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Background information about ITOPF and its support to RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides background information about ITOPF and its cooperation with the centre.

Action to be Taken: Paragraph 2.1

1. General:

1.1 ITOPF is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the global shipping industry. