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Implementation questionnaire and support for Member States

Member States are kindly invited to participate in the trial of a short questionnaire relating to their implementation of the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions and, if relevant, the Supplementary Fund Protocol, into national legislation.

Correct implementation is vital to ensuring the proper functioning of the international regime. This applies to all areas, including the financing of the system through oil reports and contributions, the recognition of the 1992 Fund's rights pursuant to the 1992 Fund Convention, and the claims process in the event of an incident.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to confirm that all necessary areas have been covered by the Member State during the implementation process, and to identify any areas where the Secretariat could offer support or guidance utilising the legal and/or policy expertise within the organisation.

The introduction of this questionnaire and offer of support by the Secretariat in this area was commended by several delegations during the November 2025 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies. A number of Member States volunteered to participate, and the Chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly encouraged other Member States, both old and new, to also volunteer.

The Director proposes that this questionnaire, available [here](#), be completed on a voluntary and trial basis by a small group of States which are diverse in terms of geographical location, volume of contributing oil reported, size of shipping fleet etc. The Secretariat will then provide feedback to those States and offer any support, as required. The results of the specific questionnaires will not be published. However, the Director will report back to the governing bodies at a future session in general terms regarding whether the questionnaire service was beneficial or not and whether it should continue to be offered.

Any States willing to volunteer to participate in the trial should contact the Secretariat via info@iopcfoods.org in order to receive a link to the questionnaire. The deadline for completion of the questionnaire during this trial is 7 March 2026.

The Director also takes this opportunity to remind Member States that the sharing of the State's relevant national legislation implementing the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions, and where applicable the Supplementary Fund Protocol, can facilitate the communication and cooperation between Member States and the Secretariat on matters such as oil reporting, contributions or general applicability of the Conventions. He therefore refers to the information set out in circular [IOPC/2016/Circ.2](#) and encourages States to submit copies of such legislation to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience.