222-MHz Band for [Land] Mobile Services Along the Common Border;
- Protocol Concerning the Use of the 470-512 MHz Band for Land Mobile Services Along the Common Border;
- Protocol Concerning Conditions of Use of the 824-849 and 869-894 MHz Bands for Public Radiocommunications Services Using Cellular Systems Along the Common Border;
- Protocol Concerning the Use of the 849-851 and 894-896 MHz Bands for Public Air-to-Ground Services;
- Protocol Concerning the Use of the 806-824/851-869 and 896-901/935-940 MHz Bands for Land Mobile Service Along the Common Border; and
- Protocol Concerning the Allotment and Use of Channels in the 932-932.5 and 941-941.5 MHz Bands for Point-to-Multipoint Radiocommunications Services Along the Common Border.

Both Administrations reaffirmed their desire to continue working on a coordinated basis at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL).

Both Delegations agreed on the 1994-95 Work Program, which is annexed to this Communique and pledged that the working groups will continue to examine key aspects of telecommunications that require cooperation and specific agreements in the areas of

coordination of the radio spectrum, regulation, and international matters.

Mexico agreed to host the next Bilateral Meeting of the Consultative Commission.

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**UNITED STATES AND MEXICO  
HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION  
ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**WORK PROGRAM FOR 1994 - 1995**

**1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS COORDINATION**

**A. SATELLITES**

- 1) Continue work on procedures to facilitate the coordination of earth stations in the 2, 6, and 7-8 GHz bands in accordance with No. 1107 of the International Telecommunication Union Radio Regulations.
- 2) Facilitate the coordination in accordance with the International Telecommunication Union Radio Regulations of:
  - a) The Fixed Satellite Service Systems of both countries implemented in accordance with the Trilateral Arrangement on Orbital Positions,
  - b) Systems for Mobile Satellite Services at 1.5/1.6 GHz of both countries;
  - c) Low Earth Orbit Satellite Systems in bands around 137/148 MHz and, as appropriate, 1610/2483 MHz, with the intent to conclude agreements; and
  - d) Digital Audio Broadcasting Satellite Systems at 1.5 GHz and 2.3 GHz in order to conclude agreements.
- 3) In accordance with Article XIV-D of the INTELSAT Agreement, the two countries will enter into joint consultation, as appropriate, on their proposed respective satellite systems;
- 4) Exchange information on the regulation of Satellite News Gathering (SNG) transportable earth stations and conclude negotiations in order to sign a protocol for SNG cross border operation between the two countries on a temporary occasional use basis;



- 5) Establish discussions to review positions on INTELSAT and INMARSAT issues, including their organizational structures and the use of separate satellite systems.

**B. BROADCASTING**

- 1) Adopt a verification schedule for the AM stations in the band 535 - 1605 kHz and begin the station verification process;
- 2) Continue efforts to resolve cases of harmful interference with a goal of eliminating harmful interference;
- 3) Exchange views on initiatives to improve the quality of the AM broadcasting service;
- 4) Review and discuss the agreements in force concerning television in the VHF and UHF bands in order to determine suitable changes in the technical criteria to ensure acceptability of stations not complying with standardized parameters, in order to conclude a new agreement setting forth said changes;
- 5) Track progress on the implementation of the new FM agreement;
- 6) Exchange of information and discussion on the introduction of Advanced Televisions and High Definition Television, for the purpose of establishing the basis for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding enabling both Administrations to develop their services;
- 7) Exchange of information and discussion on the introduction of Terrestrial and Satellite Digital Audio Broadcasting, for the purpose of establishing the basis for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding enabling both Administrations to develop their services; and
- 8) Exchange information relating to technical standards and regulations with regard to competitive alternatives to conventional broadcasting including cable television, direct broadcasting satellite, and digital audio broadcasting.

**C. RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Analyze alternatives for providing cross-border traffic.

- 2) Exchange information and explore how to address the use of unlicensed devices/systems for cross-border telecommunications, particularly those using spread spectrum modulation techniques.
- 3) Conclude discussions on the Protocol concerning the paging service in the 929-930 and 931-932 MHz bands along the common border.
- 4) Conclude discussions on the Protocol concerning the use of the 932.5-935 and 941.5-944 MHz bands along the common border.
- 5) Initiate discussions aimed at reaching agreements for the use of bands for fixed wireless telephony and future personal communications services (PCS).
- 6) Initiate negotiations in order to sign a protocol on the use of the 901-902, 930-931 and 940-941 MHz bands by Mobile Services.
- 7) Exchange information and initiate negotiations in order to sign a protocol on the use of the 1850-2110 MHz band by Mobile and Mobile Satellite Services;
- 8) Continue discussions aimed at establishing one or more protocols on the coordinated use of the following bands recognizing the different service types in each country (e.g., private radiotelephony, and mobile uses) and, where applicable, the introduction of reduced channel spacing to enhance capacity:
  - 3 - 30 MHz
  - 30 - 50 MHz
  - 148 - 150 MHz
  - 150 - 162 MHz
  - 162 - 174 MHz
  - 406.1- 420 MHz
  - 450 - 470 MHz
  - 470 - 512 MHz
- 9) Exchange information on sharing of Interactive Video and Data Services in the band 218-219 MHz.
- 10) Exchange information and begin discussions on modern communications systems for land transportation (for example, "Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems").
- 11) Initiate negotiations in order to sign a protocol on the use of frequency

bands used by the Aeronautical Mobile, Aeronautical Radionavigation and Aeronautical Satellite Services;

- 12) Exchange information on how to develop a common procedure for the electronic exchange of data between Mexico and the U.S.A. on a regular basis in support of agreements and protocols on coordination.

## **II. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING**

- 1) Cooperation on training in telecommunications topics, particularly and as a first stage, concerning measurements, standardization and certification, spectrum management and monitoring, signal analysis and propagation measurement techniques.
- 2) Cooperation in the identification of options and the establishment of programs for the development of technical projects and training support between the U.S. NTIA/Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and the Mexican Communications Institute, including the participation of other institutions.

## **III. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **A. INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION ACTIVITIES**

- 1) Coordinate preparations for and participation in the Plenipotentiary Conference, including possibly a bilateral meeting;
- 2) Coordinate preparations for participation in the 1995 World Radiocommunications Conference and the Council meeting; and
- 3) Coordinate follow-up activities resulting from the World Telecommunication Development Conference.

### **B. CITEL**

Coordinate preparations for and participation in CITEL meetings.

## **IV. MIXED COMMISSION**

- 1) Work to conclude a bilateral agreement regarding the functions of the Mixed Commission (CMERAR); and,

- 2) Consider which decisions, among those adopted by the Commission, need to be formalized between both countries.

**V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON REGULATORY AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUES**

**A. ACCOUNTING RATES**

Initiate discussions with regard to costing methodologies, and regulatory and policy questions affecting settlement rates and tariffs.

**B. COMPETITION/INTERCONNECTION**

Initiate discussions with regard to methods of promoting competition through interconnection and other regulatory structures and processes.

**C. GLOBAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

Initiate discussions on bilateral cooperation in developing the Global Information Infrastructure (GII), focussing on how to foster private investment, competition, open access to the network, appropriate and flexible regulation, and universal service. Discuss applications of telecommunications to education, health, the environment, and the interconnection of libraries through telecommunications.

**D. OTHER EXCHANGES**

Continue to exchange information on other legislative, regulatory, and policy issues in telecommunications, trends in technology, licensing issues, and operational aspects of communications services, including experimental authorizations and new services.

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**UNITED STATES-MEXICO  
HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MORELIA, MEXICO APRIL 25-26, 1996**

Last Friday the United States and Mexico concluded a very successful fifth meeting of the High Level Consultative Commission on Telecommunications in Morelia, Mexico. The meeting concluded with the signing of a communique, two protocols and work program for next year. Two days after the signing ceremony, negotiations were completed and the U.S. Ambassador to the United Mexican States, James R. Jones, signed an Agreement Concerning the Transmission and Reception of Signals from Satellites for the Provision of Satellite Services to Users in the U.S. and Mexico which promises important opportunities for U.S. businesses, consumers and programmers.

