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## GRANT OF OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Director

<i>Summary:</i>	The Republic of the Congo has applied for observer status with the 1992 Fund.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Decide whether to grant observer status to the Republic of the Congo.

### Introduction

1 The Government of the Republic of the Congo has notified the Director that the Republic of the Congo is considering accession to the 1992 Fund Convention and has requested to be given observer status with the 1992 Fund.

2 Article 18.10 of the 1992 Fund Convention provides that the Assembly determines which non-Contracting States shall be admitted to take part, without voting rights, in meetings of the Assembly and subsidiary bodies.

3 Under Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure for the 1992 Fund Assembly, "the Director with the approval of the Chairman shall invite ... States which have notified the 1992 Fund that they are considering accession to the 1992 Fund Convention ... to send observers to sessions of the Assembly".

4 In accordance with this provision of the Rules of Procedure and after consultation with the Chairman of the Assembly, the Director has invited the Government of the Republic of the Congo to send observers to the 4th session of the Assembly.

### Action to be taken by the Assembly

5 The Assembly is invited to approve the application of the Republic of the Congo for observer status.

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