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COMPENSATION
FUNDS 1971 AND 1992

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71FUND/Circ.83
10 December 2004

MEETING DATES
28 February-4 March 2005 cancelled,
replaced with 14-23 March 2005

The conditions for the entry into force of the Supplementary Fund Protocol of 2003 were met on 3 December 2004 and the Protocol will enter into force on 3 March 2005. The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is required to convene the first Assembly of the Supplementary Fund within 30 days of the entry into force, ie between 3 March and 2 April 2005. The IOPC Funds will need to convene concurrent meetings of the 1992 Fund Assembly and the 1971 Administrative Council in order to take various decisions that affect the operation of the three Funds. The 1992 Fund Assembly will also need to consider the procedures for the election of the next Director.

Meetings of the 1992 Fund's Executive Committee and Working Group were originally scheduled for the week 28 February-4 March 2005 (documents 92FUND/WGR.3/23, paragraph 16.2 and 92FUND EXC.26/11, paragraph 4.2). Unfortunately, due to a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation, it is not possible for IMO to make the week of 7-11 March 2005 available for IOPC Funds meetings. After consultation with the relevant Chairpersons, it has therefore been decided to postpone the meetings scheduled for the week of 28 February - 4 March 2005 and instead to hold all the necessary meetings during the period 14-23 March 2005, which will be more efficient in terms of total meeting days.

Good Friday falls on 25 March 2005 and it is recognised that holding meetings in the week before Easter will be inconvenient to some delegates. However, it will be more convenient for those delegates in distant countries who would otherwise have had to travel to London for two separate meeting weeks within a short period of time.

Invitations and agendas for the meetings will be sent out shortly.
