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ESTABLISHMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General of IMCO

1. Article 21 provides that an Executive Committee shall be established at the first regular session of the Assembly after the date on which the number of Contracting States reaches fifteen. At present there are fourteen Contracting States. Although the requisite instrument has been received from the Government of Indonesia that Government can only become a Contracting State to the Convention on 30 November 1978.
2. The appointment of the Executive Committee is governed by Article 22 which reads as follows:

Article 22

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of one-third of the members of the Assembly but of not less than seven or more than fifteen members. Where the number of members of the Assembly is not divisible by three, the one-third referred to shall be calculated on the next higher number which is divisible by three.
2. When electing the members of the Executive Committee the Assembly shall:
 - (a) secure an equitable geographical distribution of the seats on the Committee on the basis of an adequate representation of Contracting States particularly exposed to the risks of oil pollution and of Contracting States having large tanker fleets; and
 - (b) elect one half of the members of the Committee, or in case the total number of members to be elected is uneven, such number of the members as is equivalent to one half of the total number less one, among those Contracting States in the territory of which the largest quantities of oil to be taken into account under Article 10 were received during the preceding calendar year, provided that the number of States eligible under this sub-paragraph shall be limited as shown in the table below:

Total number of Members on the Committee	Number of States eligible under sub-paragraph (b)	Number of States to be elected under sub-paragraph (b)
7	5	3
8	6	4
9	6	4
10	8	5
11	8	5
12	9	6
13	9	6
14	11	7
15	11	7

3. A member of the Assembly which was eligible but was not elected under sub-paragraph (b) shall not be eligible to be elected for any remaining seat on the Executive Committee.

In connexion with Article 22(b)(b) the Assembly may be interested to note the quantities of contributing oil received in the territories of Contracting States in 1977. This information is given in the Annex to this document. In the light of wishes expressed by some governments it is requested that the information given in the Annex be treated as confidential. If the number of Contracting States reaches fifteen before the beginning of the first session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General will inform governments, and the Assembly will then be invited to hold elections to the Executive Committee in accordance with the terms of the Convention.

ANNEXINTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR
OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1971Status as at 22 August 1978

<u>Contracting States</u>	<u>Contributing oil (tons)</u> 1977
Algeria	
Bahamas	34.937.916
Denmark	12.306.276
France	136.807.000
Germany, Federal Republic of	84.576.968
Ghana	
Japan	363.729.406
Liberia	
Norway	10.868.000
Sweden	34.577.183
Syrian Arab Republic	2.401.804
Tunisia	1.352.628
United Kingdom	96.198.373
Hong Kong	3.833.146
Yugoslavia	9.650.000
<hr/> TOTAL: 14	<hr/> 791.238.700 <hr/>