One of the protocols that was signed at Morelia concerned the use along the U.S./Mexico border of fifteen frequency bands allocated to the aeronautical radionavigation and aeronautical communications services. This protocol will allow the FAA to coordinate the use of frequencies in these bands, that are critical to the safety of commercial air traffic, with its counterpart (SENEAM) in Mexico. The other protocol that was signed concerned the use of selected frequency bands above 900 MHz by fixed point-to-point services.

The United States was represented at the meeting by Vonya B. McCann, United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State, Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and Don Gips, Deputy Chief of the International Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission. Undersecretary of Communications and Technological Development, Lic. Carlos Casasus Lopez Hermosa, represented the Government of Mexico.

At the Morelia meeting, the U.S. and Mexico governments discussed technical, regulatory and international communications and information policy issues. Issues that were discussed included the ITU Policy Forum, the Western Hemisphere Senior Telecommunications

Officials Meeting, and structural changes taking place in international telecommunications organizations. The U.S. and Mexico also discussed new technology and communication services being introduced and the necessity to work together to implement them in a compatible manner. The results of these discussions were reflected in a Work Program adopted for 1996-1997 which will follow through on the discussions that took place at Morelia.

Further information is contained in the "Morelia Communique", attached to this release.

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**Fifth Meeting of the United States - Mexico  
High Level Consultative Commission on Telecommunications**

**Morelia, Michoacan. 25-26 April 1996**

**Morelia Communique**

The United States - Mexico High Level Consultative Commission on Telecommunications (HLCC) concluded, on this day, its Fifth Meeting in Morelia, Michoacan.

Issues of great importance to both countries concerning telecommunications were addressed at the meeting, highlighting the fact that these meetings have moved the relations of the two countries closer, both on the bilateral level and within the international context -- and in the latter sense, coordination of both countries' work in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) fora was effected.

The Mexican delegation was led by Mr. Carlos Casassus López-Hermosa Subsecretario de Comunicaciones y Desarrollo Tecnológico, with the participation of Messrs. Jose Antonio Padilla Longoria, Coordinador de Relaciones Internacionales; Luis Miguel Alvarez Alonso, Director General de Redes y Radiocomunicación; Enrique Melrose Aguilar, Director General de Administración del Espectro; and Federico Gonzalez Luna Bueno, Director General de Sistemas de Difusión, all of them from the Secretariat of Communications and Transport.

The United States Delegation was headed by Ambassador Vonya B. McCann, U.S. Coordinator, International Communications and Information Policy of the Department of State; also participating were Mr. Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the Department of Commerce, and representing Chairman Reed Hundt of the Federal Communications Commission was Mr. Don Gips, Deputy Chief of the International Bureau.

The results achieved pursuant to the 1984 - 1995 Work Program were reviewed at this meeting. In this regard, the results obtained were very satisfactory and were reflected in the signing of the four operative agreements, referred to as Protocols, that are annexed to the Framework Agreement signed at the Fourth Meeting of the HLCC in Williamsburg, Virginia. These results

will be reported to the thirteenth meeting of the United States Mexico Binational Commission that will meet in Mexico City in May.

The work carried out pursuant to the Work Program established at the Fourth Meeting led to the signing of the following documents:

- Protocol on the Use of the 1850-1990 MHz Band for Personal Communications Services Along the Common Border;
- Protocol on the Use of the 901-902 MHz, 931-932 MHz, 940-941 MHz Bands, for Personal Communications Services Along the Common Border;
- Protocol on the Use of Channels in the 932.5 - 935 MHz and 941.5 - 944 MHz Bands for Fixed Point-to-Point Services Along the Common Border; and,
- Protocol on the Use of Bands Allocated to the Aeronautical Radionavigation Service and Aeronautical Communications Services Along the Common Border.

During the meeting, both countries exchanged views on important telecommunications issues including, among others, broadcasting, radiocommunications, and spectrum planning.

At the same time, both Delegations agreed to a telecommunications Work Program for 1996-1997, that is attached to this Communique and includes the basic issues related to satellites, broadcasting, radiocommunications, training, and international matters. The Delegations agreed that the Working Groups will continue to examine the key telecommunications issues that require cooperation and specific agreements.

