

 <p>INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUNDS</p>	Agenda item: 10	IOPC/OCT10/10/1	
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	1992 Fund Assembly	92A15	●
	1992 Fund Executive Committee	92EC49	●
	Supplementary Fund Assembly	SA6	●
1971 Fund Administrative Council	71AC25	●	

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FUTURE SESSIONS

Note by the Director

Summary:	<p>Possible dates to hold meetings of the governing bodies in 2011 are proposed.</p> <p>Further details are provided regarding the invitation by the Government of Morocco to host the spring 2011 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies in Marrakech.</p>
Action to be taken:	<p><u>1992 Fund Assembly, Supplementary Fund Assembly and 1971 Fund Administrative Council</u></p> <p>(a) Decide when to hold their next regular session;</p> <p>(b) Agree additional meeting dates during 2011 for possible sessions of the governing bodies or meetings of their subsidiary bodies; and</p> <p>(c) Confirm the decision made in October 2009 to provisionally accept the offer by the Government of Morocco to host the spring 2011 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies in Marrakech.</p> <p><u>1992 Fund Executive Committee</u></p> <p>(a) Note the decisions made by the 1992 Fund Assembly regarding future sessions of the governing bodies; and</p> <p>(b) Decide when to hold the 51st session of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee.</p>

1 Dates for 2011 sessions of the governing bodies

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 19 of the 1992 Fund Convention and Article 16 of the Supplementary Fund Protocol, the 1992 Fund Assembly and the Supplementary Fund Assembly hold regular sessions once every calendar year. In conjunction with those sessions and in accordance with Article 19 of the 1971 Fund Convention and with 1971 Fund Resolution N°13, the 1971 Fund Administrative Council also holds an autumn session every year. Tentative arrangements have been made with IMO for regular sessions of the 1992 Fund and Supplementary Fund Assemblies and for an autumn session of the 1971 Fund Administrative Council during the week of 24 October 2011.
- 1.2 Tentative arrangements have also been made with IMO for meetings of the governing bodies during the weeks of 28 March and 4 July 2011.

- 1.3 At its 1st meeting in June 2010, the 1992 Fund 6th intersessional Working Group agreed that it should hold its second meeting in spring 2011 (see document IOPC/OCT10/4/2). The Director proposes that the 51st session of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee should take place in conjunction with that meeting, during the week of 28 March 2011.

2 Venue for the spring 2011 meetings of the governing bodies

- 2.1 During the October 2009 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies, the delegation of Morocco proposed that the 2011 spring meetings of the governing bodies be held in the Kingdom of Morocco, in the city of Marrakech, on a budget-neutral basis for the Organisations. The 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, provisionally accepted the kind offer and requested that a document containing full details of the offer be submitted to the next meetings of the governing bodies in October 2010, for further consideration, and to enable all delegations to consider their attendance.
- 2.2 The Director has since received a formal invitation from the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco, which was circulated to delegates in April (92FUND/Circ.69, SUPPFUND/Circ.16, 71FUND/Circ.91), kindly offering to cover various costs involved in the running of the Funds' meetings. These include, *inter alia*, travel and accommodation of the necessary members of staff and interpreters, hire of an equipped conference room and offices, IT equipment and reproduction of documents, coffee breaks and a reception, thus ensuring that, should the governing bodies decide to confirm the October 2009 decision and accept the offer, it would be budget-neutral for the IOPC Funds.
- 2.3 As reported to the 1992 Fund Executive Committee at its June 2010 session, following receipt of the Government of Morocco's kind invitation, Members of the Secretariat, together with the Chairmen of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee and the Supplementary Fund Assembly, visited Marrakech and agreed upon a suitable venue and accommodation.
- 2.4 The Moroccan Government has also provided further information (attached to the circular mentioned above) which may be of interest to delegates, relating to travel and visa requirements. In light of any positive decision to accept their invitation at the October 2010 meetings, the Government has also offered to provide a variety of additional information in the form of a leaflet for delegates, including details of accommodation, the conference venue and facilities and any relevant local information.

3 Action to be taken

3.1 1992 Fund Assembly, Supplementary Fund Assembly and 1971 Fund Administrative Council

The 1992 Fund Assembly, Supplementary Fund Assembly and 1971 Fund Administrative Council are invited to:

- (a) Decide when to hold their next regular session;
- (b) Agree additional meeting dates during 2011 for possible sessions of the governing bodies or meetings of their subsidiary bodies; and
- (c) Confirm the decision made in October 2009 to provisionally accept the offer by the Government of Morocco to host the spring 2011 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies in Marrakech.

3.2 1992 Fund Executive Committee

The 1992 Fund Executive Committee is invited to:

- (a) Note the decisions made by the 1992 Fund Assembly regarding future sessions of the governing bodies; and
 - (b) Decide when to hold the 51st session of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee.
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