

Second Meeting of the Council Expert Group on Decision 482
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Opening Remarks

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Dear Chairman, dear colleagues,

I am glad to see all of you for the second meeting of the Council Expert Group on Decision 482. Most of you already have already spent almost two weeks here in Geneva for the Conference Preparatory Meeting of WRC-19 that ended this morning so I will try to be brief in these opening remarks.

The cost recovery mechanism for satellite filings that is contained in Decision 482 relies on a balance between appropriate recovery of the costs borne by the Bureau in processing the satellite filings submitted by Member States and predictability regarding the invoice to be issued to satellite operators.

The work of this Council Expert Group is focusing on “exceptional” satellite filings for which the amount of resources spent by the Bureau to process them greatly exceeds the average situation.

In preparation of the 2019 session of Council, it is essential that a solution is found to prevent a situation where a few filings use most of the resources of the Space Services Department of the Bureau, while paying the same fees as other usual satellite filings, because this situation is to the detriment of a timely processing of other satellite filings.

The Radiocommunication Bureau hopes that the information it has provided to this meeting will be helpful to you for the progress of your work.

I wish you a fruitful meeting.