



International Oil Pollution
Compensation Funds

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Supplementary Fund Assembly	●

Nominated candidates for the position of Director of the IOPC Funds

The Director refers to circular IOPC/2021/Circ.3 of 14 April 2021 inviting 1992 Fund Member States to nominate candidates for the position of Director by the deadline of 30 June 2021. The Director received the following nominations by the deadline (listed alphabetically by Member State):

Candidate	Member State
Mrs Liliana Monsalve	Colombia
Mr Thomas Liebert	France
Mr Gaute Sivertsen	Norway

The governing bodies will be invited to elect a new Director from these candidates at their November 2021 meeting. Copies of the candidate nominations are contained in the Annex to this circular.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the governing bodies will convene in July 2021 to determine the ballot procedure for the election of the Director in the event that the November 2021 meeting is held remotely, and the established ballot procedure cannot be carried out. Please see document IOPC/JUL21/7/1 for further information on ballot procedures for the November meeting.

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ANNEX
CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR
(LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY MEMBER STATE)

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REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Bogota, D.C., 21 June 2021

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to address Your Excellency to inform you that the Government of Colombia has decided to present the candidature of Mrs Liliana Monsalve Gaviria for the position of Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) for the 2022-2027 period, to be elected during the sessions of the General Assembly which will take place in November 2021.

Mrs Liliana Monsalve Gaviria is a lawyer who graduated from Rosario University in Bogota and a lawyer qualified in Spain and in the United Kingdom (Solicitor), specialising in Cultural Studies at the University of London (Birkbeck College).

To:

JOSÉ MAURA

Director

International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds)

London

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

In her more than thirty years' experience, she has worked in the public sector and in the private sector. Since 2014, she has held the post of Head of the Claims Department of the IOPC Funds, responsible for team management and the coordination of matters associated to the incidents involving the Funds. She has also delivered talks and seminars in various countries, such as South Korea, Australia, Spain, Portugal, Canada, Oman, Egypt and New Zealand, and also in Central America and South America. The audiences have included maritime authorities, underwriters, port correspondents, terminal operators, naval experts, commercial personnel and specialist lawyers.

The Government of Colombia is convinced that Mrs Liliana Monsalve's professional career in the sector makes her an ideal candidate for the position.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

FRANCISCO JAVIER ECHEVERRI LARA
Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
In Charge of Functions of the Office of the
Minister for Foreign Affairs

LILIANA MARÍA MONSALVE



Candidate from Colombia for the position of
Director of the IOPC Funds

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

30 years of experience in the international maritime sector - claims

International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds)

Head of the Claims Department

March 2014 - Present

For the past 7 years, Liliana has been responsible for team management and the coordination and assessment of incidents in which the IOPC Funds are involved: Prestige, Solar 1, Hebei Spirit, Alfa 1, Nesa R3, Trident Star, Nathan Stuart, Agia Zoni II, Bow Jubail, and the Incident in Israel. She supervises and works with experts and lawyers, maintaining relations and cooperating with governments, authorities, non-governmental organisations, the industry and private entities.

She has a critical role in fulfilling the organisation's mission and she is a member of the Management Team. This has enabled her to get to know close-up the various key aspects of the management and administration of the Secretariat and to participate actively in decision-making in the legal, financial, general administration and human resources departments. She maintains effective communication with the respective delegations of the Member States and keeps them informed about incidents. She promotes the development of issues relating to the application, ratification and correct implementation of the Conventions.

P&I CLUB EXPERIENCE

Britannia P&I Club

Associate Director

August 1995-March 2014

She has 24 years' experience in P&I clubs, in a wide range of claims in the maritime sector. She handled claims by Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American shipowners in various parts of the world and developed a practical approach to complex situations. She acquired considerable experience in negotiating and handling problems associated with maritime risks in different jurisdictions and in several legal systems. Whilst handling her cases, she was responsible for legal and expert advice in various areas. As the leader of her team, she took part in the negotiations for fleet cover renewal terms and she obtained detailed knowledge of the policies. She was responsible for preparing the annual report for her department, updating the claims estimates needed to calculate premiums and the assessment of the overall effect on the International Group Agreement and reinsurance.

