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To Member States of ITU Council

Subject: **Consultations on outcomes of discussions of the Virtual consultation of councillors**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the Virtual consultation of councillors. The outcomes of this meeting are contained [DT/1\(Rev.3\)](#).

As you know, it was concluded by the councillors during this virtual consultation after constructive discussions that the following items, in light of their urgency, should be subject to a consultation by correspondence.

After consultation with the Vice-Chair of the Council and the Secretary-General, I would like to submit the following items for the decision of the Council by correspondence.

Changes of dates of WTSA-20

In view of the COVID -19 pandemic resulting on restrictions on work and travel, the administration of India proposed to reschedule the next WTSA from 23 February to 5 March 2021 after the Global Standards Symposium on 22 February 2021 and subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States.

In line with the relevant provisions of Article 3 of the Convention, and in particular provision No. 42, as well as Section 7 of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies, and Meetings of the Union relating to Change in the place or dates of a conference or an assembly, the Council shall determine the exact dates of a WTSA with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States.

Consequently, Member States of the Council are invited to confirm in writing their agreement for the new dates for World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20).

The decision of the Council on this matter will then be subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of ITU (as per No. 46 of the Convention).

Agenda for WRC-23

Pursuant to Nos 42 and 118 of the Convention, Member States of the Council are invited to inform the Secretary-General, in writing, whether they are in agreement with the agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) included in the draft resolution in [Annex 2](#) and they adopt the resolution.

The decision of the Council on this matter will then be subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of ITU (as per No. 46 of the Convention).

Cost Recovery for the processing of Satellite network Filings (D 482(MOD))

Keeping in mind that this item is urgent, Council Member States are invited to inform the Secretary-General, in writing, whether they approve the draft modified Decision 482 contained in [Annex 3](#).

Outcome on the Report of RA-19 and WRC-19

The councillors have considered the proposals in VC/9 and VC/11 regarding the implementation of Resolution 559 (WRC). Keeping in mind the urgency of the proposals, Council Member States are invited to inform the Secretary-General, in writing, whether they support the proposals made in documents [VC/9](#) and [VC/11](#).

Proposed dates and duration of the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council and the CWG clusters for 2020, 2021, and 2022

Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent as room reservations must be made as soon as possible in order to secure venue during the construction period of the new Union's Headquarters, Council Member States are invited to inform the Secretary-General, in writing, whether they confirm the dates for the 2021 and 2022 sessions of the Council and they approve the dates for the 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council, and the dates of the clusters of CWGs and EGs for 2020, 2021, and 2022 and adopt the draft Decision in [Annex 4](#).

List of candidatures for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWGs, EGs, IEGs

Keeping in mind that this item is urgent, Council Member States are invited to inform the Secretary-General, in writing, whether they approve the nominations of the following candidates as new chair and vice-chairs so that they may take up their functions as soon as possible.

- Ms Vernita Harris from the United States, as Chair of the CWG-FHR
- Ms Xian Persaud from the Bahamas, as Vice-Chair of the CWG-FHR from the Americas Region
- Ms Stella Chubiyo Erebor from Nigeria, as Vice-Chair of CWG-COP from the African Region
- Ms Renata Santoyo from Brazil, as Vice-Chair of CWG-WSIS&SDGs from the Americas Region
- Mr Cristian Ungureanu from Romania, as Vice-Chair of Expert Group on Decision 482 from the European Region.

I hereby invite Member States of the Council to reply to the consultation using the template in [Annex 1](#) by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int **not later than 31 July 2020**.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Dr Elsayed Azzouz
Chair of the Council

Annexes: 4

[Annex 1](#) – Consultation on outcomes of discussions of the Virtual consultation of councillors, 9-12 June

[Annex 2](#) – Draft Resolution: Agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23)

[Annex 3](#) – Decision 482 (Modified 2020): Implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings

[Annex 4](#) – Draft Decision: Dates and duration of the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council, along with the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for 2020, 2021, and 2022

ANNEX 1

Consultation on outcomes of discussions of the Virtual consultation of councillors, 9-12 June

Name of the Member State of the Council:

