



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FUTURE SESSIONS: VENUE FOR THE MARCH 2008 SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES

Note by the Director

Summary: The IOPC Funds' Secretariat has been informed that the IMO building will be closed for refurbishment until early in 2008. The sessions of the IOPC Funds will therefore have to be held at another venue during this period.

The Government of Monaco has kindly invited the governing bodies of the IOPC Funds to hold their March 2008 sessions in the Principality.

Action to be taken: Consider accepting the invitation by the Government of Monaco to hold the March 2008 sessions in Monaco.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Tentative arrangements have been made for sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies in 2008 during the weeks of 10 March, 23 June and 13 October.
- 1.2 The IMO building is closed for refurbishment until early 2008. The Director has been advised that the current date for the IMO staff to move back into the IMO Building is 29 February 2008 although there is no guarantee at this stage that this will be the case. The Director is of the view that it would be risky to plan to hold the Funds' March 2008 meetings in the IMO Building and another venue will therefore have to be found.

2 Invitation by the Government of the Principality of Monaco

- 2.1 The Government of Monaco has kindly invited the IOPC Funds to hold the March 2008 sessions of the governing bodies in Monaco. The Government's invitation is reproduced at the Annex.
- 2.2 As set out in the invitation, the Government of Monaco has generously offered to cover the costs of hire of an equipped conference room, simultaneous translation into three languages, IT equipment and reproduction of documents, coffee breaks and a reception.

3 Implications of holding the sessions in Monaco

The Director has given some thought to the practical aspects of holding the March 2008 sessions in Monaco and considers that, given the experience of holding sessions outside the IMO Building and in Canada, it would be perfectly feasible to do so. The offer by the Government of Monaco

to cover the costs set out in paragraph 2.2 above is similar to the offer made by the Government of Canada. The Director is of the view that there are no objections to accepting this invitation neither from an organisational nor from a budgetary perspective.

4 Action to be taken by the Assembly

The Assembly is invited to:

- (a) take note of the information contained in this document; and
- (b) decide whether to accept the invitation by the Government of Monaco to hold the March 2008 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies in Monaco.

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ANNEX

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

Ministry of State

Principality of Monaco

Department of Equipment, Environment and
Town Planning

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Subject: IOPC Funds meetings, March 2008 - Invitation

Dear Director

In the name of the Government of the Principality, I have the honour to invite you officially to hold the meetings of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds), which are planned to be held in March 2008, in the Principality of Monaco.

On that occasion, Monaco will cover the costs of the provision of the following services: hire of an equipped conference room, simultaneous translation into three languages, IT equipment and reproduction of documents, coffee breaks and a reception.

I hope that you will give this invitation due consideration and that it will be accepted by all the IOPC Funds' Member States.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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