



DECISION 531

(adopted at the ninth plenary meeting)

Additional corrective measures relating to cost recovery on satellite network filings for those satellite networks subject to Decision 513*

The Council,

considering

- a) the revision of the methodology and scale of charges for cost recovery of the processing of space notices established in Decision 482 modified by the Council at its 2002 session;
- b) that in Decision 513 the Council at its 2003 session agreed on the need to address this issue on a temporary basis, pending a review of the charging methodology by the Council at its 2004 session;
- c) that the Council at its 2004 session did not adopt a new charging methodology,

further considering

- a) that for filings subject to Decision 513, which covered multiple categories, the fee was calculated based upon the highest level of unit charge for the categories;
- b) that the application of Decision 513 still resulted in some invoices having values significantly higher than CHF 100 000,

finally considering

- a) the further need to provide some additional corrective measures regarding the deviations of the current charging methodology for processing space notices as set out in Decision 482 modified for very complex networks, leading to large invoices that may not be in line with the amount of work, which may not increase in a linear manner when the number of units is very large and/or the filing covers multiple categories,

* The payment of revised invoices will not reinstate any network which has been cancelled due to non-payment in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations.

decides

1 to invite the Council, at its 2006 session, to transmit this decision to the 2006 Plenipotentiary Conference, for consideration of the implementation of the corrective measures set forth in this decision for invoices issued for the 2002-2003 period, including:

- where the amount of an invoice relating to satellite networks subject to Decision 513, but excluding those networks in Categories 7 and 8 of Decision 482, exceeded CHF 100 000, the Bureau shall set the filing fee to be CHF 100 000;
- for those satellite networks affected by the first bullet above, and not nominated for the free entitlement, the Bureau would issue revised invoices for these filings and shall credit the responsible administration the difference in fees where payment has already been received;
- any credits arising from the application of the second bullet above shall be applied by the Bureau to currently issued but unpaid invoices or future invoices for satellite filings of that administration;
- the affected administrations shall advise the Bureau which invoices shall have the resulting credits applied to them;

2 to invite the Secretary-General to submit a report on this issue to the Council at its 2006 session.