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| Subject | Reference document No. | Proposal | Yes | No |
|---|---|--|-----|----|
| Preparations for WTSA-20 | C20/24 VC/5 | Approve the change of date of WTSA-20 to 23 February-5 March 2021 | | |
| World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 | C20/55 | Approve the agenda for WRC-23 by adopting the Resolution in Annex 2. | | |
| Cost Recovery for the processing of Satellite network Filings (D 482(MOD)) | C20/16 DT/2 | Approve the draft modified Decision 482 contained in Annex 3. | | |
| Report on RA-19 and WRC-19 (implementation of Res. 559) | C20/27 VC/11 VC/9 | Support the request made in VC/11. | | |
| | | Support the request made in VC/9. | | |
| Proposed dates and duration of the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council and the CWG clusters for 2020, 2021, and 2022 (Res. 77, 111, D 612) | C20/2 | Adopt the draft Decision contained in Annex 4. | | |
| List of candidatures for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWGs, EGs, IEGs | C20/21(Rev.2) | Approve the nominations of: | | |
| | | - Ms Vernita Harris from the United States, as Chair of the CWG-FHR | | |
| | | - Ms Xian Persaud from the Bahamas, as Vice-Chair of the CWG-FHR from the Americas Region | | |
| | | - Ms Stella Chubiyo Erebor from Nigeria, as Vice-Chair of CWG-COP from the African Region | | |
| | | - Ms Renata Santoyo from Brazil, as Vice-Chair of CWG-WSIS&SDGs from the Americas Region | | |
| | | - Mr Cristian Ungureanu from Romania, as Vice-Chair of Expert Group on Decision 482 from the European Region | | |

Councillors are kindly invited to send the reply by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int not later than 31 July 2020.

ANNEX 2

Reference: [Document C20/55](#)

DRAFT RESOLUTION [...]

Agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23)

The ITU Council,

noting

that Resolution 811 of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Sharm el Sheikh, 2019):

- a) resolved to recommend to the Council that a world radiocommunication conference be held in 2023 for a maximum period of four weeks;
- b) recommended its agenda, and invited the Council to finalize the agenda and arrange for the convening of WRC-23 and to initiate as soon as possible the necessary consultation with Member States,

resolves

to convene a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) in 2023, preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly, with the following agenda:

1 on the basis of proposals from administrations, taking account of the results of WRC-19 and the Report of the Conference Preparatory Meeting, and with due regard to the requirements of existing and future services in the frequency bands under consideration, to consider and take appropriate action in respect of the following items:

1.1 to consider, based on the results of the ITU-R studies, possible measures to address, in the frequency band 4 800-4 990 MHz, protection of stations of the aeronautical and maritime mobile services located in international airspace and waters from other stations located within national territories, and to review the pfd criteria in No. **5.441B** in accordance with Resolution **223 (Rev.WRC-19)**;

1.2 to consider identification of the frequency bands 3 300-3 400 MHz, 3 600-3 800 MHz, 6 425-7 025 MHz, 7 025-7 125 MHz and 10.0-10.5 GHz for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT), including possible additional allocations to the mobile service on a primary basis, in accordance with Resolution **245 (WRC-19)**;

1.3 to consider primary allocation of the band 3 600-3 800 MHz to mobile service within Region 1 and take appropriate regulatory actions, in accordance with Resolution **246 (WRC-19)**;

1.4 to consider, in accordance with Resolution **247 (WRC-19)**, the use of high-altitude platform stations as IMT base stations (HIBS) in the mobile service in certain frequency bands below 2.7 GHz already identified for IMT, on a global or regional level;

1.5 to review the spectrum use and spectrum needs of existing services in the frequency band 470-960 MHz in Region 1 and consider possible regulatory actions in the frequency band 470-694 MHz in Region 1 on the basis of the review in accordance with Resolution **235 (WRC-15)**;

1.6 to consider, in accordance with Resolution **772 (WRC-19)**, regulatory provisions to facilitate radiocommunications for sub-orbital vehicles;

1.7 to consider a new aeronautical mobile-satellite (R) service (AMS(R)S) allocation in accordance with Resolution **428 (WRC-19)** for both the Earth-to-space and space-to-Earth directions of aeronautical VHF

communications in all or part of the frequency band 117.975-137 MHz, while preventing any undue constraints on existing VHF systems operating in the AM(R)S, the ARNS, and in adjacent frequency bands;

