



BUDGET FOR 2006 AND ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND

Note by the Director

Summary:	It is likely that, due to refurbishment of the IMO Building, the IOPC Funds will be unable to hold meetings of the governing bodies or working groups in that building during a period of 14 months from July 2006. Other venues will have to be used for meetings during this period which will result in additional costs.
Action to be taken:	To authorise the Director to incur necessary additional costs of holding meetings outside of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) building.

1 The issue

- 1.1 The meetings of the governing bodies of the 1992 Fund and the 1971 Fund, as well as those of any intersessional Working Groups, have over the years taken place in the IMO conference rooms. The budget for 2006 has been prepared on that basis. In paragraph 3.1.41 of document 92FUND/A.10/28 the Director indicated that that discussions were being held between IMO and the United Kingdom Government in respect of the refurbishment of the IMO Headquarters building, which may result in the IOPC Funds' scheduled meetings having to be held outside that building.
- 1.2 At its June 2005 session, the IMO Council agreed in principle to a programme of works for the refurbishment of the IMO Headquarters Building. Further information will be provided to the Council's November 2005 session and the final decision will be taken by the IMO Assembly at its November 2005 session.
- 1.3 The Director has been advised by IMO that the effect of the planned work to the IMO Headquarters will be such that the IOPC Funds will not be able to hold any meetings at IMO Headquarters from July 2006 for a period of 14 months. The Director has, therefore, started to investigate what alternative meeting venues are available in London and will liaise with IMO and the United Kingdom Government on this matter.
- 1.4 It is likely that holding IOPC Funds' meetings outside the IMO Building will result in additional costs, but it is not possible to indicate at this stage the level of such costs.

- 1.5 In order to be able to make the necessary arrangements for meetings to be held outside the IMO Building, the Director would need to be given authority to incur any additional costs associated with holding such meetings during the period 1 July-31 December 2006.

2 Action to be taken by the Assembly

The Assembly is invited:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and
 - (b) to authorise the Director to incur any additional costs associated with holding meetings in London outside the IMO Building during the second half of 2006.
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