West of England P&I Club

Claims Manager

June 1990-August 1995

Her professional career demonstrates extensive knowledge of maritime claims relating to cargo, collisions, damage to property, deviations, towage, salvage, wreck removal, pollution and personal injury, and valuable experience in the provision of legal advice in respect of contracts (charterparties and bills of lading, among others) and FD&D (Freight, Demurrage and Defence) cases. She has sound knowledge of guarantees given by the P&I clubs and banks, and also of arrests of vessels in various world ports.

RELEVANT ASPECTS OF COMPETENCE

Claims handling and processing

She is responsible for handling incidents. During the supervision of the Hebei Spirit case, which resulted in 127 000 claims being submitted, she was in charge of developing the system for processing payment of claims thus avoiding duplication of payments or fraud. She also implemented in more recent incidents the web-based claims handling system (CHS) and the online claims submission system (CSS).

She was specifically involved in final compliance with the financial obligations of the 1992 Fund during the last stages of the Prestige incident in the Spanish courts. In relation to the Agia Zoni II incident, she was the first person to travel to the spill site to assess the situation and take the first steps for local management of the incident. Recently, she has coordinated efforts for the analysis and understanding of the legal complexities attached to the Bow Jubail case. This has involved discussions on complex legal issues with lawyers specialising in matters that are heard by the highest courts, and a thorough analysis of the Conventions.

Given her experience in the international field, Liliana possesses cultural sensitivity, which is an aspect to be emphasised in claims handling – should a local office be opened or not – since the relationship with the affected country is essential. This is a fundamental quality for proper understanding of the decision-making and reasoning processes of Governments. This sensitivity is demonstrated in her article called “A Question of Culture”, published by Britannia News in May 2008.

Strategic Management, Finance and Governance

Liliana has vast experience in high-level negotiations of complex claims that involve large amounts. This means constant contact with governments, local authorities, public and private entities, civil society and the media. In addition to being authorised to pay these claims, Liliana is also empowered under the Financial Regulations to act as signatory in fund investment issues within the delegation of authority granted by the Director. Her assessment of incidents is crucial in decision-making for contribution purposes because incidents determine when a Major Claims Fund must be established. Liliana has therefore played an essential role in defining short and long-term strategies and in general issues that affect proper operation and governance of the organisation dealt with by the joint Investment Advisory Body and the joint Audit Body.

Meetings of the governing bodies and dealings with Member States

Liliana works in close collaboration with the Chair of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee in preparing the meetings of the governing bodies. Together with her team, she prepares and presents the documents relating to the incidents. She has actively participated at seminars, courses and conferences, and in the induction course for delegates and the short course for participants from Member States. She collaborates and is actively involved in multiple projects with both the IMO and non-governmental organisations (CMI, IG, ITOPI, OCIMF, IIDM, ICS and others). She is also responsible for updating claims information on the Funds' website and in their publications. She developed, along with the Director and experts, the publication "Guidelines for presenting claims for environmental damage" given the global interest in the subject.

Knowledge of the Civil Liability and Fund Conventions

In view of her legal career and her years of experience in the P&I Clubs and in the IOPC Funds, she possesses extensive knowledge of the Civil Liability and 1992 Fund Conventions, of the Supplementary Fund Protocol and of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, and of the 1996 HNS Convention and the 2010 HNS Protocol, among others. She has taken part in conferences, courses and seminars to promote awareness of the international liability and compensation regime for pollution damage. At the present time, Liliana is leading the group working on the project to prepare the draft of the Claims Manual relating to the 2010 HNS Protocol, which will be presented at the first meeting of the governing bodies when this latter comes into force. She also collaborated on the workshop on the HNS Convention organised with the IMO in 2018.