1.8 to consider, on the basis of ITU-R studies in accordance with Resolution **171 (WRC-19)**, appropriate regulatory actions, with a view to reviewing and, if necessary, revising Resolution **155 (Rev.WRC-19)** and No. **5.484B** to accommodate the use of fixed-satellite service (FSS) networks by control and non-payload communications of unmanned aircraft systems;

1.9 to review Appendix **27** of the Radio Regulations and consider appropriate regulatory actions and updates based on ITU-R studies, in order to accommodate digital technologies for commercial aviation safety-of-life applications in existing HF bands allocated to the aeronautical mobile (route) service and ensure coexistence of current HF systems alongside modernized HF systems, in accordance with Resolution **429 (WRC-19)**;

1.10 to conduct studies on spectrum needs, coexistence with radiocommunication services and regulatory measures for possible new allocations for the aeronautical mobile service for the use of non-safety aeronautical mobile applications, in accordance with Resolution **430 (WRC-19)**;

1.11 to consider possible regulatory actions to support the modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System and the implementation of e-navigation, in accordance with Resolution **361 (Rev.WRC-19)**;

1.12 to conduct, and complete in time for WRC-23, studies for a possible new secondary allocation to the Earth exploration-satellite (active) service for spaceborne radar sounders within the range of frequencies around 45 MHz, taking into account the protection of incumbent services, including in adjacent bands, in accordance with Resolution **656 (Rev.WRC-19)**;

1.13 to consider a possible upgrade of the allocation of the frequency band 14.8-15.35 GHz to the space research service, in accordance with Resolution **661 (WRC-19)**;

1.14 to review and consider possible adjustments of the existing or possible new primary frequency allocations to EESS (passive) in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz, to ensure alignment with more up-to-date remote-sensing observation requirements, in accordance with Resolution **662 (WRC-19)**;

1.15 to harmonize the use of the frequency band 12.75-13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space) by earth stations on aircraft and vessels communicating with geostationary space stations in the fixed-satellite service globally, in accordance with Resolution **172 (WRC-19)**;

1.16 to study and develop technical, operational and regulatory measures, as appropriate, to facilitate the use of the frequency bands 17.7-18.6 GHz and 18.8-19.3 GHz and 19.7-20.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 27.5-29.1 GHz and 29.5-30 GHz (Earth-to-space) by non-GSO FSS earth stations in motion, while ensuring due protection of existing services in those frequency bands, in accordance with Resolution **173 (WRC-19)**;

1.17 to determine and carry out, on the basis of the ITU-R studies in accordance with Resolution **773 (WRC-19)**, the appropriate regulatory actions for the provision of inter-satellite links in specific frequency bands, or portions thereof, by adding an inter-satellite service allocation where appropriate;

1.18 to consider studies relating to spectrum needs and potential new allocations to the mobile-satellite service for future development of narrowband mobile-satellite systems, in accordance with Resolution **248 (WRC-19)**;

1.19 to consider a new primary allocation to the fixed-satellite service in the space-to-Earth direction in the frequency band 17.3-17.7 GHz in Region 2, while protecting existing primary services in the band, in accordance with Resolution **174 (WRC-19)**;

2 to examine the revised ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations communicated by the Radiocommunication Assembly, in accordance with *further resolves* of Resolution **27**

(Rev.WRC-19), and to decide whether or not to update the corresponding references in the Radio Regulations, in accordance with the principles contained in *resolves* of that Resolution;

3 to consider such consequential changes and amendments to the Radio Regulations as may be necessitated by the decisions of the conference;

4 in accordance with Resolution **95 (Rev.WRC-19)**, to review the Resolutions and Recommendations of previous conferences with a view to their possible revision, replacement or abrogation;

5 to review, and take appropriate action on, the Report from the Radiocommunication Assembly submitted in accordance with Nos. 135 and 136 of the Convention;

6 to identify those items requiring urgent action by the radiocommunication study groups in preparation for the next world radiocommunication conference;

7 to consider possible changes, in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks, in accordance with Resolution **86 (Rev.WRC-07)**, in order to facilitate the rational, efficient and economical use of radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary-satellite orbit;

8 to consider and take appropriate action on requests from administrations to delete their country footnotes or to have their country name deleted from footnotes, if no longer required, taking into account Resolution **26 (Rev.WRC-19)**;

9 to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention;

9.1 on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since WRC-19:

