

 <p>INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUNDS</p>	Agenda item: 1	IOPC/OCT10/1/3	
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GRANT OF OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Director

Summary:	Thailand has applied for observer status with the 1992 Fund.
Action to be taken:	<u>1992 Fund Assembly</u>
	Decide whether to grant observer status to Thailand.
	<u>Supplementary Fund</u>
	Information to be noted.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The government of Thailand has notified the Director that Thailand is considering accession to the 1992 Fund Convention and has requested observer status with the 1992 Fund.
- 1.2 Article 18.10 of the 1992 Fund Convention provides that the 1992 Fund Assembly determines which non-Contracting States shall be admitted to take part, without voting rights, in meetings of the Assembly and subsidiary bodies.
- 1.3 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'.
- 1.4 In accordance with this provision of the Rules of Procedure and after consultation with the Chairman of the Assembly, the Director has invited the Government of Thailand to send observers to the 15th session of the 1992 Fund Assembly.
- 1.5 At its first session, held in March 2005, the Supplementary Fund Assembly decided that States which would be invited to send observers to meetings of the Assembly of the 1992 Fund, should have observer status with the Supplementary Fund (cf document SUPPFUND/A.1/39, paragraph 3.2).

2 Action to be taken

2.1 1992 Fund Assembly

The 1992 Fund Assembly is invited to approve the application of Thailand for observer status.

2.2 Supplementary Fund

The Supplementary Fund Assembly is invited to take note of the decision of the 1992 Fund Assembly.