

INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND 1992

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GRANT OF OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Director

Summary:Bolivia has applied for observer status with the 1992 Fund.Action to be taken:Decide whether to grant observer status to Bolivia on a provisional basis.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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'.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Although the 44th session of the Executive Committee is not being held in conjunction with a session of the Assembly, under Rule (iii) of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, 'the Director with the approval of the Chairman shall normally invite those States and organisations which would be invited to attend sessions of the Assembly'. The Director has therefore invited the Government of Bolivia to send observers to the Committee's 44th session and invites the Executive Committee to grant observer status, on a provisional basis, to Bolivia, pending confirmation of the decision by the Assembly at its next session.

2 Action to be taken by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is invited to grant observer status, on a provisional basis, to Bolivia, pending confirmation of the decision by the Assembly at its next session.