– In accordance with Resolution **657 (Rev.WRC-19)**, review the results of studies relating to the technical and operational characteristics, spectrum requirements and appropriate radio service designations for space weather sensors with a view to describing appropriate recognition and protection in the Radio Regulations without placing additional constraints on incumbent services;

– Review of the amateur service and the amateur-satellite service allocations in the frequency band 1 240-1 300 MHz to determine if additional measures are required to ensure protection of the radionavigation-satellite (space-to-Earth) service operating in the same band in accordance with Resolution **774 (WRC-19)**;

– Study the use of International Mobile Telecommunication system for fixed wireless broadband in the frequency bands allocated to the fixed services on primary basis, in accordance with Resolution **175 (WRC-19)**;

9.2 on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations; and¹

9.3 on action in response to Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC-07)**;

10 to recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda for the next WRC, and items for the preliminary agenda of future conferences, in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention and Resolution **804 (Rev.WRC-19)**.

¹ This agenda sub-item is strictly limited to the Report of the Director on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations and the comments from administrations. Administrations are invited to inform the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau of any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the Radio Regulations.

ANNEX 3

Reference: [Document VC/DT/2](#)

DECISION 482 (MODIFIED 2020)

Implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings

The Council,

considering

- a) Resolution 88 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings;
- b) Resolution 91 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on cost recovery for some products and services of ITU;
- c) Council Resolution 1113, on cost recovery for the processing by the Radiocommunication Bureau of space notifications;
- d) Document [C99/68](#) reporting on the Council Working Group on implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings;
- e) Document [C99/47](#) on cost recovery for some ITU products and services;
- ebis*) Document [C05/29](#) on cost recovery for the processing of satellite network filings;
- f) that WRC-03 and WRC-07 adopted provisions referring to Council Decision 482, as amended, under which a satellite network filing is cancelled if payment is not received in accordance with the provisions of this decision;
- g) that WRC-07 significantly revised the regulatory procedures associated to the fixed-satellite service Plan contained in Appendix 30B that entered into force as of 17 November 2007;
- h) that the date of entry into force of Decision 482 (modified 2005) was 1 January 2006,

recognizing

the practical experience of the Radiocommunication Bureau in implementing cost-recovery filing charges and the methodology as reported to the Council at its 2001 to 2007 sessions in accordance with Decision 482 as revised by the Council,

decides

1 that all satellite network filings concerning advance publication, their associated requests for coordination or agreement (Article 9 of the Radio Regulations (RR), Article 7 of Appendices 30/30A to the RR, Resolution 539 (Rev.WRC-19)), the use of the guardbands (Article 2A to Appendices 30/30A to the RR), requests for modification of the space service plans and lists (Article 4 of Appendices 30 and 30A to the RR), requests for the implementation of the fixed-satellite service plan (former Sections IB and II of Article 6 of Appendix 30B to the RR up to 16 November 2007), and requests for the conversion of an allotment into an assignment with modification which is beyond the envelop characteristics of the initial allotment, the introduction of an additional system, modification of the characteristics of an assignment in the List of Appendix 30B to the RR (Article 6 of Appendix 30B to the RR as from 17 November 2007) shall be subject to cost-recovery charges if, and only if, they have been received by the Radiocommunication Bureau on or after 8 November 1998;

1bis that all satellite network filings concerning notification for recording of frequency assignments in the Master International Frequency Register (Article 11 of the RR, Article 5 of Appendices 30/30A to the RR and Article 8 of Appendix 30B to the RR) received by the Radiocommunication Bureau on or after 1 January 2006 shall be subject to cost-recovery charges if, and only if, they refer to advance publication or modification of the space service plans or lists (Part A), requests for the implementation of the fixed-satellite service plan or requests for the conversion of an allotment into an assignment with modification which is beyond the envelop characteristics of the initial allotment, the introduction of an additional system, the modification of the characteristics of an assignment in the List of Appendix 30B to the RR, as appropriate, received on or after 19 October 2002;

1ter that all requests for the implementation of the fixed-satellite service plan (former Sections IA and III of Article 6 of Appendix 30B to the RR) shall be subject to cost-recovery charges if, and only if, they have been received by the Radiocommunication Bureau on or after 1 January 2006;

1quater that all requests 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 administrations) at the same orbital position into frequency assignments of a single satellite network received by the Radiocommunication Bureau on or after 1 July 2013, shall be subject to cost recovery charges;

