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REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS HAVING OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Secretariat

Summary:	<p>Every three years a review is carried out of international non-governmental organisations having observer status in order to determine whether the continuance of this status is of mutual benefit. The last review took place at the October 2012 sessions of the governing bodies. In respect of the International Group of Liquefied Natural Gas Importers (GIIGNL), it was decided that consideration of that organisation's observer status would be postponed until the next sessions of the governing bodies, pending clarification by the Secretariat of some issues with this organisation.</p> <p>The results of the Secretariat's contact with GIIGNL since the October 2012 sessions are set out in this document.</p>
Action to be taken:	<p><u>1992 Fund Assembly</u></p> <p>Decide whether GIIGNL should maintain its observer status with the 1992 Fund.</p> <p><u>Supplementary Fund Assembly</u></p> <p>Note the decision of the 1992 Fund Assembly and decide whether GIIGNL should maintain its observer status with the Supplementary Fund.</p>

1 **Introduction**

- 1.1 Every three years a review is carried out of international non-governmental organisations having observer status in order to determine whether the continuance of this status is of mutual benefit. The last review took place at the October 2012 sessions of the governing bodies.
- 1.2 At each review the governing bodies set up a group of five Member States to establish whether the continuance of observer status for each international non-governmental organisation is of mutual benefit, and to report its findings to the governing bodies. The group set up in 2012 comprised of Canada (Chairman), China, Liberia, Poland and Qatar.
- 1.3 Following the recommendations of the review group in October 2012 the 1992 Fund Administrative Council, acting on behalf of the 1992 Fund Assembly, decided that all international non-governmental organisations which held observer status with the IOPC Funds, except for one, should maintain that status until the next review in 2015. In respect of the International Group of Liquefied Natural Gas Importers (GIIGNL), which has observer status with the 1992 Fund and Supplementary Fund, it was decided that consideration of that organisation's observer status would be postponed until the next sessions of the governing bodies, pending clarification by the Secretariat of some issues with this organisation (document [IOPC/OCT12/11/1](#), paragraphs 8.2.1-8.2.17).

2 Developments since October 2012

Since the October 2012 sessions, the Secretariat has contacted GIIGNL to discuss the issues of concern raised by the review group. In response GIIGNL has addressed those concerns and has confirmed its intention to participate more actively in the work of the IOPC Funds, particularly in respect of HNS matters (see Annex).

3 Director's considerations

The Director has noted that GIIGNL fulfil the criteria set out in the guidelines on relations between the IOPC Funds and international non-governmental organisations (document [IOPC/OCT12/8/2](#), Annex I) and taking into account the information set out in paragraph 2 above and the Annex, and in consultation with the members of the 2012 review group, the Director is of the view that GIIGNL should maintain its observer status.

4 Action to be taken

4.1 1992 Fund Assembly

The 1992 Fund Assembly is invited:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and
- (b) to decide whether GIIGNL should maintain its observer status with the 1992 Fund.

4.2 Supplementary Fund Assembly

The Supplementary Fund Assembly is invited to note the decision of the 1992 Fund Assembly and decide whether GIIGNL should maintain its observer status with the Supplementary Fund.

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ANNEX
ORIGINAL: FRENCH



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Paris, 23 September 2013

Dear Mr Liebert,

Since establishing contact with the Secretariat of the IOPC Funds following the decision of the Assembly to not immediately approve the continuance of observer status of GIIGNL, we have modified the information on our website regarding our activities. We hope that these amendments will meet with your approval and that the Assembly will confirm the observer status of GIIGNL at its next session in October 2013.

We hope in fact to participate more actively in the work of the IOPC Funds, in particular on the matter of HNS.

Yours sincerely

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