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| 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 2020)).  The 2020 version of this report (C20/16) was presented to the VCC-1 which proposed to the next physical meeting of the Council that it be noted.  Action required  The Council is invited to **note** the report, as well as document [C20/16](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0016/en).  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*Resolution 91 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-091-E.pdf)*;* [*Council Decision 482 (modified 2020)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0070/en)*; Documents* [*C20/11*](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0011/en)*,* [*C20/16*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0016/en)*,* [*C20/DT/2*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-200609-TD-0002/en)*,* [*DM-20/1009*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01009/en)*,* [*DM-20/1011*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01011/en)*,* [*C21/11*](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0011/en) |

1. At its 2018 and 2019 sessions, Council revised Decision 482 in order to address several issues related to non-geostationary satellite systems. In June 2020, the Virtual Consultation of Councillors concluded that a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States should be organized about the approval of the draft revised Decision 482 containing modifications that were either consequential to decisions taken by WRC-19 or required to address a specific case of satellite network filings not covered by the Decision. The consultation of Council Member States was conducted from 26 June to 31 July 2020 (see Circular [DM-20/1009](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01009/en)). As a result of this consultation, Council Member States approved the modified Decision 482 as contained in Annex 4 of Circular [DM-20/1011](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01011/en) of 3 August 2020. Decision 482 (Modified 2020) entered into force on 1 September 2020.

**Report about the implementation of Decision 482 in 2019 and 2020**

2. Table 1 below provides relevant information regarding the application of Decision 482 for 2019 and 2020, in particular the percentage of invoices issued in 2019/2020 that were paid in a timely manner.

**Table 1 - Status of the implementation of Decision 482 for 2019-2020**

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|  |  | **2019** | **2020** |
| Total invoices issued\* (including free entitlement) | CHF | 13’270’978 | 16,638,605 |
| Free entitlement | CHF | 1’224’222 | 1,410,093 |
| Payments received\*\* | CHF | 12’952’961 | 13,882,532 |
| Percentage of invoices issued in 2019/2020, due by 31.12.2020 and having been paid | | | > 99% |

\* *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 [C21/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0011/en)) provides information on the status of arrears and special arrears accounts at 31 December 2020, actions taken with a view to the settlement of arrears and special arrears accounts, and implementation of Resolution 41 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), which includes satellite network filings, pursuant to Decision 10 (Antalya, 2006), and Decision 545 (C-07).

4. The implementation of Decision 482 (Modified 2020) by the Radiocommunication Bureau did not give rise to any substantive administrative or operational difficulty either internally or with administrations notifying satellite network filings.

**Information about complex/large non-geostationary satellite filings and exceptionally complex geostationary satellite filings as requested by Council 2019**

5. Since the entry into force of Decision 482 (Modified 2019) on 1 July 2019, the Radiocommunication Bureau has received 25 coordination requests of non-geostationary satellite systems exceeding 25 000 units (including a series of 20 coordination requests received on 7 October 2019 and having 45193 units per filing). It has also received a total of 25 coordination requests of non-geostationary satellite systems including at least two mutually exclusive configurations (19 of these requests were belonging to the 2019 series exceeding 25 000 units).

**Conclusion**

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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