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CLAIMS MANUAL

Note by the Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund

1 The Claims Manual of the 1971 Fund is a practical guide to presenting claims against the 1971 Fund. The Manual sets out the legal framework within which the 1971 Fund operates and describes how the Organisation works. It explains how claims for compensation should be presented, and deals with the different types of admissible claims. The Claims Manual has proved to be an extremely useful publication for claimants.

2 In order to assist claimants, it is proposed that the 1971 Fund and the 1992 Fund should issue together a Claims Manual, based on the present (4th) edition of the Claims Manual of the 1971 Fund adopted by the Executive Committee at its 43rd session, and published in June 1995. The text should be revised to reflect the amendments to the Civil Liability Convention and the Fund Convention in the 1992 Protocols thereto, but would otherwise remain in its present form, with the information on the criteria for the admissibility of claims unchanged.

3 During its consideration in October 1995 of the preparations for the entry into force of the 1992 Fund Convention, the Assembly of the 1971 Fund expressed the view that the publication of a Claims Manual issued jointly by the 1971 Fund and the 1992 Fund would be of considerable assistance to claimants.

Action to be taken by the Assembly

4 The Assembly is invited to consider whether the 1992 Fund should issue a Claims Manual jointly with the 1971 Fund.
