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## ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Note by the Director

#### Introduction

- 1 Under Article 18.8 of the 1971 Fund Convention, the Assembly shall elect the Member States to be represented on the Executive Committee.
  
- 2 The Executive Committee consists of one third of the Member States, but of not less than seven or more than fifteen. If the number of Member States is not divisible by three, the one third referred to is calculated on the next higher number which is divisible by three (Article 22.1).
  
- 3 When electing the members of the Executive Committee, the Assembly shall, under Article 22.2:
  - (a) secure an equitable geographical distribution of the seats on the Committee on the basis of an adequate representation of Member States particularly exposed to the risks of oil pollution and of Member States having large tanker fleets; and
  - (b) elect one half of the members of the Committee, or if the total number of members to be elected is uneven, such a number of the members as is equivalent to one half of the total number less one, among those Member States in the territory of which the largest quantities of contributing oil were received during the preceding calendar year, provided that the number of States eligible under this sub-paragraph is limited as shown in a table set out in Article 22.2(b).

A Member State which was eligible but was not elected under sub-paragraph (b) above shall not be eligible to be elected for any remaining seat on the Executive Committee (Article 22.3).

**Composition of the present Executive Committee**

4 The present members of the Executive Committee, elected at the 19th session of the Assembly, hold office until the end of the 20th session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 23.1 of the 1971 Fund Convention. The following States were elected members of the Executive Committee (document FUND/A.19/30, paragraph 18):

**Elected under  
Article 22.2(b) of the  
1971 Fund Convention**

Australia  
Canada  
Germany  
Netherlands  
Republic of Korea  
Spain  
United Kingdom

**Elected under  
Article 22.2(a) of the  
1971 Fund Convention**

Belgium  
Denmark  
Finland  
Greece  
Malaysia  
Morocco  
Nigeria  
Russian Federation

**Composition of the new Executive Committee**

5 At the time of the 20th session of the Assembly, the 1971 Fund will have 74 Members. Fifteen Members of the Assembly have therefore to be elected to the Executive Committee. Seven Members have to be elected in accordance with Article 22.2(b), and eight Members in accordance with Article 22.2(a). As regards the election of the Members under Article 22.2(b), the eleven Members with the largest quantities of contributing oil reported are eligible.

6 On the basis of the reports on contributing oil receipts submitted by 30 July 1997, the Member States are eligible as follows:

**Eligible under  
Article 22.2(b)**

Australia  
Canada  
France  
Germany  
India  
Italy  
Japan  
Netherlands  
Republic of Korea  
Spain  
United Kingdom

**Eligible under  
Article 22.2(a)**

Albania	Ghana	Oman
Algeria	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Iceland	Poland
Bahamas	Indonesia	Portugal
Bahrain	Ireland	Qatar
Barbados	Kenya	Russian Federation
Belgium	Kuwait	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Benin	Liberia	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Malaysia	Sierra Leone
Cameroon	Maldives	Slovenia
Colombia	Malta	Sri Lanka
Côte d'Ivoire	Marshall Islands	Sweden
Croatia	Mauritania	Switzerland
Cyprus	Mauritius	Syrian Arab Republic
Denmark	Mexico	Tonga
Djibouti	Monaco	Tunisia
Estonia	Morocco	Tuvalu
Fiji	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
Finland	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Gabon	Nigeria	Venezuela
Gambia	Norway	Yugoslavia

7 Article 23.2 of the 1971 Fund Convention provides that no Member may serve on the Executive Committee for more than two consecutive terms of office, except to the extent that this may be necessary to comply with the requirements of Article 22.

8 Of the 63 States eligible under Article 22.2(a), Finland, Nigeria and the Russian Federation have been members of the Executive Committee for two consecutive terms and should therefore not be elected. Of the 11 States eligible under Article 22.2(b), Australia, Canada, Germany, Netherlands and Spain have been members of the Executive Committee for two consecutive terms. In order to comply with the requirement of Article 22 that eight States shall be elected from the 11 States in this category, it will therefore be necessary for two of these five States to be elected for a third consecutive term.

9 According to Rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, ballots shall first be held for the election of the seven members under Article 22.(b). Thereafter, ballots shall be held for the election of the remaining eight members under Article 22.2(a).

10 Information on the 1996 figures for contributing oil receipts is given in Annex I. With respect to those States which had not submitted their reports on the 1996 receipts at the time of the drafting of this document, the last year in respect of which a report was submitted is given, as indicated in the table.

11 With reference to the election of members under Article 22.2(a), information on the oil tanker fleets of Member States as at 31 December 1996 is given in Annex II.

12 It should be noted that 24 of the 74 Member States of the 1971 Fund have deposited instruments of denunciation in respect of the 1971 Fund Convention. These 24 States will cease to be Members of the 1971 Fund after 15 May 1998.

13 As mentioned in the Agenda of this session (document 71FUND/A.20/1, paragraph 30), the Assembly may wish to consider holding an extraordinary session in the spring of 1998 to consider certain issues resulting from the compulsory denunciation of the 1969 Civil Liability Convention and 1971 Fund Convention by 1992 Fund Member States, which will take effect from 15 May 1998.