2 that for each satellite network¹ filing communicated to the Radiocommunication Bureau, the following charges ²shall apply:

- a) for filings received up to and including 29 June 2001, Decision 482 (C-99) applies; these filings are charged at publication in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of publication;
- b) for filings received on or after 30 June 2001, but before 1 January 2002, Decision 482 (C-01) applies; these filings are charged at publication with a flat fee in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, and an additional fee (if any) according to the fee schedule in force at the date of publication;
- c) for filings received on or after 1 January 2002, but before 4 May 2002, Decision 482 (C-01) applies; the flat fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice, and the additional fee (if any), calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of publication, is payable after publication of the notice;
- d) for filings received on or after 4 May 2002, but before 31 December 2004, Decision 482 (C-02) applies; the flat fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice, and the additional fee (if any), calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after publication of the notice;
- e) for filings received on or after 31 December 2004 but before 1 January 2006, Decision 482 (C-04) applies; the flat fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice, and the additional fee (if any), calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after publication of the notice;
- f) for filings received on or after 1 January 2006 but before 1 January 2009 except those received under Appendix 30B as from 17 November 2007, Decision 482 (C-05) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice;
- g) for filings received on or after 1 January 2009, including those received under Appendix 30B as from 17 November 2007, but before 14 July 2012, Decision 482 (C-08) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice;

¹ In this decision, the term “satellite network” refers to any space system in accordance with No. 1.110 of the Radio Regulations.

² The fee per “unit” (see Annex) shall not be understood as a tax imposed on spectrum users. It is used here as a driver for the calculation of cost recovery relating to publication of satellite systems.

- h) for filings received on or after 14 July 2012, but before 1 July 2013, Decision 482 (C-12) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice;
- i) for filings received on or after 1 July 2013, Decision 482 (C-13) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice;
- j) for filings received on or after 1 July 2017, Decision 482 (C-17) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice;
- k) for filings received on or after 1 July 2018, Decision 482 (C-18) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice;
- l) for filings received on or after 1 July 2019, Decision 482 (C-19) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice;
- m) for filings received on or after 1 September 2020, Decision 482 (C-20) applies; the fee, calculated in accordance with the fee schedule in force at the date of receipt, is payable after receipt of the notice,

3 that the fee shall be regarded as a charge for a satellite network filing. There will be no charge for modifications which do not result in further technical or regulatory examination by the Radiocommunication Bureau, except modifications under *1quater* above, including but not limited to the name of the satellite/earth station and its associated satellite name, name of the beam, responsible administration, operating agency, date of bringing into use, period of validity, associated satellite (and beam) or earth station name;

4 that each Member State shall be entitled to the publication of special sections or parts of the BR IFIC (space services) for one satellite network filing each year without the charges referred to above. Each Member State in its role as the notifying administration may determine which network shall benefit from the free entitlement;³

5 that the nomination of the free entitlement for the calendar year of receipt by the Bureau of the satellite network filing based on the formal date of receipt of the filing shall be made by the Member State no later than the end of the period for payment of the invoice in *decides* 9 below. The free entitlement cannot be applied to a filing previously cancelled for non-payment;

6 that for any satellite network for which the advance publication information (API) was received prior to 8 November 1998, there will be no cost-recovery charges for the first coordination request referring to that API, regardless of when the Radiocommunication Bureau receives it. Any modifications received on or after 1 January 2006 shall be subject to a charge in accordance with *decides* 2 above;

7 that there will be no cost-recovery charges for any Part A submission involving the application of Article 4 of Appendices 30/30A received by the Bureau prior to 8 November 1998 or Part B submission involving the application of Article 4 of Appendices 30/30A where the associated Part A was received prior to 8 November 1998. Any request for publication in Part A received after 7 November 1998 under §4.3.5 up to 2 June 2000 and then §4.1.3 or §4.2.6 of Appendices 30/30A and corresponding Part B submitted under §4.3.14 up to 2 June 2000 and the §4.1.12 or §4.2.16 of Appendices 30/30A shall be subject to a charge in accordance with *decides* 2 above;

7bis that there will be no cost-recovery charges for any submission under §6.17 of Article 6 of Appendix 30B where the associated submission under §6.1 of that Article was received prior to 17 November 2007;

8 that the Annex (Schedule of processing charges) to this decision should be reviewed periodically by the Council;

³ A submission of filings under Article 4 of Appendix 30 and Appendix 30A in the Regions 1 and 3 Plans, referring to a single orbital position with the same satellite name and received on the same date shall be considered as one “satellite network” filing for the purpose of free entitlement.

