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## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### STATUS OF THE 1992 FUND CONVENTION

#### Note by the Director

<b>Summary:</b>	Forty-one States have acceded to the 1992 Fund Convention so far. China's instrument of accession is limited to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Information to be noted.

1 When the 1992 Fund Convention entered into force on 30 May 1996, nine States were Parties to the Convention and therefore Members of the 1992 Fund. At the time of the 3rd session of the Assembly, 26 States were Members of the 1992 Fund. Since then, the 1992 Fund Convention has entered into force for a further four States, bringing the present 1992 Fund membership to 30. In addition, there are 11 States which have deposited instruments of accession to the 1992 Fund Convention, in respect of which the Convention will enter into force during the coming twelve months. This will bring the number of 1992 Fund Member States to 41 by 25 January 2000, as set out in the Annex.

2 The Executive Committee's attention is drawn to the four accessions to the 1992 Fund Convention since the Assembly's 3rd session, ie those of Iceland, Belize, People's Republic of China and Sri Lanka. It should be noted that it is stated in the instrument of accession deposited by the People's Republic of China that the 1992 Fund Convention will be applicable only to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at present.

3 It will be recalled that the Assembly took note at its 3rd session of a statement by the observer delegation of the People's Republic of China that the Chinese Government had decided to denounce the 1971 Fund Convention (which applied only to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) and to accede to the 1992 Protocols to the 1969 Civil Liability Convention and the 1971 Fund Convention, and that the

Chinese observer delegation informed the Assembly that the application of the 1992 Fund Protocol would be limited to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Some delegations expressed reservations about accession limited to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as suggested by the Chinese delegation, and stated that this matter would have to be studied further. The Assembly noted that it was for the depositary, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, to receive and circulate information to the States Parties on any new instruments of accession and for any objections on such instruments to be forwarded to the Secretary-General (document 92FUND/A.3/27, paragraphs 5.2 - 5.4).

**Action to be taken by the Executive Committee**

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

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## ANNEX

Status of the 1992 Fund Convention

State		Total Number
Present Member States:		
	Australia	
	Bahamas	
	Bahrain	
	Croatia	
	Cyprus	
	Denmark	
	Finland	
	France	
	Germany	
	Greece	
	Grenada	
	Ireland	
	Jamaica	
	Japan	
	Liberia	
	Marshall Islands	
	Mexico	
	Monaco	
	Netherlands	
	Norway	
	Oman	
	Philippines	
	Republic of Korea	
	Singapore	
	Spain	
	Sweden	
	Tunisia	
	United Arab Emirates	
	United Kingdom	
	Uruguay	
<i>Member States on 25 January 1999:</i>		30
Date of entry into force of 1992 Fund Convention		
6.04.99	Latvia	31
29.05.99	Canada	32
11.06.99	Algeria	33
25.06.99	New Zealand	34
7.07.99	Barbados	35
22.07.99	Venezuela	36
6.10.99	Belgium	37
13.11.99	Iceland	38
27.11.99	Belize	39
5.01.00	China (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)	40
22.01.00	Sri Lanka	41