

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 18th session Agenda item 3

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INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE 1992 FUND

Note by the Director

Summary: A résumé of three further incidents is set out.

Action to be taken: Information to be noted.

1 <u>Incident in Spain (September 2000)</u>

Oil landed on several beaches in Spain. Interpretation by the Spanish authorities indicated that the oil could have been discharged from the Maltese tanker *Concordia I*. The owner of the *Concordia I* has maintained that the oil did not originate from this ship.

The Spanish authorities have made available data attained from the analysis of the samples taken from the *Concordia I* and from the samples of oil collected from the shorelines. The Director concurs with the Spanish authorities conclusion that the oil from the *Concordia I* matches oil collected from the shorelines.

The clean-up costs are estimated at £3 835.

Action requested:

• To authorise the Director to settle the claims arising from this incident.

2 <u>Incident in the Guadaloupe (June 2002)</u>

A pollution incident affected the coast of a town in Guadeloupe (Caribbean) in June 2002. The pollution was believed to have resulted from an illegal discharge of oil at sea. Samples of the oil are being analysed. The clean-up costs are estimated at £220 000.

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Action requested:

• To authorise the Director to settle the claims arising from this incident.

3 <u>Incident in United Kingdom (September 2002)</u>

Oil stranded on the south coast of the United Kingdom. An analysis of the pollution concluded that the oil was most likely to have been heavy Middle Eastern crude oil. The Director is of the opinion that the oil most probably originated from a tanker.

Action requested:

• To authorise the Director to settle the claims arising from this incident.

4 Action to be taken by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.