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SEA EMPRESS

Note by the United Kingdom Delegation

Summary: This document presents a summary of the current claims situation arising from the *Sea Empress* incident.

Action to be taken: Take note of the information.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In six previous papers to the Executive Committee (documents 71FUND/EXC.48/2/1, 71FUND/EXC.49/9/1, 71FUND/EXC.52/7/1, 71FUND/EXC.54/3/1, 71FUND/EXC.55/7/1 and 71FUND/EXC.57/6/1), the United Kingdom delegation presented an analysis of likely total compensation payments following the *Sea Empress* incident. This paper provides a further update of the projected total eligible compensation claims expected by the United Kingdom Government.
- 1.2 The following updated information on the possible maximum of total claims is provided for the information of the Executive Committee.

Likely claims (£ million)	Low	High
Clean-up operations	22	23.5
Preventive measures (salvage)	0	4
Fishing industry	8	11
Tourism industry	1.5	2.5
Other (interest, fees for claimants' advisers)	0.5	1
TOTAL	32	42

2 Conclusion

The United Kingdom delegation remains of the view that the total amount of the claims following the *Sea Empress* will not exceed the limit of liability for the shipowner and the 1971 Fund.
