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**APPLICABILITY OF THE 1969 CIVIL LIABILITY CONVENTION AND  
THE 1971 FUND CONVENTION TO FLOATING STORAGE UNITS (FSUs) AND  
FLOATING PRODUCTION STORAGE AND OFFLOADING UNITS (FPSOs)**

**Note by the Director**

<b>Summary:</b>	Reference is made to the 1992 Fund Assembly's consideration of whether FSUs and FPSOs fall within the scope of application of the 1992 Conventions (document 92FUND/A.3/18).
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Decide whether to postpone consideration of this issue until the 1992 Fund Assembly has considered the matter.

1 The 1971 Fund has received a number of questions as to whether spills from Floating Storage Units (FSUs) and Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Units (FPSOs) fall within the scope of application of the 1969 Civil Liability Convention and the 1971 Fund Convention. The decisive issue in this regard is whether FSUs and FPSOs are covered by the definition of "ship" laid down in these Conventions.

2 At its 3rd session, the Assembly of the 1992 Fund will consider the issue of the applicability of the 1992 Civil Liability Convention and the 1992 Fund Convention to FSUs and FPSOs (document 92FUND/A.3/18). It is recalled that the definition of "ship" in the 1992 Conventions is wider than that in the 1969 and 1971 Conventions. For this reason, it is proposed that the 1971 Assembly should postpone its consideration of this issue until the 1992 Fund Assembly has taken a decision on the applicability of the 1992 Conventions.

**3     Action to be taken by the Assembly**

The Assembly is invited:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and
  - (b) to take such decision on the issue dealt with in the document as it may consider appropriate.
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