It is important to point out that the work of the HLCC in 1996 - 1997 will take place during a period of great development in the telecommunications sector, within an environment of new telecommunications laws in both countries.

Additionally, it was recognized that the technological developments that are taking place on a global level in the field of telecommunications, such as low earth orbit satellite systems, personal communications systems, direct-to-home television, advanced television, and more, will require greater consideration by this HLCC. These issues will be the subject of future HLCC discussions.



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Both Administrations reaffirmed their desire to continue working in a coordinated manner at CITELE and the ITU. In particular, both countries agreed to intensify efforts to reach a successful Conclusion to the World Telecommunication Policy Forum in October.

Finally, the Delegation of the United States agreed to host the next meeting of the HLCC.

Signed at Morelia, Michoacan, on April 26, 1996.

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**UNITED STATES AND MEXICO  
HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION  
ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**WORK PROGRAM FOR 1996-1997**

**1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS COORDINATION**

**A. SATELLITES**

- 1) Continue development and implementation of procedures to facilitate the coordination of earth stations in the 2, 6, and 74 GHz bands in accordance with No. 1107 of the International Telecommunication Union Radio Regulations.
- 2) Continue discussions and work toward the conclusion of a protocol permitting the use and operation of mobile earth terminals using satellites of either country.
- 3) Conclude negotiations in order to sign a protocol for the provision of Direct-to-Home and Broadcasting-Satellite services using satellites of either country.
- 4) Facilitate the coordination in accordance with the International Telecommunication Union Radio Regulations of:
  - a) The Fixed Satellite Service Systems of both countries implemented in accordance with the Trilateral Arrangement on Orbital Positions;
  - b) Systems for Mobile Satellite Services at 1.5/1.6 GHz of both countries;
  - c) Low Earth Orbit Satellite Systems in bands around 137/148 MHz and, as appropriate, 1610/2483 MHz, with the intent to conclude agreements; and
  - d) Digital Audio Broadcasting Satellite Systems at 1.5 GHz and 2.3 GHz with the intention of reaching agreements.
- 5) In accordance with Article XIV-D of the INTELSAT Agreement, the two countries will enter into joint consultation, as appropriate, on their proposed respective satellite systems;
- 6) Continue to exchange information on the regulation of Satellite News Gathering (SNG) transportable earth stations and conclude negotiations in order to sign a protocol for SNG cross border operation between the two countries on a temporary basis;
- 7) Continue discussions to review positions on INTELSAT and INMARSAT issues, including their organizational structures and the use of separate satellite systems;

## **B. BROADCASTING**

- 1) General - Continue efforts to resolve cases of harmful interference with a goal of eliminating harmful interference.
- 2) AM Radio
  - a) Continue verification of databases of AM stations in the band 535 -1605 kHz.
  - b) Exchange views on initiatives to improve the quality of the AM broadcasting service
  - c) Exchange information on the introduction of the AM expansion band (1605 -1705 kHz) in both countries.
- 3) FM Radio - Evaluate results of full implementation of the FM agreement.
- 4) Television
  - a) Continue to exchange information relevant to the introduction of Advanced/Digital Television in both countries.
  - b) Review and discuss the agreements in force concerning television in the VHF and UHF bands in order to determine changes in the technical criteria to provide for fuller use of the bands including accommodation of: (i) stations operating at low power on a non-interference basis, and (ii) the introduction of Advanced/Digital television.
- 5) Exchange information and discuss the introduction of Terrestrial and Satellite Digital Audio Broadcasting, for the purpose of establishing the basis for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding enabling both Administrations to develop their services; and
- 6) Exchange information relating to technical standards and regulations with regard to competitive alternatives to conventional broadcasting including cable television, direct broadcasting satellite, and digital audio broadcasting.

## **C. RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Analyze alternatives for providing cross-border traffic.
- 2) Establish a regularized exchange of information on spectrum planning developments in each country in order to identify situations where joint initiatives of introducing new technologies may benefit both countries.
- 3) Exchange information and explore how to address the use of non-licensed

devices/systems including those using spread spectrum modulation techniques and considering cross-border telecommunications applications.

