



INTERNATIONAL  
OIL POLLUTION  
COMPENSATION  
FUND 1992

92FUND/Circ.79  
25 August 2011

To: Member States of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992

Subject: **Nomination by Spain of Mr José Maura Barandiarán for the position of Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds**

The Director has the honour to refer to 92FUND/Circ.77 of 12 August 2011 inviting Member States of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 to nominate candidates for the position of Director. At its 9th session, held in July 2011, the Administrative Council of the 1992 Fund, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, instructed the Director to circulate to Member States candidatures as soon as they were received.

On 19 August 2011, the Director received a Note Verbale from the Spanish Embassy in London, nominating Mr José Maura Barandiarán for the post of Director. In accordance with the Administrative Council's decision, the Director is pleased to enclose a copy of the letter and its attachment.

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**SPANISH EMBASSY IN LONDON**

Note Verbale N°. 318

The Embassy of Spain in London presents its compliments to the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) and has the honour to refer to the Funds' Circular 92FUND/Circ.77 of 12 August 2011 concerning the nomination of candidates for the position of Director of the IOPC Funds for the forthcoming election of Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) that will be held during the 16th Assembly of the IOPC Funds from 24 to 28 October 2011.

Spain attaches great importance to the work of the IOPC Funds and is one of their main contributing countries. Spain was a Member of the 1971 Fund and is currently a Member of the 1992 Fund and the Supplementary Fund, participating very actively in all their governing bodies.

Reiterating its commitment to the work of the IOPC Funds and in accordance with the decision of the 9th session of the Administrative Council of the 1992 Fund, Spain has the honour to submit the candidature of **Mr José Maura Barandiarán**, current Acting Director of the IOPC Funds, for the position of Director of IOPC Funds.

Mr José Maura Barandiarán is well qualified and has wide experience in the field of activities of the IOPC Funds. Mr Maura has been the Acting Director of the IOPC Funds since September 2010 and has participated in the management of the IOPC Funds for the last ten years.

Mr Maura is a lawyer and he has developed a career in the field of international maritime law and the international compensation regime. He has experience in the work of the P&I Clubs and in the defence and legal representation of the interests of the IOPC Funds. During his outstanding career, he has carried out managerial, policy and representational tasks at high-level for the IOPC Funds.

In addition to these undeniable qualities, Mr Maura enjoys considerable prestige among the representatives of the Member States and in the maritime sector in general, and Spain considers him therefore to be a candidate with the knowledge, experience and ability required for assuming the responsibilities of Director of the IOPC Funds. Attached is Mr José Maura Barandiarán's *Curriculum Vitae*.

The Embassy of Spain in London takes this opportunity to renew to the IOPC Funds the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 19 August 2011

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Acting Director, IOPC Funds (2010 to date)**

Acting Director<sup>1</sup> of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) from October 2010 to date. During this period, undertook the full duties of the Director, managing the Secretariat pending the return of the Director to perform his duties. As Acting Director, carried out the role of chief administrative officer of the IOPC Funds. This involved appointing personnel, managing the assets of the IOPC Funds in liaison with the Investment Advisory Body, participating in the work of the joint Audit Body, overseeing the collection of contributions due under the Conventions, ensuring the proper and timely processing and settlement of claims, liaising with Member Governments where appropriate, appointing lawyers and experts to assist as necessary and preparing and issuing, in conjunction with the Chairmen of the Governing Bodies, all reports, statements and documentation necessary for the organisation and running of the October, 2010, March 2011 and July 2011 meetings of the Assembly and subsidiary bodies.

**Head of Claims Department, IOPC Funds (2002 to 2010)**

Head of the Claims Department<sup>2</sup>. Responsible for the management of the claims team and the coordination of oil spill incidents involving the IOPC Funds. The role involved the supervision of, in particular, oil spill incidents such as Prestige (Spain, France and Portugal, 2002), Solar 1 (Philippines, 2005), Volgoneft 139 (Russian Federation, 2007) and Hebei Spirit (Republic of Korea, 2007).