9 that the payment of charges shall be made on the basis of an invoice issued upon receipt of the filing by the Radiocommunication Bureau and sent to the notifying administration or, at the request of that administration, to the satellite network operator in question within a period of a maximum of six months after issue of the invoice;

10 that any subsequent cancellation received by the Radiocommunication Bureau within 15 days of the date of receipt of the filing shall remove the obligation to pay the fee;

11 that publication of special sections or parts of the BR IFIC (space services) for the amateur-satellite service, the notification for recording of frequency assignments for earth stations, for the conversion of an allotment into an assignment in accordance with the procedure of former Section I of Article 6 of Appendix 30B, the addition of a new allotment to the plan for a new Member State of the Union in accordance with the procedure of Article 7 of Appendix 30B shall be exempt from any charges;

12 that the date of entry into force of Decision 482 (modified 2020) shall be 1 September 2020;

13 that the provisions of this decision need to be revised when further data from time recording are available,

recommends

that should Council revise the schedule in the Annex, any credits that may arise should be applied by the Bureau to subsequent invoices as requested by administrations,

encourages Member States

to develop domestic policies that will minimize the occurrence of non-payment and consequential revenue loss to ITU,

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

1 to enhance the Radiocommunication Bureau's electronic notice form software (SpaceCap) in order to enable the calculation of the best estimated charges associated with a satellite network filing of any type prior to its submission to ITU;

2 to submit an annual report to the Council on the implementation of this decision, including analyses of:

- a) the cost of the different steps of the procedures;
- b) the impact of the electronic submission of information;
- c) enhancement in quality of service, including, among others, reduction of the backlog;
- d) the costs of validating filings and requesting corrective action thereto; and
- e) difficulties encountered in applying the provisions of this decision,

3 to inform the Member States of any practice used by the Radiocommunication Bureau to implement the provisions of this decision and the rationale for that practice.

Annex: 1

ANNEX

Schedule of processing charges to be applied to satellite network filings received by the Radiocommunication Bureau on or after 1 September 2020

| Type | | Category | Flat fee per filing (in CHF) (≥ 100 units, if applicable) ^{e)} | Start fee per filing (in CHF) (< 100 units) | Fee per unit (in CHF) (< 100 units) | Cost-recovery unit |
|------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Advance publication (A) | A1 Advance publication of a non-geostationary-satellite network not subject to coordination under Section II of Article 9; Advance publication of inter-satellite links of a geostationary-satellite space station communicating with a non-geostationary space station provisionally not subject to coordination under Section II of Article 9 in accordance with the Rule of Procedure on No. 11.32, §6 (MOD RRB04/35). Note: Advance publication also includes the application of No. 9.5 (API/B special section) and will not be separately charged. | 570 | | | Not applicable |
| 2 | Coordination (C) | C1* Coordination request for a satellite network in accordance with No. 9.6 along with one or more of Nos. 9.7, 9.7A, 9.7B, 9.11, 9.11A, 9.12, 9.12A, 9.13, 9.14 and 9.21 of Section II of Article 9, §7.1 of Article 7 of Appendix 30, §7.1 of Article 7 of Appendix 30A and Resolution 539 (Rev.WRC-19). Note: Coordination also includes the application of, Nos. 9.1A, 9.53A (CR/D special section) and 9.41/9.42 and will not be separately charged. | 20 560 | 5 560 | 150 | Product of the number of frequency assignments, number of classes of station and the number of emissions, summed up for all frequency assignment groups |
| | | C2* Note: Coordination also includes the application of, Nos. 9.1A, 9.53A (CR/D special section) and 9.41/9.42 and will not be separately charged. | 24 620 | 9 620 | | |
| | | C3* Note: For coordination requests of a non-geostationary satellite network where the notifying administration has indicated that the different sub-sets of orbital characteristics would be mutually exclusive, the processing charges are separately computed for each of the sub-sets and thereafter added to produce the processing charge of the satellite network. | 33 467 | 18 467 | | |
| 3 | Notification (N) ^{a)} | N1* ^{d)} Notification for recording in the MIFR of frequency assignments to a satellite network subject to coordination under Section II of Article 9 (with the exception of non-geostationary-satellite network subject to No. 9.21 only). Note: Notification also includes the application of Resolutions 4 and 49, Nos. 11.32A (see footnote a), 11.41, 11.47, 11.49, Sub-section IID of Article 9, Sections 1 and 2 of Article 13, Article 14 and will not be separately charged. | 30 910 | 15 910 | 150 | Product of the number of frequency assignments, number of classes of station and the number of emissions, summed up for all frequency assignment groups |
| | | N2* Note: Notification also includes the application of Resolutions 4 and 49, Nos. 11.32A (see footnote a), 11.41, 11.47, 11.49, Sub-section IID of Article 9, Sections 1 and 2 of Article 13, Article 14 and will not be separately charged. | 57 920 | 42 920 | | |
| | | N3* Note: Notification also includes the application of Resolutions 4 and 49, Nos. 11.32A (see footnote a), 11.41, 11.47, 11.49, Sub-section IID of Article 9, Sections 1 and 2 of Article 13, Article 14 and will not be separately charged. | 57 920 | 42 920 | | |

