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EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Summary:	The Credentials Committee has examined the credentials of delegations of 1992 Fund Member States, including States members of the Executive Committee, and submits the following report.
Action to be taken:	<u>1992 Fund Administrative Council, 1992 Fund Executive Committee and Supplementary Fund Assembly:</u> Note the Report of the Credentials Committee.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the 1992 Fund Assembly and of the Executive Committee, the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following five members and their representatives:

Mr Helder Contreiras (Angola)
 Mr François Marier (Canada)
 Ms Merja Huhtala (Finland)
 Mr Cephass Kayo (Papua New Guinea)
 Mr Ali Rajab Ashkanani (Qatar)

- 1.2 The Committee met on 12, 13 and 15 October 2009 under the chairmanship of Mr Ali Rajab Ashkanani (Qatar).

2 Examination of Credentials

- 2.1 The credentials of delegations of 1992 Fund Member States, including States members of the Executive Committee, were examined.
- 2.2 The Committee based its deliberations on Rules 9 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and on the guidelines given in circular 92FUND/Circ.58.
- 2.3 Credentials received in respect of the following Member States were found to be in order:

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Canada	India	Republic of Korea
China (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)	Italy	Spain
Cyprus	Liberia	Sweden
France	Philippines	Trinidad and Tobago
	Qatar	United Kingdom

Other 1992 Fund Member States

Algeria	Germany	New Zealand
Angola	Ghana	Nigeria
Argentina	Greece	Norway
Australia	Grenada	Oman
Bahamas	Ireland	Panama
Belgium	Israel	Papua New Guinea
Bulgaria	Japan	Poland
Cameroon	Malaysia	Russian Federation ^{<1>}
Colombia	Malta	Singapore
Cook Islands	Marshall Islands	Turkey
Denmark	Mexico	Vanuatu
Estonia	Monaco	Venezuela
Finland	Morocco	
Gabon	Netherlands	

2.4 The following States did not participate in the 6th session of the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 14th session of the 1992 Fund Assembly, or the 46th session of the Executive Committee:

Albania	Georgia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Antigua and Barbuda	Guinea	Saint Lucia
Bahrain	Hungary	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Barbados	Iceland	Samoa
Belize	Jamaica	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cambodia	Kiribati	Slovenia
Cape Verde	Latvia	South Africa
Comoros	Lithuania	Sri Lanka
Congo	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Croatia	Madagascar	Tonga
Djibouti	Maldives	Tunisia
Dominica	Mauritius	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
Ecuador	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Fiji	Portugal	Uruguay ^{<2>}

2.5 The Credentials Committee is very pleased to report the high standard of the credentials presented on this occasion and commends States for their efforts in this regard which greatly facilitate the work of the Committee.

2.6 However, the Credentials Committee would again like to draw the attention of the governing bodies to the fact that many credentials are still being addressed to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization whereas they should be addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds (cf 92FUND/Circ.58 dated 1 July 2007).

^{<1>} Notification submitted in respect of 1992 Fund Executive Committee only

^{<2>} State is a Member of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee

- 2.7 The governing bodies will also recall that in October 2006, the 1992 Fund Assembly decided that credentials submitted in the form of e-mail should not be accepted because of the “exceptionally high risk of forgery or deception”. The Credentials Committee has, however, noted that in more and more instances credentials are being sent to the IOPC Funds’ Secretariat as attachments to e-mails. The Credentials Committee is of the view that the 1992 Fund Assembly might wish to consider amending its current policy whereby credentials and/or notifications transmitted not only by telefax but also as attachments to e-mails (pdf format) in respect of participation in sessions of the IOPC Funds’ governing bodies could also be accepted as valid for all meetings of the governing bodies, irrespective of whether voting is taking place or not. As is currently the case with credentials received by telefax, should the Director have any concerns as to the authenticity of any credentials received as an attachment to an e-mail, he would attempt to corroborate them to the extent possible and bring this to the attention of the Credentials Committee. In the meantime, the Credentials Committee would like to remind delegations that credentials must be submitted in the form of an original signed letter or a telefax thereof.
- 2.8 The Credentials Committee presents this report in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Executive Committee.

3 Action to be taken

1992 Fund Administrative Council, 1992 Fund Executive Committee and Supplementary Fund Assembly:

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