



**INTERNATIONAL
OIL POLLUTION
COMPENSATION
FUNDS**

92FUND/Circ.66
SUPPFUND/Circ.89
71FUND/Circ.10

19 November 2009

To: Member States of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992
Member States of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Supplementary Fund
Former Member States of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1971

Subject: **Nomination of candidates for the position of External Auditor of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds**

The Director has the honour to notify Member States^{<1>} that the term of office of the present External Auditor of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, the Comptroller & Auditor General of the United Kingdom, as head of the National Audit Office, covers the financial years 2007-2010 inclusive. It will therefore be necessary for the 1992 Fund Assembly, the Supplementary Fund Assembly and the 1971 Fund Administrative Council at their regular sessions in October 2010 to appoint an External Auditor to audit the Financial Statements from 1 January 2011 for such a period as the governing bodies deem appropriate. The External Audit appointment has traditionally been made for a period of four years but may be renewed. Thus the present External Auditor is eligible for reappointment.

The Financial Regulations of the IOPC Funds require that the External Auditor shall be the Auditor-General (or officer holding the equivalent title) of a Member State.

As a result of a decision taken by the IOPC Funds' governing bodies at their October 2009 sessions, the audit of the financial statements of the three Funds will be conducted in accordance with the Funds' Financial Regulations and in conformity with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), where appropriate, from the financial year (calendar year) 2010.

A tender brief is available from the IOPC Funds' Secretariat upon request from those Member States considering nominating a candidate for appointment as the External Auditor of the IOPC Funds. The tender brief is also available on the Funds' website (<http://www.iopcfund.org>) as is general background information on the Funds.

The deadline for the submission of nominations by Member States to the IOPC Funds' Secretariat is 31 January 2010 and resulting tenders should be submitted by 16 March 2010. Meetings with the Secretariat for the purpose of familiarisation, if so desired, will take place between the beginning of January 2010 and the end of February 2010 in order to allow both the Secretariat and candidates reasonable flexibility in scheduling any such meetings.

Tenders received by 16 March 2010 will be considered by the IOPC Funds' joint Audit Body at its April 2010 meeting with a view to providing a recommendation to the governing bodies of the respective Organisations at their October 2010 meetings, including a proposal as to the length of the term of office (currently four years). Candidates shortlisted at this meeting will be asked to make themselves available for interview by the Audit Body in London in early June 2010. The Chairpersons of the 1992 Fund Assembly, the Supplementary Fund Assembly and the 1971 Fund Administrative Council will also be invited to attend these interviews.

<1> In respect of the 1971 Fund, former Member States

At their October 2010 sessions, the governing bodies will then appoint (or reappoint) the External Auditor to audit the Financial Statements from 1 January 2011 for such a period as the governing bodies deem appropriate.

For ease of reference, a timetable for the appointment of the External Auditor is at the Annex.

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ANNEX

TIMETABLE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO THE IOPC FUNDS

November 2009	The Director invites nominations from interested candidates from Member States for appointment as the IOPC Funds' External Auditor.
31 January 2010	Deadline for submission of nominations to IOPC Funds' Secretariat.
January/February 2010	Familiarisation meetings between interested candidates and IOPC Funds' Secretariat.
16 March 2010	Deadline for submission of formal audit tenders to IOPC Funds' Secretariat.
April 2010	Evaluation of tenders and shortlisting of candidates by the Audit Body. Selected candidates to be invited to attend for interview in early June 2010.
June 2010	Interview of shortlisted candidates by the Audit Body and the Chairpersons of the 1992 Fund Assembly, the Supplementary Fund Assembly and the 1971 Fund Administrative Council. Recommendation from the Audit Body as to the selection of the External Auditor to be prepared for submission to the governing bodies for consideration at their October 2010 sessions.
October 2010	Governing bodies appoint (or reappoint) External Auditor to audit Financial Statements from 1 January 2011 for a period to be decided by the governing bodies.
2011	Audit of 2010 Financial Statements by current External Auditor. Subject to whether current External Auditor is reappointed, new Auditor may use period for familiarisation.
October 2011	Current External Auditor presents his report on the 2010 Financial Statements to the governing bodies. If not reappointed, responsibility of current External Auditor ceases on presentation of his Report to the governing bodies.
December 2011	External audit strategy for audit of 2011 Financial Statements is discussed at meeting of Audit Body.
2012	Audit of 2011 Financial Statements by new (or re-appointed) External Auditor.