| Type | Category | Flat fee per filing (in CHF) (≥ 100 units, if applicable) ^{e)} | Start fee per filing (in CHF) (< 100 units) | Fee per unit (in CHF) (< 100 units) | Cost-recovery unit |
|------|------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | N4 | Notification for recording in the MIFR of frequency assignments to a satellite network not subject to coordination under Section II of Article 9, or to a non-geostationary satellite network subject to No. 9.21 only. | 7 030 | | Not applicable |
| 4 | P1 | Part A Special Section for a proposed new or modified assignment in the Regions 1 and 3 List or feeder-link Lists of additional uses under §4.1.5 or proposed modification to the Region 2 Plans under §4.2.8 of Appendices 30 or 30A; or Part B Special Section for a proposed new or modified assignment in the Regions 1 and 3 List or feeder-link Lists of additional uses under §4.1.15 (except Part B special section related to the application of Resolution 548 (Rev.WRC-12)) or proposed modification to the Region 2 Plans under 4.2.19 of Appendices 30 or 30A ^{b)} . | 28 870 | | Not applicable |
| | P2 ^{d)} | Notification for recording in the MIFR of frequency assignments to space stations in the broadcasting-satellite service and its associated feeder-link in Regions 1 and 3 or Region 2 under Article 5 of Appendices 30 or 30A ^{b)} . | 11 550 | | |
| | P3 | Coordination request in accordance with Article 2A of Appendices 30 and 30A. | 12 000 | | |
| | P4 | Request for the conversion of an allotment into an assignment with modification which is beyond the envelop characteristics of the initial allotment, or for the introduction of an additional system, or for the modification of an assignment in the List in accordance with §6.1 of Article 6 of Appendix 30B; or request for inclusion of assignments into the List for converted allotment with modification which is beyond the envelop characteristics of the initial allotment, or for an additional system or for modified assignments in the List in accordance with §6.17 of Article 6 of Appendix 30B ^{c)} . | 25 350 | | |
| | P5 ^{d)} | Notification for recording in the MIFR of frequency assignments to space stations in the fixed satellite service under Article 8 of Appendix 30B. | 20 280 | | |

- a) Fees for Categories N1, N2 and N3 are applicable to the first notification of assignments that also contains a request to apply No. 11.32A. If the application of No. 11.32A is not requested, 70% of the indicated fees will apply, with the remaining 30% to be charged to a subsequent request, if any, for application of No. 11.32A.
- b) Under this category, taking account that a filing for the broadcasting-satellite service and its associated feeder link in Region 2 includes both the downlink (AP30) and the feeder link (AP30A), which are examined and published together, the total fee application to such filing shall be twice the fee indicated in the column "Flat fee per filing".
- c) Fees for a request in accordance with §6.17 of Article 6 of Appendix 30B also contains a possible subsequent request (resubmission) in accordance with §6.25. A request in accordance with §6.17 of Article 6 of Appendix 30B for a submission treated as that under §6.1 in accordance with §7.7 of Article 7 shall not be charged.
- d) For cases of 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 administrations) under Article 11 of the Radio Regulations, category N1 shall apply, for cases submitted under Appendices 30 or 30A, category P2 shall apply, and for cases submitted under Appendix 30B, category P5 shall apply.
- e) For non-geostationary satellite networks, the flat fee for categories C1, C2, C3, N1, N2 and N3 is applicable from 100 units to 25 000 units. From 25 000 units to 75 000 units, there is an additional fee per additional unit, equal to the flat fee divided by 50 000. Above 75 000 units, there is no additional fee per additional unit.

