

ASSEMBLY - 1st session  
Agenda item 5

DETERMINATION OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS

Note by the Secretary-General of IMCO

1. In accordance with Article 18(10), it is for the Assembly to determine which inter-governmental and international non-governmental organizations shall be admitted to take part, without voting rights, in meetings of the Assembly, the Executive Committee and subsidiary bodies. However, in order to ensure that invitations to such observers to attend the first session were circulated well before the opening meeting of that session, the Secretary-General invited those inter-governmental and international non-governmental organizations which sent observers to the 1971 Conference on the Establishment of an International Compensation Fund for Oil Pollution Damage to send observers to the first session of the Assembly, indicating that this invitation was subject to approval by the Assembly.
2. In this connexion, the Secretary-General should like to recall that in its consideration of the Draft Internal Regulations of the Fund, the Legal Committee was very much assisted by CRISTAL (Contract Regarding an Interim Supplement to Tanker Liability for Oil Pollution) and TOVALOP (Tanker Owners Voluntary Agreement concerning Liability for Oil Pollution). The Secretary-General believes that the deliberations of the Assembly would also be assisted by the participation of these Organizations which had not attended the 1971 Conference. Accordingly the Secretary-General has issued invitations to these two organizations to participate as observers at the first session of the Assembly, each invitation indicating that it is subject to formal approval by the Assembly.
3. A list of all inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations invited to attend the first session of the Assembly is annexed.
4. The Assembly is invited to take a decision on these matters.

ANNEX

I. Inter-Governmental Organizations invited to attend  
the first session of the Assembly as observers

Council of Europe (CL of E)

European Economic Communities (EEC)

International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)

II. Non-Governmental Organizations invited to attend  
the first session of the Assembly as observers

The Baltic and International Maritime Conference (BIMCO)

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

International Law Association (ILA)

Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)

Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses (PIANC)

Comité Maritime International (CMI)

Contract regarding an Interim Supplement to Tanker Liability  
for Oil Pollution (CRISTAL)

Tanker Owners Voluntary Agreement concerning Liability for  
Oil Pollution (TOVALOP)

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