Leadership and administration of the Claims department

She leads the department with the smallest number of staff in the Secretariat, optimising its resources in order to provide a high level of service. Liliana and her team handle incidents that the 1992 Fund is currently involved in, they prepare the relevant documents to be presented at the meetings of the governing bodies, and they take part in numerous international forums to promote the regime and the correct implementation of the Conventions and to present specific claims-related matters. She also coordinates the management of local offices. In addition, she is responsible for appointing technical and legal experts. Liliana is very proud to lead a professional team that ensures efficient claims processing.

In 2019, the year when the IMO had empowering women in the maritime community as its theme, Liliana took an outstanding part at the World Maritime Day Parallel Event, in the "minitalks" in the city of Cartagena (Colombia), inspiring new generations as a woman in a leadership position. That same year, because of her status as a Latin American shipping-law woman, she was invited by CMI to its Colloquium in Mexico City as moderator of the panel for women and of the Latin American lawyers' panel and she led the debate on the present status of the Conventions in their countries.

International Seminars and Conferences

With wide experience and professionalism, Liliana has represented the IOPC Funds at seminars, conferences, virtual talks and workshops at international level, including in: South Korea, Australia, Spain, Portugal, Canada, Oman, Egypt and New Zealand and in several countries of Central and Latin America. These events are addressed to members of governments, non-governmental organisations, public and private bodies, maritime authorities, underwriters, port correspondents, terminal operators, naval experts, commercial, port and oil industry personnel, and maritime lawyers and professors.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

Liliana is a qualified lawyer who graduated from Rosario University in Bogota (Colombia) (1989).

She is also a lawyer in Spain (1998).

Liliana was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 2003. That same year, the Law Society of England and Wales, under Directive 98/5/EC, authorised her to work as a registered European lawyer.

She has a specialisation in cultural studies – Spain and Latin America (cultural and critical history) from University of London, Birkbeck College (2003).

Languages

Liliana is bilingual (Spanish and English).

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Consultancy Board of the Institute of Maritime Law, University of Southampton (Great Britain).
 - Member of the Board of Directors of the Colombian Association of Maritime Law (ACOLDEMAR). She is a member of the Academic Work Committee on the ratification of conventions.
 - Member of the Women’s International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA).
 - She participates in the IMOGEN- IMLI Women Mentorship Programme initiative.
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PUBLICATIONS

She contributed with the chapter titled: “Antecedentes y Marco Histórico del Régimen Internacional de Responsabilidad e Indemnización de Daños ocasionados por Contaminación de Hidrocarburos Persistentes Provenientes de Buques Tanque” (Antecedents and Historical Framework of the International Regime on Liability and Compensation for Damage caused by Persistent Oil Pollution from Tanker Vessels), of the book on Maritime Law of Colombia Externado University (Perspectiva Global del Derecho Marítimo 2021 – Global Perspective of Maritime Law 2021).

**MINISTRY
OF MARINE AFFAIRS**
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The Minister

Paris, 4 May 2021

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Mr José MAURA
Director of the IOPC Funds
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Dear Sir,

For forty years, the compensation regime for damage caused by oil spills has shown its effectiveness. France is a member of the various International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds. In the past, it has suffered many major oil spills.

As a State with a significant amount of coastline on several oceans, France plays an active role in the safety of maritime navigation and the protection of an exceptional natural environment. Due to its exposure to risks, France is very vigilant where questions of safety of navigation and liability for accidental oil pollution are concerned.

The risk, however, is not limited to oil. France actively promotes the adoption of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (known as the HNS Convention), and has signed it. France is fully committed to its implementation at national, European and international levels.

For all of these reasons, I have the honour of presenting, on behalf of the Government of the French Republic, the candidacy of Mr Thomas Liebert for the position of Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds for the period 2021-2025.