*** Definition of category for coordination (C) and notification (N)**

The category for coordination (C1, C2, C3) and for notification (N1, N2, N3) is related to the number of forms of coordination applicable to a particular satellite network coordination request or notification submission, as follows:

- C1 and N1 correspond to a satellite network filing referring to only one cost-recovery form of coordination (A, B, C, D, E or F). Both categories also include cases for which no form of coordination applies as a result of unfavourable finding under No. 11.31 of the Radio Regulations for all frequency assignments of the submitted filing, or cases including frequency assignments published for information only.
- C2 and N2 correspond to a satellite network filing referring to any two or three cost-recovery forms of coordination amongst A, B, C, D, E or F.
- C3 and N3 correspond to a satellite network filing referring to any four or more cost-recovery forms of coordination amongst A, B, C, D, E or F.

| Cost-recovery form of coordination | Individual Radio Regulations forms of coordination |
|---|---|
| A | No. 9.7 |
| B | AP30 7.1, AP30A 7.1 |
| C | No. 9.11, RS539 |
| D | Nos. 9.7B, 9.11A, 9.12, 9.12A, 9.13, 9.14 |
| E | No. 9.7A ⁴ |
| F | No. 9.21 |

⁴ Cost recovery for category C1 only. See also *decides* 11.

ANNEX 4

Reference: [Document C20/2](#)

DRAFT DECISION [...]

Dates and duration of the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council, along with the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for 2020, 2021, and 2022

The ITU Council,

bearing in mind

a) Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which *instructs the Council* “at each ordinary session, to schedule its next three ordinary sessions in June-July and to review the Council’s schedule on a rolling basis”;

b) Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which *resolves* “that the Union and the Member States of the Council should make every effort, as far as practicable, in order that the planned period of any Council session not be scheduled during a period which is considered a major religious period by a Member State of the Council”;

c) Decision 619 on Headquarters Premises adopted at the additional 2019 session of the Council,

recalling

Council Decision 612 confirming the dates for the 2021 and 2022 sessions of the Council,

considering

the need to schedule ordinary sessions of the Council as much as possible around the same time frame each year in order to facilitate the arrangement of other ITU events,

considering further

the need to organize the ordinary session of the Council within a Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) year early enough so to allow Council reports to be further considered at PP to be published in a reasonable time frame,

emphasizing

that scheduling the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups (CWGs & EGs), over the next three years, would not only improve the overall planning of ITU events, but also reduce the risk of overlapping,

acknowledging

the need to address the need for temporary conference and meeting facilities during the demolition and early construction phase of the project by producing a list of the needs, including dates of conferences and meetings during this period,

decides

1 that in 2020, the second cluster of CWGs & EGs will be held from Monday, 14 September to Friday, 25 September 2020;

2 that the 2021 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days and will hold its clusters of CWGs & EGs as follows:

- First cluster of CWGs & EGs: from Monday, 25 January to Friday, 5 February 2021
- **Council-21: from Tuesday, 8 June to Friday, 18 June 2021**
- Second cluster of CWGs & EGs: from Monday, 20 September to Friday, 1 October 2021;

3 that the 2022 ordinary session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days, and will hold its cluster of CWGs & EGs as follows:

- Cluster of CWGs & EGs: from Monday, 10 January to Friday, 21 January 2022
- **Council-22: from Tuesday, 22 March to Friday, 1 April 2022**, and shall have its final meeting on the Saturday before the start of the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference;

4 that the 2023 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days, as follows:

- **Council-23: from Tuesday, 11 July to Friday, 21 July 2023;**

5 that the 2024 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days, as follows:

- **Council-24: from Tuesday, 9 July to Friday, 19 July 2024;**

6 that the 2025 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days, as follows:

- **Council-25: from Tuesday, 1 July to Friday, 11 July 2025;**

7 that the 2026 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days, as follows:

- **Council-26: from Monday 4 May to Thursday, 14 May 2026.**
