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## Postponement of March 2020 meeting of the governing bodies of the IOPC Funds due to COVID-19

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has announced today that meetings and external group visits organised in the IMO Headquarters during March 2020 will be postponed due to the global coronavirus outbreak.

In light of this decision, the Director of the IOPC Funds regrets to announce that he has also decided to postpone the meeting of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies, which was due to be held from Wednesday, 11 to Friday, 13 March 2020.

The IMO Secretariat has been closely monitoring developments of the impact of COVID-19 at local and global levels and has followed advice provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Government of the United Kingdom (as the host government) and actions taken by other UN agencies.

Taking into account the decision of the United Kingdom on 5 March 2020 to move towards the 'delay' phase of its 'Coronavirus action plan: a guide to what you can expect across the UK', similar actions adopted by other UN agencies, and the increased difficulties for delegates from IMO Member States travelling from abroad to attend IMO meetings, the Secretary-General has made the following determinations, as a matter of urgent necessity:

1. to postpone the meeting of the Scientific Group of the London Convention and London Protocol, scheduled to take place from 9 to 13 March 2020, until further notice; and
2. to postpone the 107th session of the Legal Committee, scheduled to take place from 16 to 20 March 2020, until further notice;

The IOPC Funds, in close cooperation with IMO, will continue to monitor all developments related to COVID-19 and will advise as soon as possible on future developments.