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To: 1992 Fund Member States
Supplementary Fund Member States
Former 1971 Fund Member States
States with observer status
Organisations with observer status

Subject: **1992 Fund 6th intersessional Working Group**

At the 6th session of the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 14th session of the 1992 Fund Assembly, the Administrative Council decided to establish the 6th intersessional Working Group to consider the procedures for the assessment of large numbers of claims for relatively small amounts, in particular where claimants could not prove their losses, and also the question of the funding of interim payments by insurers.

The terms of reference for the intersessional Working Group were approved by the Administrative Council and can be found at Annex II to the Record of Decisions of the October 2009 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies (document IOPC/OCT09/11/1). Further background information on the issues which the Working Group will be dealing with can be found in documents IOPC/OCT09/4/2/Rev.1, submitted by the Director, and IOPC/OCT09/10/1, submitted by the International Group of P&I Clubs.

The Working Group, under the chairmanship of Mr Volker Schöfisch (Germany), will report its (initial) findings and/or recommendations to each regular session of the 1992 Fund Assembly, with a view to determining whether continuation of the Working Group is considered appropriate.

The Working Group will be open to all 1992 Fund Member States. In addition, all former 1971 Fund Member States, intergovernmental organisations and international non-governmental organisations which have observer status with the 1992 Fund will be invited to attend the Working Group as observers.

The first meeting of the Working Group is scheduled to take place in the week of 19 April 2010.

Interested delegations are requested to submit documents to the Secretariat by **Friday 5 March 2010** at the latest. Member States which have experience of the issues to be dealt with by the Working Group through oil pollution incidents which have affected them or their citizens are in particular requested to share their experience and views.

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1992 Fund Member States

Albania	Georgia	Norway
Algeria	Germany	Oman
Angola	Ghana	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Argentina	Grenada	Philippines
Australia	Guinea	Poland
Bahamas	Hungary	Portugal
Bahrain	Iceland	Qatar
Barbados	India	Republic of Korea
Belgium	Ireland	Russian Federation
Belize	Islamic Republic of Iran	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Brunei Darussalam	Israel	Saint Lucia
Bulgaria	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Cambodia	Jamaica	Samoa
Cameroon	Japan	Seychelles
Canada	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Kiribati	Singapore
China (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)	Latvia	Slovenia
Colombia	Liberia	South Africa
Comoros	Lithuania	Spain
Congo	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka
Cook Islands	Madagascar	Sweden
Croatia	Malaysia	Switzerland
Cyprus	Maldives	Tonga
Denmark	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Djibouti	Marshall Islands	Tunisia
Dominica	Mauritius	Turkey
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Tuvalu
Ecuador	Monaco	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Morocco	United Kingdom
Fiji	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Finland	Namibia	Uruguay
France	Netherlands	Vanuatu
Gabon	New Zealand	Venezuela
	Nigeria	

Supplementary Fund Member States

Australia	Germany	Netherlands
Barbados	Greece	Norway
Belgium	Hungary	Poland
Croatia	Ireland	Portugal
Denmark	Italy	Slovenia
Estonia	Japan	Spain
Finland	Latvia	Sweden
France	Lithuania	United Kingdom

1992 Fund and Supplementary Fund Observer States

Benin	Egypt	Mauritania
Bolivia	Gambia	Pakistan
Brazil	Guatemala	Peru
Chile	Guyana	Saudi Arabia
Côte d'Ivoire	Indonesia	Syrian Arab Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Kuwait	Ukraine
	Lebanon	United States

States having at any time been Members of the 1971 Fund

Albania	Germany	Norway
Algeria	Ghana	Oman
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Panama
Australia	Guyana	Papua New Guinea
Bahamas	Iceland	Poland
Bahrain	India	Portugal
Barbados	Indonesia	Qatar
Belgium	Ireland	Republic of Korea
Benin	Italy	Russian Federation
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Cameroon	Kenya	Seychelles
Canada	Kuwait	Sierra Leone
China (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)	Liberia	Slovenia
Colombia	Malaysia	Spain
Côte d'Ivoire	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Croatia	Malta	Sweden
Cyprus	Marshall Islands	Switzerland
Denmark	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Djibouti	Mauritius	Tonga
Estonia	Mexico	Tunisia
Fiji	Monaco	Tuvalu
Finland	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
France	Mozambique	United Kingdom
Gabon	Netherlands	Vanuatu
Gambia	New Zealand	Venezuela
	Nigeria	

1971 Fund Observer States

Angola	Ecuador	Peru
Argentina	Egypt	Philippines
Belize	Georgia	Saint Lucia
Brazil	Grenada	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bulgaria	Guinea	Samoa
Cambodia	Islamic Republic of Iran	Saudi Arabia
Cape Verde	Israel	Singapore
Chile	Jamaica	South Africa
Comoros	Latvia	Trinidad and Tobago
Congo	Lebanon	Turkey
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Lithuania	United Republic of Tanzania
Dominica	Luxembourg	United States
Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Uruguay
	Namibia	

Intergovernmental organisations having observer status with the IOPC Funds

Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (Helsinki Commission)	Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA)
Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR) (not 1971 Fund)	Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)
European Commission	United Nations
International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	

Non-governmental organisations having observer status with the IOPC Funds

BIMCO	International Group of P&I Clubs
Comité Maritime International (CMI)	International Salvage Union (ISU)
Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) (not 1971 Fund)	International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd (ITOPF)
European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) (not 1971 Fund)	International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) (not 1971 Fund)
International Association of Classification Societies Ltd (IACS) (not 1971 Fund)	Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)
International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO)	World Liquid Petroleum Gas Association (WLPGA) (not 1971 Fund)
International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)	
International Group of Liquefied Natural Gas Importers (GIIGNL) (not 1971 Fund)	