Electing Mr Thomas Liebert for the position of Director would combine a profound knowledge of the existing mechanisms with a strong desire to adapt to the new issues related to the evolution of energy policies. From my point of view, this would constitute a guarantee of success for years to come.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Annick GIRARDIN

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Thomas LIEBERT

France's candidate for the position of Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates• Position• Employer	<p>SINCE SEPTEMBER 2010 Head of External Relations and Conference Department (Grade D1) International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) – London</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role and responsibilities	<p>Description of position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Member of Management Team of the Secretariat of the IOPC Funds.- Management of and responsibility for the Department's work, recruitment, HR management, strategic orientations.- Management of information and communication tools for the public and States (websites, publications, translations).- Responsible for external relations, relations with Member States and representative organisations from the industry and coordination of technical cooperation activities (training, international conferences), development of training and outreach tools.- Responsible for organising meetings of the governing bodies and producing official documents.- Responsible for coordinating work to facilitate the entry into force of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 2010 (HNS Convention), including setting up the contributions system.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates• Position• Employer	<p>MARCH 2010 – AUGUST 2010 Head of Operations Department Oil Spill Response Ltd (OSRL) – Southampton</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role and responsibilities	<p>Description of position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Member of OSRL's global Management Team.- Responsible globally for the management and delivery of OSRL's operational oil spill response capabilities.- Responsible for the strategic leadership of operational teams in the United Kingdom, Singapore and Bahrain (70 people) with a focus on improving client experience during response and on reinforcing alignment of working practices across sites. Supervision of day-to-day running of the Operations Department in Southampton (40 people).- Coordination of OSRL's response operations during the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> incident in the Gulf of Mexico (GBP 20 million of equipment mobilised including two specialised aircraft, 25 response specialists on site, 24h/24h for six months).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates• Position• Employer	<p>2006 – 2010 Training and Consultancy Manager Oil Spill Response Ltd (OSRL) – Singapore</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role and responsibilities	<p>Description of position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Member of OSRL's global Management Team.- Management of the Training and Consultancy Department of Singapore office. Development of department's business plan, recruitment of staff and training. Supervision of a team of 12 trainers, consultants and support staff. Turnover of USD 2 million in 2009.- Delivery of services related to oil spill response capability audits, environmental impact assessments, contingency planning, exercises, training, capability development, crisis management and risk assessment, throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Development of new commercial services for chemical product spill preparedness and response.- Crisis manager in rotation in Singapore for oil spill response operations.- Participation as OSRL expert for advocacy activities in the region, including supervision of an IMO-IPIECA Global Initiative project on pollution response preparedness for the ASEAN region.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates• Position• Employer	<p>2003 – 2005 Advocacy Manager Oil Spill Response Ltd (OSRL) – London</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role and responsibilities	<p>Description of position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Member of OSRL-UK Management Team. Overall responsibility for OSRL advocacy activities.- Supervision of 3 executive officers for the Global Initiative Programme (IMO-IPIECA) and coordination of the Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC).- Secondment to the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) in 2003-2004.

- Set up and coordination of the Global Response Network (GRN), a group of the main industry-funded international response organisations for the improvement of mutual cooperation in case of incidents and the sharing of best practices on pollution response.
- Representation of OSRL in external relations and cooperation activities with governments and international organisations, in particular with the IMO.

- Dates
- Position
- Employer
- Role and responsibilities

2001 – 2003

Technical Officer – Pollution Preparedness and Response (Grade P3). Marine Environment Division International Maritime Organization (IMO) – London

Description of position

- Position financed by the Mission of International Civil Servants from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Supporting the Senior Deputy Director, Sub-division for Pollution Response and Technical Cooperation, in organising workshops and conferences on pollution response and protection of marine environment, and regional cooperation. Participation in implementation of these projects on the field.
- Preparation and revision of official documents on technical and legal matters submitted to IMO environmental committees, as well as training and public relations materials.

- Dates
- Position
- Employer
- Role and responsibilities

1996 – 2000

Programme Officer

Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development (CCFD) – Paris

Description of position

- Coordination of a consultative group of independent experts working with the CCFD to provide advice on maritime issues.
- Organisation of advocacy activities, public meetings, workshops, publications and exhibitions on small scale fishing activities and the rights of seafarers, and on sustainable development and environmental protection issues.
- Participation in fund-raising campaigns targeting private donors and public and private partners (70% of CCFD financing comes from private donors, EUR 35 million in 1998).
- Project management for sustainable development of traditional fishing in West Africa, Indian Ocean, South-East Asia and in Latin America, including identification, fund-raising, implementation, monitoring and assessment.

