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INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCE REVENUE COLLECTION

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| SummaryFollowing the approval of Decisions 600 and 601 at the Council 2017 session, ITU has been in the process of implementing these Decisions. This document summarizes proposed advice during last ITU-T SG2 meeting to the Director of TSB regarding International Numbering Resource revenue collection and the possibility of reclaiming International Numbering Resource where payment to the ITU is outstanding.Action requiredThe Council Working Group is invited to **note** the considerations provided in section 3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_References*Document* [*C17/133*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0133/en)*;* [*C17/134*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0134/en)*;* [*C18/100*](http://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0100/en)*;* [*CWG-FHR 9/1*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CLCWGFHR09-C-0014/en)*4;* [*CWG-FHR 9/15*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CLCWGFHR09-C-0015/en)*;* [*C19/47*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0047/en)*,* [*C19/120*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0120/en); [*C20/47*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0047/en); [*C21/47*](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0047/en); [*SG2-TD1146*](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02-210531-TD-GEN-1446) |

1. **Background**

Council Document [C21/47](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0047/en) contains an updated status report on implementation of Council Decisions 600 and 601 (UIFN, IIN).

Summary of the fee structure for the numbering resources mentioned in C21/47:

- **UIFN**: From 1 January 2018, the registration application fee is 300 Swiss francs per number. For non ITU-T and ITU-R Sector Members, an annual maintenance fee of 100 Swiss francs per number assigned or reserved is collected since 1 January 2018.

- **IIN**: According to Recommendation ITU-T E.118, to complete the registration procedure, ITU charges a registration fee. The registration fee is currently 150 Swiss francs per new IIN. Additionally, for non ITU-T and ITU-R Sector Members, the Applicant is required to pay an annual maintenance fee of 100 Swiss francs per IIN.

In addition, the list of ITU-T E.118 IINs for which the assignee contact is still in progress can be found on the following ITU web page:
<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/inr/forms/Pages/iin.aspx#assignee-contact-not-reachable>

Annex B to C21/47-E contains a list of UIFN service providers pending payment for 2018, 2019 and 2020. That annex is also attached to this document for completeness.

1. **ITU-T SG2 TD-1446-GEN**

During the ITU-T Q1/2 meeting (virtual, May 31 – 11 June 2021) [SG2-TD1363](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02-210531-TD-GEN-1363/en) was discussed. This contains a report of the progress on revenue generation from international numbering resources (INRs), duplicating Council Document C21/47-E.

During the review of the TD, it was noted that the difficulty in identifying contacts within organisations after a change in policy was an issue that Q1/2 had previously identified when the proposed change was reviewed. It was agreed to develop advice to the Director of TSB to provide additional information to Council on INR revenue collection. The advice is contained in [SG2-TD1446](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02-210531-TD-GEN-1446).

The advice was understood to be offered for the purpose of the ITU-T SG2 meeting on aspects under the remit of Q1/2, the participants were mindful of the need for the Director to consult with internal ITU departments on other aspects, such as the finance practices.

Sections 1 and 2 of [SG2-TD1446](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02-210531-TD-GEN-1446) are duplicated below:

1. **Advice to the Director of TSB**

Pursuant to Recommendation E.169.1 (see section 2 below) assignees have the responsibility to ensure payment of an annual maintenance fee. Further, pursuant to Recommendation E.190, the applicants must comply with the assignment criteria, which include adherence to all ITU-T Recommendations relative to each service.

SG2 advises the Director of TSB to present to Council, for its information, this document, whose section 2 contains detailed information on clauses applicable to reclamation in case of non-payment of fees.

SG2 also advises the Director of TSB to invite Council to instruct him to proceed as follows in case of non-payment of fees for numbering resources:

1. Send a request for payment within 90 days (if the contact information in the ITU-T database is incorrect, request the relevant Member State to assist in obtaining up-to-date contact information; if no up-to-date contact information can be obtained, send a notice of planned reclamation to the address in the database in accordance with step (c) below and proceed in accordance with step (d) below).
2. If no payment is received within 90 days, send a second request for payment within 60 days.
3. If no payment is received within 60 days, send a notice of planned reclamation if no payment is received within 30 days.
4. If no payment is received within 30 days, reclaim the resource (a notification of reclamation is sent to the assignee and the reclamation is published in the Operational Bulletin).
5. **Detailed information and applicable clauses from relevant Recommendations covering number reclamation**

Relevant provisions related to possible reclamation of resources in case of non-payment of fees are reproduced below.

**Applicable clauses under Recommendation E.169.1** ‘Application of Recommendation ITU-T E.164 numbering plan for universal international freephone numbers for international freephone service’

**Annex A: Applicant procedures**

This specifies that the applicant has the responsibility for the following:

m) Ensuring the payment of an annual maintenance fee.

**Applicable clauses under Recommendation E.190** ‘Principles and responsibilities used in the management, assignment and reclamation of E-Series international numbering resources.’

Relevant extracts from clauses within Recommendation E.190 follow.

**7.4 Applicant**

The applicantmust comply with the assignment criteria. This includes adherence to all ITU-T Recommendations relative to each service and the specific numbering resource being applied for. The resource administrator shall be notified of any changes in the resource assignment immediately as they occur. The applicant must also ensure they are entitled per the appropriate domestic regulations to operate in the area(s) they intend to provide service.

