

 <p>INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUNDS</p>	Agenda item: 1		IOPC/OCT09/1/2		
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EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS

ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Note by the Director

Summary:	In accordance with the 1992 Fund Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the Assembly shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of five members who shall be appointed on the proposal of the Chairman. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of delegations of 1992 Fund Member States. Under the respective Rules of Procedure of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee and the Supplementary Fund Assembly, the Credentials Committee established by the 1992 Fund Assembly shall examine also the credentials of delegations of States members of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee and of delegations of Member States of the Supplementary Fund.
Action to be taken:	<p><u>1992 Fund Assembly:</u></p> <p>Appoint a Credentials Committee.</p> <p><u>1992 Fund Executive Committee and Supplementary Fund Assembly:</u></p> <p>Information to be noted.</p>

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At its 9th extraordinary session, held in March 2005, the 1992 Fund Assembly decided to establish, at each session, a Credentials Committee, composed of five members elected by the Assembly on the proposal of the Chairman, to examine the credentials of delegations of Member States (document 92FUND/A/ES.9/28, paragraph 24).
- 1.2 The relevant Rules of Procedure of the 1992 Fund Assembly read as follows:

Rule 10

A Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session of the Assembly. It shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the Chairman. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of delegations of Member States and report without delay.

Rule 11

Any representative to whose admission a Member has made objection shall be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representatives until the Credentials Committee has reported and the Assembly has given its decision.

1.3 At its March 2005 session the 1992 Fund Assembly also decided that, when the 1992 Fund Executive Committee held sessions in conjunction with sessions of the Assembly, the Credentials Committee established by the 1992 Fund Assembly should examine also the credentials issued for Executive Committee sessions (document 92FUND/A/ES.9/28, paragraphs 24.5-24.7).

1.4 Rule (iv) of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee's Rules of Procedure reads as follows:

When the Executive Committee holds sessions in conjunction with sessions of the Assembly, the Credentials Committee established by the Assembly shall examine also the credentials of delegations of States members of the Executive Committee and report to the Executive Committee without delay. Should a session of the Executive Committee be held not in conjunction with a session of the Assembly, the Executive Committee shall at the beginning of the session appoint a Credentials Committee. It shall consist of three members who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Chairman. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of delegations of States members of the Executive Committee and report without delay.

1.5 At their October 2008 sessions the 1992 Fund Assembly and the Supplementary Fund Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee established by the 1992 Fund Assembly should also examine the credentials of delegations of Member States of the Supplementary Fund (cf documents 92FUND/A.13/25, paragraph 7.9 and SUPPFUND/A.4/21, paragraph 7.11).

1.6 Rule 10 of the Supplementary Fund Assembly's Rules of Procedure was amended in October 2008 to read as follows:

'When the Assembly holds sessions in conjunction with sessions of the 1992 Fund's governing bodies, the Credentials Committee established by the 1992 Fund shall examine also the credentials of delegations of States members of the Supplementary Fund and report to the Supplementary Fund Assembly without delay. Should a session of the Supplementary Fund Assembly be held not in conjunction with a session of the 1992 Fund's governing bodies, the Assembly shall at the beginning of the session appoint a Credentials Committee. It shall consist of three members who shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the Chairman. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of delegations of States members of the Assembly and report without delay.'

2 Action to be taken

2.1 1992 Fund Assembly

The 1992 Fund Assembly is invited to appoint a Credentials Committee.

2.2 1992 Fund Executive Committee and Supplementary Fund Assembly

The 1992 Fund Executive Committee and the Supplementary Fund Assembly are invited to take note of the information contained in this document.
