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Application of the 1971 Fund Convention to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

The Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1971 (1971 Fund) has the honour to notify Contracting States that, at its 20th session, held from 21 to 24 October 1997, the Assembly of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1971 (1971 Fund) agreed to consider that the 1971 International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (1971 Fund Convention) should continue to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region after 30 June 1997, recognising that the consequences of this understanding were that:

- (a) pollution damage caused in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region after 30 June 1997 and measures taken after that date to prevent or minimise pollution damage in the Region would fall within the scope of the 1971 Fund Convention; and
- (b) entities in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region would be liable to pay contributions to the 1971 Fund in respect of contributing oil received in the Region as follows:
 - (i) general fund contributions in accordance with Article 12.2(a) for the period 1 July 1997 - 31 December 1997 and thereafter; and
 - (ii) major claims fund contributions in accordance with Article 12.2(b) where the incident in question occurred after 30 June 1997.

A list of the present 75 Contracting States to the 1971 Fund Convention, including the 24 States which have deposited instruments of denunciation, appears overleaf.

1971 Fund Contracting States

Albania	Gambia	Papua New Guinea
Algeria	Ghana	Poland
Antigua and Barbuda	Iceland	Portugal
Barbados	India	Qatar
Belgium	Indonesia	Russian Federation
Benin	Italy	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Brunei Darussalam	Kenya	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kuwait	Sierra Leone
Canada	Malaysia	Slovenia
China ^{<1>}	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Colombia	Malta	Syrian Arab Republic
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Tonga
Croatia	Mauritius	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Fiji	New Zealand	Venezuela
Gabon	Nigeria	Yugoslavia
<i>States which have deposited instruments of denunciation and which will leave the 1971 Fund on 15 May 1998</i>		
Australia	Greece	Norway
Bahamas	Ireland	Oman
Bahrain	Japan	Republic of Korea
Cyprus	Liberia	Spain
Denmark	Marshall Islands	Sweden
Finland	Mexico	Switzerland
France	Monaco	Tunisia
Germany	Netherlands ^{<2>}	United Kingdom ^{<3>}

<1> Applies only to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

<2> The Kingdom of the Netherlands declared its denunciation to be effective in respect of the Kingdom in Europe.

<3> The United Kingdom declared its denunciation to be effective in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Isle of Man, Falkland Islands*, Montserrat and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).