



GRANT OF OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Director

Summary:	At its March 2009 session, following an application for observer status by Bolivia, the Executive Committee granted Bolivia observer status with the 1992 Fund on a provisional basis pending confirmation of the decision by the Assembly. Guatemala has also applied for observer status with the 1992 Fund.
Action to be taken:	Decide whether to grant observer status to Bolivia and to Guatemala.

1 **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Government of Bolivia has notified the Director that Bolivia is considering accession to the 1992 Fund Convention and has requested to be given observer status with the 1992 Fund.
- 1.2 At its 44th session, held in March 2009, the Executive Committee decided to grant observer status, on a provisional basis, to Bolivia, pending the decision by the Assembly at its next session (document 92FUND/EXC.44/10, paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2).
- 1.3 The Government of Guatemala has also notified the Director that Guatemala is considering accession to the 1992 Fund Convention and has requested to be given observer status with the 1992 Fund.
- 1.4 Article 18.10 of the 1992 Fund Convention provides that the Assembly determines which non-Contracting States shall be admitted to take part, without voting rights, in meetings of the Assembly and subsidiary bodies.
- 1.5 Under Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure for the 1992 Fund Assembly, 'the Director with the approval of the Chairman shall invite ... States which have notified the 1992 Fund that they are considering accession to the 1992 Fund Convention ... to send observers to sessions of the Assembly'. The Director has therefore invited the Governments of Bolivia and Guatemala to send observers to the Assembly's 14th extraordinary session and invites the Assembly to grant both States observer status with the 1992 Fund.

2 **Action to be taken by the Assembly**

The Assembly is invited to:

- (a) confirm the decision taken by the Executive Committee in March, ie to grant observer status to Bolivia; and
 - (b) grant observer status to Guatemala.
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