- Dates
- Position
- Employer
- Role and responsibilities

1994 – 1996

Lecturer

Institute of Political Studies (Aix-en-Provence) and Institute of International Relations Studies (ILERI, Paris)

Description of position

- Teaching contemporary international relations to first year students.
- Research work for the International and European Law Research Centre (CERIC, Aix).

ACADEMIC TRAINING

- Dates
- Level
- Establishment

2018 – 2020

Master of Laws (LL.M) – Environmental Law and Practice (Distance Learning)

De Montfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom

- Dates
- Qualification
- Organisation

1993 – 1994

Diploma of Higher Specialised Studies in International Administration (DESS – equivalent to Master’s)

University of Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne, France

- Dates
- Qualification
- Organisation

1989 – 1993

Master’s in International and European Law

Faculty of Law of Aix-en-Provence, University Aix-Marseille III, France

SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

LANGUAGES

FRENCH / MOTHER TONGUE

ENGLISH / EXCELLENT

SPANISH / INTERMEDIATE

OTHERS

Training: Certificates in personnel management and accounting/finance (Cranfield University, United Kingdom). Vocational training in human resources, sales, communication and pollution response techniques.

IT skills: Windows 365, Mac OS, Microsoft Office, CRM (Dynamics), Wordpress.

Knowledge/professional experience required for the position of Director of the IOPC Funds

Expert knowledge of the 1992 Civil Liability Convention and the 1992 Fund Convention as well as other related conventions; experience of complex legal questions regarding the Funds' activity and ability to understand different legal systems.

Mr Liebert has studied international public law and environmental law in-depth and holds two Masters in those fields (French and English). Together with over 10 years' experience at the IOPC Funds, which includes the analysis and implementation of these conventions, in particular through technical assistance activities, he has a very detailed knowledge of these legal instruments in addition to their practical application. His role at the IOPC Funds and his previous experience have also given him many opportunities to enhance his knowledge of other civil liability conventions as well as other relevant conventions from the IMO (OPRC Convention, MARPOL, etc.). As a member of the Secretariat's management team, he also contributes to all legal discussions connected to the IOPC Funds activity, and his dual training, combined with his experience, provides him with a clear understanding of the various legal systems in which the IOPC Funds operate.

Experience in questions linked to handling compensation claims; ability to assess expert opinions on legal and other questions and to take decisions on this basis.

His 10 years' experience within the IOPC Funds have provided him with thorough knowledge of the applicable criteria for compensation claims, together with the details of incidents involving the IOPC Funds, including their legal and technical dimensions. In addition, drawing from his previous experience, his work with coastal communities in developing countries has provided him with a thorough understanding of the economic and environmental aspects linked to fishing activities and their social and economic impact. His work in the pollution response sector has also given him a technical knowledge, unique for a lawyer, which enables him to accurately analyse pollution response strategies and their effects.

Experience in financial questions, general administration and matters relating to staff; experience in the public sector and good understanding of decision-making procedures and reasoning particular to governments.

With 15 years' experience as head of department in the public relations, operational and commercial fields, he has managerial experience in all its diversity, particularly for the last ten years within an international administration such as the IOPC Funds. Mr Liebert also holds a diploma of higher specialised studies (equivalent to a Master's) in international administration.

Used to high level negotiations; experience in relations with governments at all levels and with public and private bodies; experience in international conferences and intergovernmental meetings.

For the last 20 years, his work has consisted of establishing lasting and effective relationships with governments and organisations representing the oil and shipping sectors. His advocacy work in the field of pollution preparedness and response has often brought him into contact with elected representatives and to work alongside administrative representatives at the highest level. In his role as Head of External Relations within the IOPC Funds, he is involved at the very centre of these matters, which he handles on a daily basis.

Experience in media relations; highly proficient in verbal and written communications, including ability to write complex documents.

As Head of the External Relations and Conference Department, he is regularly called upon to write documents, communicate orally on a wide range of subjects with a diverse audience, including the media, an experience already acquired for a large part in his previous positions.

