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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

Note by the Director

1 The election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Assembly of the 1971 Fund is governed by Article 18.1 of the 1971 Fund Convention, which reads:

Article 18

The functions of the Assembly shall be:

1 to elect at each regular session its Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen who shall hold office until the next regular session;

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2 Rules 20 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly provide as follows (document 71FUND/A/ES.2/22/1):

Rule 20

The Assembly shall at the first meeting of each session elect a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman from among the representatives of its Members.

Rule 22

If the Chairman is absent from a meeting, or any part thereof or, for any reason, is unable to carry out his duties, one of the Vice-Chairmen shall act as Chairman.

3 At the time of the 20th session of the Assembly, the 1971 Fund will have 74 Member States. It should be noted that 24 of these States have deposited instruments of denunciation in respect of the 1971 Fund Convention. These 24 States will cease to be Members of the 1971 Fund after 15 May 1998.

4 As mentioned in the Agenda of this session (document 71FUND/A.20/1, paragraph 30), the Assembly may wish to consider holding an extraordinary session in the spring of 1998 to consider certain issues resulting from the compulsory denunciation of the 1969 Civil Liability Convention and 1971 Fund Convention by 1992 Fund Member States, which will take effect from 15 May 1998.

Action to be taken by the Assembly

5 The Assembly is invited:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and
 - (b) to elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Assembly.
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