- 4) Continue discussions aimed at establishing one or more protocols on the coordinated use of the following bands, recognizing the different service types in each country (e.g., private radiotelephony, and mobile uses) and, where applicable, the introduction of reduced channel spacing to enhance capacity:
  - \* 138-144 MHz
  - \* 148-150 MHz
  - \* 150-162 MHz
  - \* 162-174 MHz
  - \* 380-400 MHz
  - \* 406.1-420 MHz
  - \* 450-470 MHz
  - \* 470-512 MHz
- 5) Review the progress regarding the implementation of PCS services in the 1850-1990 MHz band including a) cross border PCS operations, and b) the interaction with and/or relocation of resident fixed point to point operations in the band, with a view toward finding measures both Administrations can take to facilitate the rapid establishment of a homogeneous PCS infrastructure.
- 6) Continue the exchange of information and begin discussions on modem communications systems for land transportation (for example, "Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems").
- 7) Continue negotiations on the use of the bands 929-930 MHz and 931-932 MHz for Paging services along the common border with a view to concluding a protocol as soon as possible.
- 8) Exchange information relative to the introduction of Local Multipoint Distribution Services in each Country within the bands 27.5 - 29.5 GHz.
- 9) Exchange information relative to the introduction of new services and applications using frequency bands above 30 GHz.

## **II. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

- 1) Continue the development of a common procedure for the electronic exchange of data between Mexico and the USA on a regular basis in support of agreements and protocols on coordination.
- 2) Begin to discuss and coordinate efforts to increase mutual access to

information on telecommunications regulatory and policy matters through electronic networks such as the INTERNET.

### **III. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING**

Formalize a program of technical co-operation and training, subject to funding limitations, orienting it to topics of common interest in the area of telecommunications and information technologies through activities such as: telecommunication postgraduate studies; information exchange programs on topics of interest to both parties; and development of engineering projects.

### **IV. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

#### **A. INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION ACTIVITIES**

- 1) Coordinate preparations for and participation in the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference, including possibly using bilateral or hemispheric fora for such effort;
- 2) Coordinate preparations and participation in the 1997 World Radiocommunication Conference;
- 3) Coordinate preparations and follow-up for the World Policy Forum.

#### **B. CITEL, APEC and OECD**

- 1) Coordinate preparations for and participation in CITEL, APEC and OECD meetings,
- 2) Discuss and coordinate efforts to encourage CITEL (in particular COMICITEL) and APEC to work on issues dealing with fostering liberalization and competition in telecommunications markets in the Americas and in the Asia-Pacific region,
- 3) Begin to coordinate preparations and participation in the next CITEL General Assembly.

#### **C. SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS**

- 1) Exchange views and coordinate efforts with regard to hemispheric implementation of telecommunications-related provisions of the Summit of the Americas Plan of Action;
- 2) Coordinate preparations for and participation in the 1996 Senior Telecommunications Officials Meeting. Work to encourage high-level participation in the 1996 Senior Telecommunications Officials Meeting.

**D. PARTICIPATION IN WTO**

Continue to coordinate participation in meetings of the WTO with respect to telecommunications matters.

**V. MIXED COMMISSION**

Consider which decisions, among those adopted by the Commission, need to be formalized between both countries.

**VI. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON REGULATORY AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUES**

**A. ACCOUNTING RATES**

Continue discussions and exchange of information and cooperation with regard to accounting rates and accounting rate policies including alternatives to accounting rates in an increasingly competitive telecommunications markets.

**B. COMPETITION AND INTERCONNECTION POLICIES**

Continue discussions, exchange of information and cooperation on regulatory and interconnection policies to foster more competition in telecommunications markets.

**C. UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND RATE REBALANCING**

Continue discussions, exchange of information and cooperation on policies that foster universal service and rate rebalancing in increasingly competitive telecommunications markets.

**D. GLOBAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

Continue discussions on bilateral cooperation in developing the Global Information Infrastructure. Discuss applications of telecommunications to education, health, the environment and interconnection of libraries.

**E. OTHER EXCHANGES**

Continue to exchange information on other legislative, regulatory, and policy issues in telecommunications, trends in technology, licensing, and operational aspects of communications services, including experimental authorizations and new services.

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