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COST RECOVERY APPLICABLE TO NON-GSATELLITE SYSTEMS FILINGS

The terms of reference of the Council Expert Group on Decision 482 request the group to focus its examination on Procedure B, proposed by the Radiocommunication Bureau, mainly on the cases of complex non-GSO satellite filings. The proposed Procedure B increases the Cost Recovery fee of filings with more than a to-be-determined number of units (‘breakpoint’, currently proposed as [1000] units) by charging a supplemental fee for each unit more than the breakpoint. Under this proposal, the proposed Cost Recovery fee will not change for filings with fewer units than the breakpoint ([1000] units). For filings of 1 to 100 units, the Cost Recovery fee will be the start fee plus the number of units multiplied by the fee per unit. For filings with more than 101 units, but less than the breakpoint, the Cost Recovery fee will be the flat fee. Filings with more units than the breakpoint ([1000] units) will be charged the flat fee plus a supplemental fee for each unit more than the breakpoint.

The French Administration is of the view that the Expert Group should study in more detail the relevance of the number of units of the ‘breakpoint’, currently proposed as [1000] units, to qualify the complex non-GSO satellite filings.

The proposed Cost Recovery fee under Procedure B will increase with the number of units and there is no upper bound. The French Administration is of the view that the Expert Group should consider a new mechanism to limit the Cost Recovery fee as the number of units becomes very large. The French administration considers that the Cost Recovery fee should be related to the real increase of the workload for the BR of the complex non-GSO filings.

Finally the French Administration is of the view that during the discussions on the entry into force of possible modifications to the cost recovery fee, the Expert Group considers the application of any changes to Cost Recovery charges of coordination requests (CR/C) with a date of receipt after the effective date of approved changes, and to Notifications which are associated with these coordination requests (CR/C) with a date of receipt after the effective date of approved changes.

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