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**MEXICO, HOST FOR THE WORKS OF THE XXIV MEETING OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTING COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

- The meeting took place in the city of Merida from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The Committee discussed topics related to identifying new frequency bands for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) which are suitable to implement technologies associated to providing mobile broadband services and over the frequency bands used for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) services at a regional level

From September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup> this year the XXIV Meeting of the Permanent Consulting Committee II (XXIV *Reunión del Comité Consultivo Permanente II*, CCPII), Radiocommunications, of the Interamerican Telecommunications Commission (*Comisión Interamericana de Telecomunicaciones*, CITEL), a forum in which, among other works, a number of preparatory papers were presented to reach first a regional level, and then a world level agreement on potential modifications to the Radiocommunications Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) which holds a status of International Treaty .

Mexico is a main actor in this forum at a regional level regarding telecommunications and broadcasting, and therefore, as it was appointed as the host for this Meeting, the importance that our country gives to discussing and analyzing these topics is acknowledged.

CITEL is the advisory body to the Organization of American States (OAS), having as mission the integrated and sustainable promotion of telecommunications. The CCPII, its advisory committee, fosters the planning, coordination, harmonization and efficient use of radio spectrum, as well as of

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the geostationary and non-geostationary satellite orbits for radiocommunications services, including broadcasting.

The CCPII develops common positions and creates Interamerican proposals on Radiocommunications and Broadcasting established in World and/or Regional Conferences called under the auspices of the ITU. During the World Radiocommunications Conferences (*Conferencias Mundiales de Radiocomunicaciones*, CMR) the Radiocommunications Regulations, which rule the use of the radio spectrum and of orbital resources, are reviewed.

Furthermore, the Committee discussed topics related to identifying new frequency bands for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) which are suitable to deploy technologies associated to the supplying of mobile broadband services and over the frequency bands used for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) services at a regional level.

The work groups also discussed topics leading to improving satellite coordination procedures before the ITU to have access and an efficient use of orbital resources, in addition to subjects associated with broadcasting services, particularly on the future use of frequency bands released as a result of the transition process to digital television in this region.

For these purposes, 144 delegates of 20 Member States of the OAS were accredited for these work groups: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States of America, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay. The CCPII meeting was attended by administrations, associate members, officials and observers from CITEL.

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Works were concluded with the approval of the Meeting's Final Report.

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