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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| COST RECOVERY FOR THE PROCESSING OF SATELLITE NETWORK FILINGS | |

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| Summary  This document presents a status report on the implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings (Decision 482 (modified 2017)).  Action required  The Council is invited to **note** the report.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*Resolution 91 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)*](http://www.itu.int/council/Basic-Texts/ResDecRec-PP10-e.docx#res91)*;* [*Council Decision 482 (modified 2017)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0135/en)*;*  *Documents* [*C17/11*](http://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0011/en)*,* [*C17/16*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0016/en)*,* [*C18/11*](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0011/en) |

1. Council 2012 approved modifications to Decision 482 relating to exemption from any charge for submissions under resolves 3 and 4 of Resolution 555 (WRC-12) with a date of entry into force on 14 July 2012. Subsequently, Council 2013 approved the modification for the implementation of cost recovery for consolidation of frequency assignments in the MIFR of different GSO networks submitted by an administration (or an administration acting on behalf of a group of named administration). Council 2017 approved modifications consequential to the WRC-15 decision to modify Section I of Article 9 of the Radio Regulations concerning the advance publication of information on satellite networks or satellite systems, while noting that WRC-15 decision has no financial impact on Decision 482. Decision 482 (modified 2017) entered into force on 1 July 2017.

2. Table 1 below provides relevant information regarding the application of Decision 482 for 2016 and 2017, in particular the percentage of invoices issued in 2016/2017 and paid in a timely manner − amounting to more than 99 per cent.

**Table 1 - Status of the implementation of Decision 482 for 2016-2017**

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|  |  | **2016** | **2017** |
| Total invoices issued\* (including free entitlement) | CHF | 17’688’111 | 18’865’668 |
| Free entitlement | CHF | 1’613’935 | 1’637’826 |
| Payments received\*\* | CHF | 14’844’494 | 17’559’424 |
| Percentage of invoices issued in 2016/2017, due by 31.12.2017 and having been paid | | | > 99% |

\* 99 *per cent of the invoices were paid in a timely manner. Invoices are payable within six months of the date of issue.*\*\* *The payments received include invoices issued in previous years.*

3. A separate document (Document [C18/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0011/en)) provides information on the status of arrears and special arrears accounts at 31 December 2017, actions taken with a view to the settlement of arrears and special arrears accounts, and implementation of Resolution 41 (Rev. Busan, 2014), which includes satellite network filings, pursuant to Decision 10 (Antalya, 2006), and Decision 545 (C-07).

4. The implementation of Decision 482 (C-05), and subsequently Decision 482 (modified 2012), Decision 482 (modified 2013) and Decision 482 (modified 2017), by the Radiocommunication Bureau did not give rise to any administrative or operational difficulty either internally or with administrations notifying satellite network filings.

5. At its 2017 session, the Council instructed the Radiocommunication Bureau to submit a study on the technical issues arising in connection with processing of complex non-geostationary satellite (non-GSO) systems. This study can be found in Document [C18/36](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0036/en).

6. The Council is invited **to take note** of the status report on the implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings.

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