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## INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE 1992 FUND

### INCIDENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

#### Note by the Director

<b>Summary:</b>	The claim arising from an incident which occurred in the United Kingdom in 1997 will not be pursued against the 1992 Fund.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Information to be noted.

1 On 28 and 29 September 1997 bunker fuel oil landed on sandy beaches in Essex on the east coast of England, United Kingdom. Clean-up operations on shore were carried out by the local authority. The origin of the oil is not known.

2 The local authority submitted a claim for compensation to the 1992 Fund for the cost of the clean-up operations, provisionally indicated at approximately £10 000.

3 In order for this spill to fall within the scope of application of the 1992 Fund Convention, the claimant must show that the oil originated from a ship as defined in Article I.1 of the 1992 Civil Liability Convention, which by reference is included in the 1992 Fund Convention, ie a laden or in certain circumstances unladen tanker.

4 Analyses of the pollutant oil indicated that it was bunker fuel, but in view of the small quantity which reached the beaches, it was impossible to establish whether or not it originated from a tanker. For this reason the 1992 Fund rejected the claim.

5 The local authority informed the 1992 Fund in August 1999 that it would not pursue its claim against the Fund.

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

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

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