

INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION  
COMPENSATION FUND

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

Note by the Secretary-General of IMCO

The Convention provides that the Fund shall have, inter alia, a Secretariat headed by a Director (Article 16) and that the Director shall be appointed by the Assembly of the Fund (Article 18(4)).

The Secretary-General has received from H.E. the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany a communication nominating Dr. Reinhard Ganten as a candidate for the post of Director. The communication, together with its attachment, is annexed to this document. Any further nominations received by the Secretary-General will be circulated in addenda to this document.

The Assembly is invited to give consideration to this nomination.

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ANNEX

DER BOTSCHAFTER  
DER BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND

Hans Hellmuth Ruete

London, May 31st, 1978

*Dear Secretary General,*

I have the honour to refer to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971, which was ratified by my Government on December 30th, 1976.

Since there are indications that the said convention will enter into force in the near future the secretariat of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund will have to be set up very soon.

According to Art. 36 of the Fund Convention the Assembly will have to be convened by the Secretary General of IMCO and will have to elect the director of the fund (Art. 18 para 4 of the convention).

In this connection I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has great interest to nominate Dr. Reinhard Ganten as a candidate for the post of the director of the fund.

At present Dr. Ganten is deputy head of the Transport Law Section of the Federal Ministry of Justice. He took considerable part in drafting the text of the fund

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convention and has also participated in the deliberations of the conference which finally adopted the convention.

It further might be mentioned that Dr. Ganten has worked on general subjects related to the prevention of the marine environment from pollution by oil and, on a great number of international meetings, has collected remarkable experience in the field of commercial and transportation law.

Several times he has been head of German delegations to international meetings or chairman of working groups on international conferences. Because of his above mentioned experiences Dr. Ganten has profound knowledge of methods applied in the field of international cooperation and in international organisations. He has management experiences by theoretical studies and practical work entrusted to him.

I have pleasure in enclosing the Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Ganten.

It would be very much appreciated by my Government if you would kindly take note of the proposed candidature of Dr. Ganten and inform the First Assembly of the fund accordingly.

Please, accept, dear Secretary General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*yours sincerely*

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CURRICULUM VITAE  
of Dr. Reinhard Ganten

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Office Address:	Federal Ministry of Justice Heinemannstr. 6 D-5300 Bonn 2
Private Address:	Zur Tomburg 33 D-5308 Rheinbach-Todenfeld
Date of Birth:	August 9, 1939 Lüneburg (Germany)
Marital Status:	married, 1 son
Education:	
1946 - 1959	School education with final examination (Abitur)
1959 - 1964	Study of law at the universities of Marburg, Bonn and Hamburg (special interest in maritime law and economics)
May 1978	Examination for doctor's degree in law, Hamburg university
Professional Activities:	
1964 - 1968	Gerichtsreferendar (Junior Judge) at the courts of Bremen and Berlin
1965 - 1966	8 months stay in London with 6 months practice with a solicitor and attendance of a 4 weeks course in English law for foreign students at the City of London College (award of the first class-certificate)
1966	Attendance of a 5 weeks curriculum on tax law at the Institut für Steuerrecht der Rechtsanwaltschaft
1968 - 1970	Lawyer in Bremen
since 1970:	Member of transport law section in the Federal Ministry of Justice, responsible for the preparation of international legal conventions and the preparation of national law in the field of private maritime law, including maritime pollution and private transport law.

Special Professional Activities:

1970-1978

Regular participation in many internal conferences in the field of maritime law and transport law in general, mostly as head of the German delegation, occasionally elected as chairman of working groups, participating in e.g.: sessions of the IMCO Legal Committee and its working group, entrusted with the elaboration of the Draft Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund of Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (1970 - 1971),

Brussels Diplomatic Conference on the Fund Convention (1971), UN-IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic (1972) and International Legal Conference on the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage on Board Ships (1974),

London Diplomatic Conference on the Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (1976),

Hamburg Diplomatic Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea (1978), further meetings within IMCO, ICAO, UNCTAD, ECE and other international organizations.

1971-1973

Preparation of the 1975 German Maritime Oil Pollution Act implementing the 1969 Civil Liability Convention and the 1971 Fund Convention

since 1975

Supervision in the administration of the Oil Pollution Act

1976

Seminar on management (7 weeks) at Bundesakademie für öffentliche Verwaltung

1977-1978

Responsible officer for the organization on the UN-Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, held in Hamburg, 6 - 31 March, 1978

Publication:

Several articles and essays on matters in the field of maritime law and other transport law, e.g.:

"Diplomatische Konferenz in Brüssel - ein internationaler Fonds zur Entschädigung bei Tankerunfällen", Hansa 1972, 372

"Das internationale Übereinkommen zur Errichtung eines Fonds zur Entschädigung für Ölverschmutzungsschäden", Heft 11 der Schriftenreihe b des deutschen Vereins für internationales Seerecht, Hamburg 1973

"Die Rechtsstellung des Unternehmers des kombinierten Verkehrs" (cto) thesis, not yet published.

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