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GRANT OF OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Director

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

2 Article 18.10 of the 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, the Executive Committee and subsidiary bodies.

3 Under Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure for the IOPC Fund Assembly and Executive Committee, "the Director with the approval of the Chairman shall invite ... States which have notified the Fund that they are considering accession to the 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 Chairmen of the Assembly and Executive Committee, the Director has invited the Government of Egypt to send observers to the 15th session of the Assembly and to the 32nd session of the Executive Committee.

5 In its application for observer status, the Government of Egypt has mentioned that it had some concern regarding the application of the contribution system laid down in the Fund Convention to the activities of the SUMED Pipeline Company and would be grateful if the IOPC Fund could look into this matter.

6 The Director proposes that the Assembly invites him to study, in consultation with the Egyptian authorities, the problem raised by the Government of Egypt and to submit a report on the results of the study for consideration by the Assembly at its 16th session.

Action to be Taken by the Assembly

7 The Assembly is invited to:

- (a) approve the application of the Arab Republic of Egypt for observer status; and
 - (b) instruct the Director to carry out the study referred to in paragraph 6 above and report his findings to the Assembly at its 16th session.
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