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### ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

#### Note by the Director

<b>Summary:</b>	A system has been developed to provide delegates with access to documents for meetings of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies on the Internet.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Information to be noted.

- 1 In response to requests from a number of delegates, a system has been developed to provide access to documents for meetings of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies at the following Internet address.

**<http://www.iopcfund.org/docs.html>**

- 2 The system will be fully operational from 29 January 2001 and will contain documents for all meetings from January 2001 onwards.
- 3 If there is sufficient demand, the Secretariat would consider adding documents from previous years, such as documents for meetings which were held during 2000 or a complete set of Records of Decisions.
- 4 Documents will be provided in a standard format (Adobe Acrobat .PDF) in English, French and Spanish as appropriate. The documents can be viewed online individually or downloaded in batches corresponding to those mailed to delegates. Searches can also be performed to locate documents by title, Fund, year, meeting date, meeting session and language.
- 5 Access to the system will be restricted to delegates to meetings of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies by means of a system of login names and passwords. Each Member State as well as each State and Organisation having observer status with the Funds will be issued with a login name and password which may be distributed to appropriate persons within its administration. Details of these login names and passwords will be provided separately. Delegates will be able to register

their email addresses so that they can be notified automatically when new documents are placed on the system.

- 6** It is proposed that the question of whether to continue password protection of the system should be reviewed in October 2001 once experience of operating the system has been gained.
- 7** It is not intended that the system should replace the distribution of documents by mail, although Member States as well as States and Organisations having observer status might wish to take the opportunity to review the number of copies of documents which they currently receive.
- 8** The Secretariat would welcome comments from delegates on the new system, particularly in respect of any new features which could be useful.

**Action to be taken by the Assemblies**

- 9** The Assemblies are invited to take note of the information contained in this document.
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