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## INFORMATION SERVICES

### IMPROVEMENTS TO WEBSITE

#### Note by the Secretariat

<b>Summary:</b>	The Secretariat has introduced a number of improvements to the IOPC Funds' website since October 2013 and has developed a template for country profiles to be introduced into the website via the existing membership map. Some of the improvements made are set out below and the proposed template for country profiles will be presented to the governing bodies for consideration at their sessions in May 2014.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	<u>1992 Fund Assembly</u>  Provide comments on the proposed template for online country profiles.  <u>1971 Fund Administrative Council</u>  Information to be noted.

## 1 Introduction

The Secretariat launched the new IOPC Funds' website ([www.iopcfunds.org](http://www.iopcfunds.org)) in English in November 2012 and in French and Spanish in January 2013. The site is regularly updated with the latest news and events involving the IOPC Funds, including developments on incident-related matters. Work has continued on the development of additional features elsewhere on the site as set out below.

## 2 New features

### 2.1 Document services section

Improvements have been made to the process for online registration for meetings under the Document Services section of the website. Whilst it remains optional to register for a Document Services account, those delegates which have registered, can now save time when registering their attendance at meetings of the governing bodies. When logged in and registering to attend a meeting, any details entered previously will be remembered and automatically entered into the required fields in the online registration form. Details entered into the online registration form will also now generate the document issued at the end of the meetings containing the list of participants. Delegates are therefore urged to ensure all details entered at the time of registration are fully complete and accurate.

## 2.2 Timeline of key events

The 'About Us' section of the website is soon to include a timeline setting out the key events in the history of the IOPC Funds. This timeline includes all incidents, changes in legislation and other major markers in the evolution of the international compensation regime.

## 2.3 Publications page – addition of new Claims Information Pack

The publications page has been divided into sections to accommodate the addition of the new Claims Information Pack in March 2014. The four publications which form this Pack can be downloaded individually or as a PDF flipbook. As with the majority of the Funds' publications, hard copies of the Pack are available on request.

## 2.4 Membership page

2.4.1 The membership page has undergone a number of subtle improvements in recent months. Lists of current Member States can now be downloaded in a PDF format under the list view on the membership page. These lists can display the membership for any of the five treaties (1969 Civil Liability Convention, 1971 Fund Convention, 1992 Civil Liability Convention, 1992 Fund Convention and Supplementary Fund Protocol) individually, or a combination of those treaties as required.

2.4.2 Difficulties previously encountered in displaying overseas territories also covered by the Conventions have now been resolved.

2.4.3 The function to view a brief overview of basic information for each State has been available via the membership map since the website was first introduced. The Secretariat considered that it would be useful to expand on these basic overviews to provide web-users with a more comprehensive profile of each State. Each country profile would bring together publicly available information that the IOPC Funds has about the State, some of which may already exist elsewhere on the site, into one page. This should, in the view of the Secretariat, make it easier for Member States to check that the IOPC Funds has the latest information and should enable States to more easily learn about each other and contact one another if necessary. The information would include:

- a list of the relevant Conventions to which that State is party, including those which fall outside of the international compensation and liability regime but which are related to similar maritime issues;
- facts and figures relating to that State, including most recent oil reporting figures;
- a list of incidents which have involved the State;
- key contacts, ie the relevant authority or Ministry dealing with IOPC Fund matters; and
- additional relevant information about the State, eg previous membership of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee.

2.4.4 Consideration could also be given to including copies of relevant national legislation, where available, under the country profiles. Implementation of the 1992 Conventions into national law is an issue which is currently under review by the 1992 Fund Assembly. It has been suggested in the past that it may be helpful and in the interest of good governance, if States were to submit copies of their national legislation implementing the Conventions to the Secretariat. Having such information on file could greatly assist both the Secretariat and Member State to address any issues of concern ahead of an incident. These documents could be made available online in the relevant State's country profile page, should the State provide consent for the Secretariat to do so. These documents would be made available in their original language, unless the State is in a position to provide them in English, French and/or Spanish.

- 2.4.5 A presentation of the new proposed template for country profiles will be given at the May 2014 meetings of the governing bodies.

**3 Action to be taken**

**3.1 1992 Fund Assembly**

The 1992 Fund Assembly is invited:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and
- (b) to provide comments, if any, on the proposed template for online country profiles.

**3.2 1971 Fund Administrative Council**

The 1971 Fund Administrative Council is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.

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