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AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Note by the Director

Summary:	The document deals with the question of whether Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure should be amended following the relocation of the IOPC Funds' offices outside the IMO building.
Action to be taken:	Consider whether to amend Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

1 Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure for the Assembly of the 1971 Fund reads:

The Assembly shall hold its sessions at the Headquarters of the Fund unless it decides otherwise on any particular occasion. If, between sessions, the Director, with the Chairman's approval, or the Executive Committee, or any Member proposes that the next session be held elsewhere, an affirmative decision to that effect may be taken by a majority of Members giving their approval in writing (including by telefax or telex) to the Director. Such majority approval should be communicated to Members at least forty-five days before the commencement of that session.

2 Since the IOPC Funds' offices have been relocated outside the IMO building and the new premises do not have facilities to hold Assembly sessions, these sessions can no longer be held at

the 1971 Fund's Headquarters. Agreement has been reached with the Secretary-General of IMO that the sessions will continue to be held in the IMO building. Although unlikely, it is possible that IMO's meeting facilities might be unavailable for a particular session of the Assembly. Also, following the relocation, the IOPC Funds no longer have telex facilities. The Director therefore proposes that Rule 3 should be amended to read as follows (amendments underlined):

The Assembly shall hold its sessions in London (United Kingdom) unless it decides otherwise on any particular occasion. If, between sessions, the Director, with the Chairman's approval, or the Executive Committee, or any Member proposes that the next session be held elsewhere, an affirmative decision to that effect may be taken by a majority of Members giving their approval in writing (including by telefax or electronic mail) to the Director. Such majority approval should be communicated to Members at least forty-five days before the commencement of that session.

Action to be taken by the Assembly

- 3 The Assembly is invited to consider whether to amend Rule 3 of its Rules of Procedure.
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