Personal qualities

Throughout his career, Mr Liebert has demonstrated a talent for decision-making, together with an ability to analyse needs and manage change within the organisations where he has worked. With OSRL, in particular, he developed the organisation's visibility in its operational support role for governments in search of technical support, and facilitated a significant increase in the scope of the Singapore branch's commercial activities. At the IOPC Funds, his sense of detail and his determination to always add value to services provided to Member States and other involved parties, enabled him to carry out a complete overhaul of working methods in the External Relations and Conference Department, in under three years, resulting in the redesign of existing tools (website, publications, production of documents and content of training materials).

He also developed new methods to obtain oil reports, leading to a 60% reduction in the number of late reports over this same period. Spontaneous with excellent people skills, but also attentive to those around him, he is popular with his staff. He is also an excellent team leader showing both empathy and determination, but is at the same time ready to delegate responsibilities and provide other staff members with the opportunity to develop new skills by dealing with other aspects of the organisation's activities. Mr Liebert is completely bilingual French-English and has a good working knowledge of Spanish.



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

The Royal Norwegian Embassy in London presents its compliments to the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) and has the honour to refer to the Funds' Circular IOPC/2021/Circ.3 of 14 April 2021 concerning the nomination of candidates for the position of Director of the IOPC Funds. The election will be held during the 26th regular session of the 1992 Funds Assembly in November 2021.

Norway attaches great importance to the work of the IOPC Funds and has been an active member since its inception. Norway was also one of the founding members of the Supplementary Fund. Further, Norway was the first state to ratify the HNS Convention, which is of particular interest to the IOPC Funds.


Reiterating its commitment to the work of the IOPC Funds, Norway has the honour to submit the candidature of Mr Gaute Sivertsen, Director, Maritime Department of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, for the position of Director of the IOPC Funds.

Norway considers that Mr Sivertsen has the experience and the professional qualities needed for the position of Director of the IOPC Funds. Mr Sivertsen is well known to the member states as he has served as the Chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly from 2011 until March 2021 when he resigned to be able to submit his candidacy for the post of Director. Mr Sivertsen had previously served as chairman of the Executive Committee from 2000 to 2002.

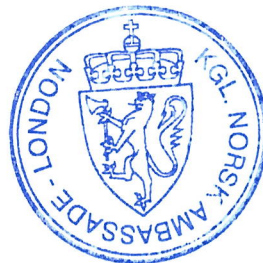
Mr Sivertsen is a lawyer who has worked with international and domestic maritime law and maritime policy in different ministries throughout his career. Throughout his career, he has worked on a wide spectrum of issues relating to maritime compensation, seafarer issues, maritime safety and security. He has kept the IOPC Funds issues as a part of his portfolio since 1992. Mr Sivertsen has also been Head of Delegation to the IMO Legal Committee for more than 20 years and represented Norway at the Council and Assembly many times. In addition to his vast international experience, he also has an extensive domestic portfolio covering legal and policy issues including the governance of the Norwegian Maritime Authority. More than 20 years' experience at management level

has also provided him with an excellent background for the management of the Secretariat including personnel and financial issues. Holding the position as chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly for the last 10 years has given him a very good insight into all aspects of the operation of the IOPC Funds.

In addition to his professional qualities, Mr Sivertsen has demonstrated his strong sense of diplomacy, integrity and efficient leadership. The curriculum vitae of Mr Sivertsen is attached.

The Royal Norwegian Embassy in London avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) the assurances of its highest consideration. 

