

To the Chair of the CDF
International Finance Committee
Prof. Greg Bock

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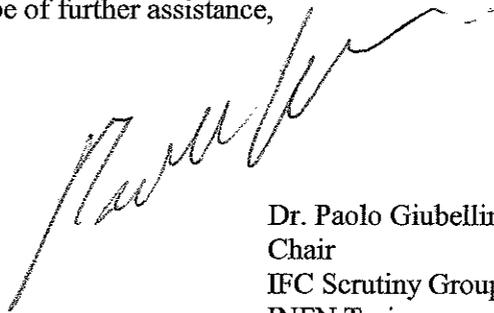
Dear Dr. Bock, I am writing to you on behalf of the Scrutiny Group you have nominated to examine the Operating Costs of the CDF experiment. We met with CDF representatives and examined the expenditures for the current FY and the projections for the coming one. The running costs of CDF mirror the stable conditions of operation of the apparatus, which has completed all foreseen upgrades, and are reasonable and well justified. I reported accordingly to the January 2011 IFC meeting. It should be also noted the positive attitude of the participating funding agencies, which have all responded positively to the calls for funding their share of the Operating Costs.

The outcome of our discussion round is an estimate of 2145 k\$ for the current FY, continuing the constant decline experienced in the past years. It is clear that the fairly sharp decrease in Operating Costs from last year is essentially due to the advance purchase of several consumables. The move is to be considered wise in front of the considerable volatility of the prices of raw materials. This sum can be considered appropriate and serve as base for invoicing the individual funding agencies. The agreed sharing principle is that each participating funding agency should be charged according to the number of PhD Physicists currently signing the CDF Physics publications. The latest count from CDF is 330 PhDs, lower than the number 373 of last year. This would translate into a share of 6500 \$ per Physicist, which exactly the maximum of 6.5 k\$ agreed by the funding agencies in 2006, while last year it slightly exceeded this limit.

The invoices to the funding agencies should therefore be based on the 6.5k\$/PhD Physicist principle.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance,

Sincerely Yours,



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