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INCIDENTS IN ITALY

AGIP ABRUZZO INCIDENT

Note by the Director

Introduction

1 Since the issuance of document FUND/EXC.27/3, certain developments have taken place in connection with the AGIP ABRUZZO incident.

Clean-up Operations and Salvage

2 The tanker AGIP ABRUZZO remains at the Livorno anchorage whilst efforts continue with patching the damaged hull resulting from the collision. Extensive shoreline clean-up has now ceased, leaving some rock washing yet to be carried out at a few locations. The operations to dispose of the collected oily waste are not yet completed.

Notification by the Spanish Government

3 The Spanish Government has informed the IOPC Fund that small quantities of tar balls and oil patches have recently been discovered on the coasts of the Balearic Islands and Catalonia in Spain. The Government has stated that these substances may originate from the HAVEN or AGIP ABRUZZO incidents and that it cannot be ruled out that considerable quantities may reach the Spanish coasts. The Spanish authorities have taken samples of the tar balls which are being analysed.

Recourse Action and Related Issues

4 As mentioned in paragraph 12 of document FUND/EXC.27/3, the Italian authorities are undertaking an investigation into the cause of the collision.

5 The owners of the AGIP ABRUZZO and the MOBY PRINCE have approached the Director for discussions concerning the possibility of concluding an agreement under which the parties involved would undertake to refrain from taking certain actions related to recourse proceedings. Details of the proposed agreement will be given orally by the Director to the Committee.

Action to be Taken by the Executive Committee

- 6** The Executive Committee is invited:
- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document; and
 - (b) to give the Director such instructions as it may find appropriate in respect of the proposed agreement referred to in paragraph 5 above.
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