

37th Meeting of the CITEL PCC.II

Virtual event

5 April 2021

Opening Speech

Mario Maniewicz
Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

Undersecretary of Communications and Transport of Mexico,
Chairman of PCC.II,
Vice-chairmen of PCC.II,
Executive Secretary of CITEL,

Dear participants and friends,

A very good morning to everyone.

I would like to thank CITEL, for inviting the BR to participate in the 37th Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II and for inviting me to give some opening remarks in this plenary session.

I always feel very at ease and very happy to address my Region [the Americas] and meet [even if virtually] my good friends.

Firstly, let me start by recognizing the importance of CITEL's Regional preparation for WRC-23 and RA-23, and the valuable contribution you provide in supporting the work of the ITU-R.

The development of studies, consolidation of common positions, and the cooperation amongst regional groups have been fundamental for the success of world radiocommunications conferences.

I also want to acknowledge the creation of the PCC.II Mentoring Program in coordination with the CITEL Chair to the Network of women for WRC-23.

This is an important step to increase the participation of women in leadership roles in CITEL and in the ITU-R.

Dear Colleagues,

As we move forward in this new 4 year-cycle, the work of the ITU-R Study Groups and their Working Parties is progressing well. I am pleased to observe the advancements made on the development of important draft new and revised ITU-R Recommendations and Reports.

In the Region the work also seems to be advancing on a steady pace, with the consolidation of Preliminary Views for most agenda items.

By the middle of the year the characteristics and parameters of service and applications will be provided. And learning from previous cycles we know how relevant it is for countries and Regions to use these parameters in order to conduct sharing and compatibility studies. That will then feed the development the draft CPM text.

Mr. Chairman,

A few weeks ago, marked one year since all our meetings and events went virtual. During this time, the ITU has made full use of the available technological resources to ensure ITU's core functions and services to members were maintained.

I recognize the challenges that virtual meetings pose. We all appreciated the benefits of informal discussions, and I know they were especially cherished in CITEL. But in a similar way that we adapted in so many aspects of our lives, we are also adapting to this new meeting environment.

We are continuously striving to make virtual meetings as productive as possible and finding ways of enabling more offline discussions and progress between meetings.

Responding to discussions from the RAG meeting of 2020, I am very pleased to confirm that we have recently restored the meetings of Chairmen and Vice-

Chairmen of the Radiocommunication Study Groups and Working Parties, or CVC meeting as we call it. I believe that restoring the group of ITU-R leadership will help the work of the study groups to progress smoothly.

As you can see, we are fully committed to keeping the work toward the WRC-23 on track and holding the Conference on schedule.

I am confident that with your support and with your spirit of collaboration the WRC process will continue advancing as planned – even in virtual meetings, and even for those agenda items that by nature are more contentious.

We recognize that services and industries rely on our work and on the regulatory certainty provided by the Radio Regulations for their development. And postponing the WRC will be of no benefit.

So, let us concentrate our efforts and continue working together without delay or distraction to ensure efficient and effective preparations for WRC-23. We are looking forward to seeing you all in person very soon and being at the UAE in 2023.

Dear Friends,

If we were living in a normal situation, I would tell you that the door of my office is always open. Now in this virtual setting, I assure you that I can be equality reached by an email or a phone call.

I am available to support you throughout the study cycle. So, feel free to contact me if you need my support.

Delegates and regional leaders are also more than welcome to bring their ideas or suggestions to ameliorate the process towards WRC-23 as well as the decision-making process during the next conference.

I am counting on you and please also count on me along the path to WRC-23.

Mr. Chairman,

I understand that this PCC.II meeting covers topics that go beyond the preparation for World Radiocommunication Conferences, and you have an extensive agenda ahead of you. So, let me conclude by wishing you a productive meeting and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you very much.