

VIDEOCONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA WORKING GROUP

October 10, 2012

Lima, Peru

NOTES OF THE MEETING

On October 10, 2012, the Videoconference of the Communications in South America Working Group was held, led by the delegation of Peru as COSIPLAN Pro Tempore President, with the participation of delegations from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay. The Agenda of the meeting is enclosed as Annex 1.

Following the agenda, the representative of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) presented the background and the current condition of the management of the South American Broad Band Network Technical Cooperation (TC). Some of the aspects covered were the chronological sequence of the TC process, its characteristics, components and the procedures followed by the Bank in this kind of operation.

On this base, the different delegations participated in a debate where they expressed the lack of decision agreed among all countries to request the TC, the impossibility to approve it, and the need to elucidate certain topics for that purpose, such as: the procedures, the priorities, the origin of the funds, and the mechanisms to apply and administer the resources. Additionally, they upheld the need to discuss the topic in the next meeting of COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee.

Finally, they reached the following agreements:

1. Include the CT in the Agenda of COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee, on November 15, 2012 in the city of Lima.
2. The PTP will send the national delegations the existing documents on the TC.
3. The IADB will prepare a document explaining the procedure to be followed in preparing the TC, which will be sent before October 31, to be analyzed by the countries.

Annex 1: Agenda Videoconference

Annex 2: List of participants