London 9 June 2021



International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds
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CURRICULUM VITAE

GAUTE SIVERTSEN

Gaute Sivertsen is Director in the Maritime Department of the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries. He is responsible for maritime law, rules and regulations relating to maritime safety, security and seafarer issues. He is also responsible for the governance of the Norwegian Maritime Authority. He is further responsible for coordination of all matters relating to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of birth: 19 March 1962

Nationality: Norwegian

Civil status: married, three children

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EDUCATION

1991 - 1992 Ministry of Justice, Practical law course

1984 - 1990 Law-degree (Cand.jur.), University of Oslo

1988 (Jan-Jun) Special Exchange Programme, The University of North Dakota School of Law

1981 - 1993 Infantry officer Training School, BSIS

WORK

2014 - Director, Maritime Department, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries

2008 - 2014 Director, Maritime Department, Ministry of Trade and Industry

1999 - 2008 Assistant Director General, Shipping Department, Ministry of Trade and Industry

1997 - 1999 Adviser, Shipping Department, Ministry of Trade and Industry

1992 - 1997 Senior Executive officer, Shipping Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1990 - 1992 Executive Officer, Shipping Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, working knowledge of French and Spanish.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

1997 - 2002 Chairman of the Board, Jongskollen Condominium nr 1 (70 units)

1995 - 1997 Board member Jongskollen Condominium nr 1 (70 units)

1985 - 1990 Part time work Police HQ, Oslo

1983 - 1995 Army Reserve, Infantry 2. Lieutenant, First Lieutenant (90)

VARIOUS POSITIONS

- Chairman of the 1992 IOPC Fund Assembly, 2011-2021
- Head of the Norwegian Delegation to the IMO Legal Committee since 1998
- Head of the Norwegian Delegation to the IOPC Funds meetings since 1993

- Member of ReCAAP ISC Governing Council (Governor for Norway) , Singapore, since 2009
- Vice Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, IMO Diplomatic Conference on the HNS Protocol, 2010
- Head of the Norwegian Delegation, IMO, SUA Diplomatic Conference 2005
- Head of the Norwegian Delegation, IMO, Supplementary Fund Diplomatic Conference 2003
- Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, IMO Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the Athens Convention 2002
- Norwegian Maritime Law Committee, member 2000-2004
- Chairman of the 1992 IOPC Fund Executive Committee 2000-2002

HOBBIES

Skiing, Scuba diving, boating and other outdoor activities.

COMPETENCE KEY FEATURES

Expert knowledge of 1992 CLC and Fund Conventions and other relevant conventions

Almost thirty years' experience as a delegate to the IOPC Funds, chairman of the Executive Committee and ten years as Chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly. Also thirty years' experience as a delegate and twenty years as head of delegation to the IMO Legal Committee. Member of the Norwegian Maritime Law Committee on the HNS Convention. This has provided an expert knowledge of the International Conventions and their application.

Experience in financial matters, general management and handling of staff

Over twenty years' experience at management level in the ministry, has provided an excellent insight in management, including management of budget and personnel issues.

Mr Sivertsen has for the last twenty years been responsible for management oversight and governance of the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA). The NMA is the administrative and supervisory authority in matters related to safety, security and environmental issues relating to shipping. The NMA is also responsible for port state control and ship registers in the Norwegian Ship Register (NOR) and the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS).

Ten years as chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly with participation in all Audit Committee meetings etc. has provided in depth knowledge of financial matters, management and personnel issues in relation to operation of the IOPC Funds.

Claims handling

Lawyer with almost thirty years' experience as IOPC Funds delegate, two years as Chairman of the Executive Committee and ten years as Chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly provides a solid experience with claims handling.

Working with Governments, Public and Private bodies

A long career working for the Norwegian government with more than twenty years at management level provides a vast experience in the decision making processes of governments. As a Director in the Ministry, Mr Sivertsen has a long experience of briefing

and advising ministers in person. Very experienced in dealing and negotiating with private bodies and foreign governments on all levels.

Has represented Norway in bilateral, regional and multilateral settings all over the world throughout his career on questions relating to safety, security, marine environment, UNCLOS and promotion of maritime and shipping issues.

Experience of media relations

Long experience in media handling and media relations strategy through the work in the ministries.

Personal attributes

Mr Sivertsen has acted with objectivity, integrity, fairness and a good sense of diplomacy in the role as chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly for ten years. Long experience in dealing with foreign governments and a good sense of the political sensitivity of issues relating to the IOPC Funds. Known for an effective and informal leadership style with good interpersonal skills.
