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INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE 1971 FUND

JEONG JIN N°101

Note by the Director

- 1 On 1 April 1997, the Korean coastal tanker *Jeong Jin N°101* (896 GRT) was loading heavy fuel oil at an oil terminal in the port of Pusan (Republic of Korea). Approximately 124 tonnes of oil is believed to have overflowed from one of the tanks of the *Jeong Jin N°101* and spilled into the sea.
- 2 Clean-up operations were commenced immediately by the operator of the oil terminal. The spilt oil nevertheless contaminated various parts of the port. The port facilities near the site of the incident, an inner breakwater, six vessels moored in a shipyard next to the breakwater, two piers, another shipyard adjacent to the oil terminal, and four ships under construction or repair in that shipyard were contaminated. Most of the areas are being cleaned by contractors. It is expected that the clean-up operations will continue until the end of April 1997.
- 3 The *Jeong Jin N°101* was not covered by any insurance for liability under the 1969 Civil Liability Convention. However, the shipowner had a bank guarantee issued by a Korean bank for Won 143 million (£99 000), to cover his civil liability for oil pollution damage in respect of this ship.
- 4 The limitation amount applicable to *Jeong Jin N°101* is estimated at Won 148 117 000 (£102 000).
- 5 So far no claims have been presented to the 1971 Fund.

6 The Executive Committee may wish to consider whether, and, if so, to what extent, it is prepared to authorise the Director to make final settlements of claims arising out of this incident on behalf of the 1971 Fund. In several recent cases, the Director has been given such authority, to the extent that the claims do not give rise to questions of principle which have not previously been decided by the Committee.

7 The Committee may also wish to consider whether and, if so, to what extent the Director should be authorised to make payments.

8 **Action to be taken by the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee is invited:

- (a) to take note of the information contained in this document;
 - (b) to give the Director such instructions as it may deem appropriate in respect of the incident dealt with in this document; and
 - (c) to consider whether to authorise the Director to make final settlement of the claims arising out of the *Jeong Jin N°101* incident and to make payments in respect of such claims.
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