**Claims Manager, IOPC Funds (1996 to 2002)**

Management of oil spill incidents including Aegean Sea (Spain, 1992), Sea Empress (UK, 1996), Nissos Amorgos (Venezuela, 1997) and Erika (France, 1999).

**Practising lawyer, Fernando Meana Green & Co (1993 to 1996)**

Practising lawyer in Madrid specialising in maritime law. Represented various clients including P&I Clubs. Represented the interests of the IOPC Funds before the Spanish Courts in the Aegean Sea incident.

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<sup>1</sup> (USG level of the United Nations)

<sup>2</sup> (D1 level of the United Nations)

**Claims Manager, Britannia P&I Club (1998 to 1993)**

Management of P&I claims for the Britannia P&I Club in London. At the time, Britannia insured approximately 15% of the world's merchant tonnage. Handled matters concerning the Spanish and Egyptian fleets entered with the Club (arrest of ships, claims for cargo damage, collisions).

**EDUCATION**

1992 - Master Business Administration, MBA (City University, London, United Kingdom)

1987 - Master of Laws, LL.M. (Bristol University, Bristol, United Kingdom)

1985 - Law Degree (University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain)

**LANGUAGES**

Fluent in the three official languages of the IOPC Funds: English, French & Spanish

**COMPETENCE KEY FEATURES****Management experience**

Nine years experience at management level at the IOPC Funds including one year experience as Acting Director has provided a full understanding of all aspects of the management of the Secretariat including personnel, financial and legal issues.

**Governance and Financial Management**

Participated, as Acting Director, in the meetings of the Organisation's Joint Audit Body, Investment Advisory Body and the National Audit Office, the IOPC Fund's external auditors.

**Knowledge of the Civil Liability and Fund Conventions**

Altogether fifteen years at the IOPC Funds and legal training have provided an expert knowledge of the International Conventions and their application.

**Incident and Claims Management**

Considerable experience in negotiations, sometimes difficult, at different levels. When amicable settlements with claimants are not possible, the IOPC Funds have to defend the criteria for admissibility of claims established by the Member States before the courts of the country where the damage has occurred. This has happened in several countries including Argentina, People's Republic of China, France, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom and Venezuela, providing valuable experience of different legal systems within which the IOPC Funds have to operate.

## **General and Strategic Management**

Experience as Acting Director and as a member of the Management Team in dealing with the day-to-day management of the Secretariat as well as with strategic medium and long term issues, affecting the organisation. This has required dealing with issues of political and strategic importance as well as with legal, technical and financial decisions.

## **Working with Governments, Public and Private Bodies**

An important part of the role of the Acting Director is the development of political and diplomatic relationships between the organisation and the Governments of Member States affected by oil spills. Worked with various Governments of Member States and their Administration, in particular Argentina, China, France, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom and Venezuela, amongst others.

## **Intergovernmental Meetings**

Participated in the conferences that adopted the 1996 International Convention on liability and compensation for damage in connection with the carriage of hazardous and noxious substances by sea (HNS Convention) and the 2010 HNS Protocol. Also took part in the conference that adopted the Protocol of 2003 that established the Supplementary Fund Convention.

## **International Seminars and Conferences**

Extensive experience representing the IOPC Funds at seminars, conferences and workshops in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, North America, Caribbean, Latin America and Australia. Also represented the IOPC Funds before many international forums.

## **Media Relations**

As a result of the growing importance of oil spills in public opinion, gained considerable experience in giving interviews in different countries on television, radio and in the press as spokesman on behalf of the IOPC Funds.

## **Personal Attributes**

Acted with the utmost objectivity, exercising fairness and diplomacy with Member States, claimants, experts and colleagues. A good appreciation of the need for flexibility and openness to change in the operation of the compensation regime. Both by qualification and experience, possesses excellent management skills, with the ability to prioritise, delegate and motivate.