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| Comments relating to Document C20/27  This document brings to the attention of the Council issues related to the implementation of Resolution 559(WRC-19) raised by Tunisian administration.  The Article 44 of the ITU Constitution stipulates that: “*In using frequency bands for radio services, Member States shall bear in mind that radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary-satellite orbit, are limited natural resources and that they must be used rationally, efficiently and economically, in conformity with the provisions of the Radio Regulations, so that countries or groups of countries may have equitable access to those orbits and frequencies, taking account the special needs of the developing countries and the geographical situation of particular countries*”.  The Article 11 of the Appendix 30 stipulates that: “*The assignment of the beam TUN27200 is intended to ensure coverage of Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia, with the agreement of the countries concerned. If required, it may be used with the characteristics of the beam TUN15000*”.  The orbital slots reserved for developing countries were affected as a result of lack of resources for conducting proper coordination.  The World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) adopted the Resolution 559 that will help Administrations that have affected assignments in the Appendix 30, 30A plan, to replace them; thus cost recovery fees should not be applied.  The Resolution 559 (WRC-19) is intended to cover National territories of the concerned Administrations. By referring to this resolution, the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau assisted the concerned Administrations to find new orbital slots and associated frequency Spectrum.  As part of the results of agenda item 1.4 of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19), Tunisia submitted a proposal to replace the beam TUN27200 and sent it on 01 April 2020 to the Radiocommunication Bureau. However, the Radiocommunication Bureau did not accept it under the special procedure provided in Resolution 559 (WRC-19).  Tunisian Administration submitted the new assignment of the beam TUN27200 under the procedure provided in Article 4 of Appendices 30 and 30A.  Proposed way forward  In the response to the concerns mentioned above, Tunisia requests the Council to include in the minutes of the council meeting the following text:  “*the Council consultative virtual meeting held from 9-15 June 2020, has considered and appreciated the extensive efforts made by the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau for helping Administrations in Region 1 that are concerned by the Resolution 559 to identify suitable orbital slots and frequency spectrum (hereinafter referred to as Resolution 559 submissions) to replace the affected assignments in the Broadcasting Satellites Services Plan Appendix 30, 30A.*  *The Council instructs the Radiocommunication Bureau not to apply any cost-recovery fees for TUN27200 submission.”* | |