**Action to be taken by the Assembly**

14 The Assembly is invited to elect new members of the Executive Committee.

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## ANNEX I

CONTRIBUTING OIL RECEIVED IN THE TERRITORIES OF  
MEMBER STATES IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1996Status as at 30 July 1997

Member State	Contributing Oil (tonnes)	% of Total
<b>States which have submitted 1996 oil reports</b>		
Japan	276 661 459	22.65%
Italy	144 922 341	11.86%
Republic of Korea	113 830 620	9.32%
Netherlands	103 527 284	8.48%
France	96 844 142	7.93%
United Kingdom	75 092 048	6.15%
Spain	56 208 957	4.60%
India	43 720 614	3.58%
Canada	39 581 235	3.24%
Germany	36 781 648	3.01%
Australia	32 362 331	2.65%
Norway	28 239 838	2.31%
Sweden	21 739 564	1.78%
Greece	20 146 111	1.65%
Venezuela	16 842 544	1.38%
Malaysia	16 434 656	1.35%
Portugal	12 945 513	1.06%
Mexico	10 790 306	0.88%
Finland	9 830 428	0.80%
Indonesia	9 271 145	0.76%
Denmark	6 842 016	0.56%
Belgium	6 827 190	0.56%
Morocco	5 335 586	0.44%
New Zealand	4 408 937	0.36%
Côte d'Ivoire	3 340 637	0.27%
Ireland	3 130 883	0.26%
Sri Lanka	1 977 298	0.16%
Kenya	1 569 103	0.13%
Bahamas	1 500 193	0.12%
Cyprus	1 456 807	0.12%
Nigeria	754 106	0.06%
Ghana	660 677	0.05%
Barbados	170 372	0.01%
Bahrain	0	0.00%
Djibouti	0	0.00%
Estonia	0	0.00%
Gambia	0	0.00%
Marshall Islands	0	0.00%

Member State	Contributing Oil (tonnes)	% of Total	
Mauritius	0	0.00%	
Monaco	0	0.00%	
Oman	0	0.00%	
Slovenia	0	0.00%	
Switzerland	0	0.00%	
Tonga	0	0.00%	
Vanuatu	0	0.00%	
<i>Sub-total</i>	1 203 746 589	98.54%	
<b>States which have not yet submitted 1996 oil reports: latest report submitted (year of report indicated)</b>			
Poland	1995	5 038 165	0.41%
Russian Federation	1991	3 481 000	0.29%
Croatia	1994	2 842 395	0.23%
Tunisia	1995	2 692 690	0.22%
Cameroon	1995	1 440 494	0.12%
Malta	1995	908 052	0.07%
Algeria	1995	542 000	0.04%
Syrian Arab Republic	1989	421 078	0.03%
Gabon	1987	420 099	0.03%
Benin	1990	0	0.00%
Brunei Darussalam	1995	0	0.00%
Fiji	1995	0	0.00%
Iceland	1995	0	0.00%
Kuwait	1994	0	0.00%
Liberia	1991	0	0.00%
Maldives	1995	0	0.00%
Papua New Guinea	1995	0	0.00%
Qatar	1995	0	0.00%
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1994	0	0.00%
Seychelles	1994	0	0.00%
Tuvalu	1992	0	0.00%
United Arab Emirates	1985	0	0.00%
Yugoslavia	1995	0	0.00%
<i>Sub-total</i>		17 785 973	1.46%
<b>States for which no reports received since joining 1971 Fund (date of entry into force of 1971 Fund Convention indicated)</b>			
Albania	05.07.94		
Antigua and Barbuda	21.09.97		
Colombia	11.06.97		
Mauritania	15.02.96		
Mozambique	23.03.97		
Sierra Leone	11.11.93		
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 221 532 562</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**ANNEX II****SIZE OF OIL TANKER FLEETS OF MEMBER STATES**

(compiled from Lloyd's Register of Shipping – World Fleet Statistics, December 1996)

<b>Member State</b>	<b>Gross Tonnage</b>
Liberia	28 043 728
Greece	13 066 118
Bahamas	10 863 313
Norway	8 895 053
Malta	7 370 317
Japan	5 818 803
United Kingdom	3 844 215
Cyprus	3 733 129
Marshall Islands	2 721 016
India	2 621 987
Russian Federation	1 917 216
France	1 872 076
Italy	1 780 826
Kuwait	1 342 512
Denmark	1 026 666
Indonesia	848 731
Malaysia	589 018
Spain	514 818
Australia	467 087
Mexico	425 344
Netherlands	411 719
United Arab Emirates	410 495
Sweden	392 427
Republic of Korea	380 255
Finland	302 929
Venezuela	274 761
Nigeria	251 767
Portugal	217 150
Qatar	182 825
Canada	110 372
New Zealand	60 582
Bahrain	53 551
Mauritius	52 757
Vanuatu	39 892
Algeria	34 323
Barbados	22 233
Morocco	12 476
Germany	10 898
Croatia	7 909
Papua New Guinea	7 250
Tunisia	6 518

<b>Member State</b>	<b>Gross Tonnage</b>
Poland	6 298
Maldives	6 143
Colombia	5 887
Estonia	5 594
Sri Lanka	5 486
Kenya	4 708
Antigua and Barbuda	3 715
Fiji	3 164
Ireland	2 920
Belgium	2 357
Iceland	1 763
Sierra Leone	1 405
Ghana	965
Côte d'Ivoire	789
Gabon	652
Mozambique	366
Oman	313
Brunei Darussalam	239
Gambia	0
Switzerland	0
Tonga	0
Tuvalu	0

States not appearing on statistics: Albania, Benin, Cameroon, Djibouti, Mauritania, Monaco, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Seychelles, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic, Yugoslavia.

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