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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| COST RECOVERY FOR THE PROCESSING OF SATELLITE NETWORK FILINGS | |
| **Purpose**  This document presents the annual report on the implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings, pursuant to ITU Council Decision 482 (C01, last amended C20).  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited **to note** the report.  **Relevant links with the Strategic Plan**  Thematic priority – Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services.  Product and service offerings – Allocation and management of resources.  **Financial implications**  CHF 10 567 441 as revenue from satellite network filings.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*Resolution 91 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-091-E.pdf) *of the Plenipotentiary Conference;* [*Council Decision 482 (C01, last amended C20)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0070/en)*; Council documents* [*C22/11*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0011/en)*,*[*C22/16*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0016/en) | |

1. At its 2018 and 2019 sessions, the ITU Council amended Decision 482 in order to address several issues related to non-geostationary satellite systems. At its 2020 session, the Council approved a further amended [Decision 482](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0070/en), which entered into force on 1 September 2020.

**Report on the implementation of Decision 482 (C01, last amended C20) in 2021 and 2022**

2. Table 1 below provides relevant information regarding the application of Decision 482 (C01, last amended C20) for 2021 and 2022, in particular the percentage of invoices issued in 2021 and 2022 that were paid in a timely manner.

**Table 1. Status of the implementation of Decision 482 for 2021 and 2022**

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|  |  | **2021** | **2022** |
| Budgeted amount | CHF | 15 500 000 (Council Resolution 1396 (C19)) | 15 000 000  (Council Resolution 1405 (C21)) |
| Total invoices issued\* (less free entitlements) | CHF | 12 351 939 | 10 567 441 |
| Free entitlements | CHF | 1 461 379 | 1 301 909 |
| Payments received\*\* | CHF | 12 215 061 | 11 240 149 |
| Percentage of invoices issued in 2021 and 2022, due by 31/12/2022 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. Council Document [C23/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0011/en) provides information on the status of arrears and special arrears accounts as at 31 December 2022, which includes items related to satellite network filings.

4. The difference between the budgeted amounts of cost recovery and the actual invoiced amounts stems from a shift of balance between submissions of geostationary satellite networks and non-geostationary satellite systems. Submissions of geostationary satellite networks are generally subject to higher fees than those of non-geostationary satellite systems. Following discussions at the 2022 session of the Council, a study to assess whether the application of Decision 482 covers the actual costs of processing the satellite filings will be presented in a separate document.

5. The implementation of Decision 482 by the Radiocommunication Bureau has not given rise to any substantive administrative or operational difficulty either internally or with administrations notifying satellite network filings.

**Conclusion**

5. 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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