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## FUTURE SESSIONS

### VENUE FOR THE JUNE 2007 SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES

#### Note by the Director

**Summary:**

The IMO building is closed for refurbishment for 14 months from 1 July 2006. The meetings of the IOPC Funds will therefore have to be held at another venue during this period.

The Government of Canada has kindly invited the governing bodies of the IOPC Funds to hold their June 2007 sessions in Montreal at the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

**Action to be taken:**

Consider accepting the invitation by the Government of Canada to hold the June 2007 sessions in Montreal.

#### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Tentative arrangements have been made for meetings of the IOPC Funds in 2007 during the weeks of 12 March, 11 June and 15 October.
- 1.2 The IMO building is closed for refurbishment for 14 months from 1 July 2006. The March and June 2007 meetings of the IOPC Funds will therefore have to be held at another venue.

#### **2 Invitation by the Government of Canada**

- 2.1 The Government of Canada has kindly invited the IOPC Funds to hold the June 2007 sessions of the governing bodies in Montreal at the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The Government's invitation is reproduced at the Annex.
- 2.2 As set out in the invitation, the Government of Canada has generously offered to cover the costs of the use of the ICAO's facilities as well as the costs of simultaneous interpretation into the Funds' three official languages.

**3 Implications of holding the sessions in Montreal**

The Director had given some thought to the practical aspects of holding the June 2007 sessions in Montreal and considers that it would be perfectly feasible. As regards the financial implications, the Director considers that the costs of travel and subsistence for Secretariat staff required to service the meeting in Montreal would be similar to the costs of hiring meeting facilities and interpreters if the meeting were to be held in London and that, as a result, holding the meeting in Montreal would be budget-neutral. The Director is therefore of the view that the Assembly should consider accepting the Government of Canada's invitation.

**4 Action to be taken by the governing bodies**

The governing bodies are invited to:

- (a) take note of the information contained in this document; and
- (b) consider accepting the invitation by the Government of Canada to hold the June 2007 sessions in Montreal.

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ANNEX



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OCT 04 2006

Mr. Måns Jacobsson  
Director  
International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds  
Portland House, Stag Place  
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United Kingdom

Dear Mr. Jacobsson:

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish to extend an invitation to the International Oil Pollution Compensation (IOPC) Funds to hold their meetings, scheduled for June 11-15, 2007, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada. As an agency of the United Nations, the facilities of the ICAO are similar to those of the International Maritime Organization in London and would very well accommodate the meetings of the IOPC Funds.

As part of this invitation, I am pleased to inform you that we would look after the costs of use of the ICAO facilities as well as the costs of simultaneous interpretation in the three official languages of the IOPC Funds.

I am hopeful that our invitation will be acceptable to you and the member states of the IOPC Funds.

Sincerely,

  
Kristine Burr

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