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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 1992 Fund Executive Committee and of the Supplementary Fund, and submits the following report.
Action to be taken:	<p><u>1992 Fund Administrative Council:</u></p> <p>(a) to take note of the information contained in this report; and</p> <p>(b) to give the Secretariat any instructions it may deem appropriate.</p> <p><u>1992 Fund Executive Committee and Supplementary Fund Assembly:</u></p> <p>To take note of the information contained in this report and of any instructions given to the Secretariat by the 1992 Fund Administrative Council.</p>

1 Introduction/Background information

- 1.1 In accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the 1992 Fund Assembly, of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee and of the Supplementary Fund Assembly, 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:

Canada (Mr Joel Fryer)
Liberia (Mr George Arku)
Netherlands (Ms Welmoed van der Velde)
Panama (Captain Moises de Gracia)
Qatar (Mr Ali Rajab Ashkanani)

- 1.2 The Committee met on 19, 20 and 21 October 2010 under the chairmanship of Ms Welmoed van der Velde (Netherlands)

2 Examination of Credentials

- 2.1 The credentials of delegations of sixty 1992 Fund Member States, including States members of the Executive Committee and of the Supplementary Fund, were examined.
- 2.2 The Committee based its deliberations on Rules 9 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the 1992 Fund 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:

1992 Fund Executive Committee

Cameroon	Germany	Singapore
Canada	Japan	Spain
China	Liberia	Sweden
Cyprus	Netherlands	Trinidad and Tobago
France	Philippines	Uruguay

Other 1992 Fund Member States

Algeria	Georgia	Morocco
Angola	Ghana	New Zealand
Argentina	Greece	Nigeria
Australia	Grenada	Norway
Bahamas	India	Panama
Bulgaria	Ireland	Poland
Brunei Darussalam	Islamic Republic of Iran	Qatar
Colombia	Israel	Republic of Korea
Croatia	Italy	Russian Federation
Denmark	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Ecuador	Latvia	Tunisia
Estonia	Malaysia	Turkey
Fiji	Malta	United Kingdom
Finland	Marshall Islands	Vanuatu
Gabon	Mexico	Venezuela

- 2.4 The following 1992 Fund Member States did not participate in the 7th session of the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 15th session of the 1992 Fund Assembly, the 49th session of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee or the 6th session of the Supplementary Fund Assembly:

Albania	Hungary	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Antigua and Barbuda	Iceland	Saint Lucia
Bahrain	Jamaica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Barbados	Kiribati	Samoa
Belgium	Lithuania	Seychelles
Belize	Luxembourg	Sierra Leone
Cambodia	Madagascar	Slovenia
Cape Verde	Maldives	South Africa
Comoros	Mauritius	Switzerland
Congo	Monaco	Tonga
Cook Islands	Mozambique	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Namibia	United Arab Emirates
Dominica	Oman	United Republic of Tanzania
Dominican Republic	Papua New Guinea	
Guinea	Portugal	

- 2.5 No credentials had yet been received in respect of the Syrian Arab Republic. The Credentials Committee expects that this will be rectified by the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic shortly after the session.
- 2.6 Although the Credentials Committee is pleased to report that when this document was prepared there was only one outstanding credential, it would, however, like to draw the attention of the governing bodies to what is, in its view, the disproportionate time that is spent by both the IOPC Funds' Secretariat and the Credentials Committee in attempting to rectify irregularities in credentials received

and in pursuing missing credentials. The Credentials Committee would, therefore, like to suggest that the 1992 Fund Administrative Council may wish to consider reviewing its current policy in respect of the formal requirement of credentials whereby, as provided in Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the 1992 Fund Assembly and of the Rules of Procedure of the Supplementary Fund Assembly, the credentials shall **only** be issued:

(a) by the Head of State, the Head of Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs

or

(b) by an appropriate authority as determined by the Government and communicated to the Director. If the credentials are issued by such an authority, the text should make it clear who has given the authority to issue credentials and where such authority is a person who is not a Government employee, such authorisation shall be communicated to the Director in advance of the opening day of the Assembly.

2.7 The Credentials Committee presents this report in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the 1992 Fund Assembly, of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee and of the Supplementary Fund Assembly.

3 Action to be taken

1992 Fund Administrative Council

The 1992 Fund Administrative Council is invited:

- a) to take note of the information contained in this Report; and
- b) to give the Secretariat any instructions it may deem appropriate.

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 Report and of any instructions given to the Secretariat by the 1992 Fund Administrative Council.