**7.5 Assignee**

The assignee is responsible for the effective and efficient management and use of that part of the resource which is under their purview. They must also ensure that the numbering resource they are assigned is only used for the purpose stated. International numbering resource must be returned if there is no longer a recognized need, or the resource is being used in a manner which differs from the stated purpose.

**8 Reconsideration process**

**8.1** If a request for a numbering resource assignment is subject to denial or numbering resource is subject to reclamation from an assignee, then a process shall be available for reconsideration of the TSB decision.

**8.2** The applicant shall be afforded the rationale for the request denial, and shall be given the opportunity to amend and re-submit an application to address the denial or reclamation rationale.

**8.3** If the applicant chooses to initiate the reconsideration process, the steps are:

– direct communication between the TSB and the applicant, if unresolved in a reasonable period of time;

– consultation between the TSB and the appropriate ITU-T Study Group.

**3. Consideration**

Further to publication of [SG2-TD1446](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02-210531-TD-GEN-1446), the TSB Director consulted with internal ITU departments, including the finance department. The proposed advice and elements in section 1 of [SG2-TD1446](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02-210531-TD-GEN-1446) were considered useful as they give a clear basis to deal with non-payment issues related to numbering resources.

The finance department would apply the timeframes mentioned above in its billing system when collecting revenue for INRs. This approach helps to ensure consistent and efficient implementation.

**Copy of Annex B of Council Document** **C21/47-E.**

**Annex B - list of UIFN service providers pending payment for 2018, 2019, and 2020****(with payment updates as of 26.07.2021)**

| **year** | **Amount** | **currency** | **UIFN quantity** | **Company's name** | **Country/Geographic Area** | **note** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2020 | 200.00 | CHF | 2 | Telefónica de Argentina S.A | Argentina |  |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~13,900.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~139~~ | ~~BICS SA~~ | ~~Belgium~~ | paid on 10.05.2021 |
| 2018 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | Telecom Itália Móbile S.p.A. (TIM) (ex-INTELIG Telecomunicações Ltda.) | Brazil |  |
| 2018 | 500.00 | CHF | 5 | Colombia Telecomunicaciones S.A. ESP - Telecom Colombia | Colombia |  |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~300.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~3~~ | ~~O2 Czech Republic a.s.~~ | ~~Czech Republic~~ | paid on 07.07.2021 |
| 2018 | 200.00 | CHF | 2 | Telia Eesti AS (formerly Elion Ettevõtted AS) | Estonia |  |
| 2018 | 200.00 | CHF | 2 | Télécom Développement | France | Altice/SFR |
| 2018 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | TelePassport AG | Germany | acquisition by *mobilcom-debitel GmbH* |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~400.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~4~~ | ~~PLANinterNET VoIP-GmbH~~ | ~~Germany~~ | paid on 23.04.2021 |
| 2019 | 400.00 | CHF | 4 | OTEGLOBE S.A. | Greece |  |
| 2018 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | Empresa Hondureña de Telecommunicaciones (HONDUTEL) | Honduras |  |
| 2018 | 400.00 | CHF | 4 | HKBN Enterprise Solutions HK Limited (ex-WTT HK Limited) | Hong Kong, China |  |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~16,600.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~166~~ | ~~PCCW - HKT~~ | ~~Hong Kong, China~~ | Paid on 21.07.2021 |
| 2018 | 14,000.00[partial payment:CHF 2800] | CHF | 140 | Bezeq International | Israel |  |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~6,800.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~68~~ | ~~Partner Land-Line Communications Solutions LP~~ | ~~Israel~~ | Paid on 26.07.2021 |
| 2018 | 1,000.00 | CHF | 10 | Eutelia S.p.A. | Italy | partially purchased by CloudItalia with no UIFN responsibility, however,3 UIFNs are reachable |
| 2020 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | JSC Kazakhtelecom | Kazakhstan |  |
| 2018 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | SIA LATTELEKOM | Latvia |  |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~400.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~4~~ | ~~Telia Lietuva AB / TEO LT, AB~~ | ~~Lithuania~~ | paid on 07.07.2021 |
| 2020 | 2,100.00 | CHF | 21 | Telekom Malaysia Berhad | Malaysia |  |
| 2018 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | Vodafone New Zealand | New Zealand |  |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~700.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~7~~ | ~~Cable & Wireless Panamá S.A.~~ | ~~Panama~~ | paid on 23.06.2021 |
| 2018 | 300.00 | CHF | 3 | Telefonica del Peru | Peru |  |
| 2018 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | Telecable de Asturias SA | Spain |  |
| 2018 | 900.00 | CHF | 9 | Tele 2 AB | Sweden |  |
| ~~2020~~ | ~~2,700.00~~ | ~~CHF~~ | ~~27~~ | ~~CAT Telecom~~ | ~~Thailand~~ | paid on 14.05.2021 |
| 2018 | 500.00 | CHF | 5 | Kingston communications/Affiniti | United Kingdom |  |
| 2018 | 300.00 | CHF | 3 | PRIMUS Telecommunications Ltd. | United Kingdom |  |
| 2019 | 100.00 | CHF | 1 | ComoreTel Limited | United Kingdom |  |
| 2018 | 5,600.00 | CHF | 56 | International Telcom Ltd. | United States |  |

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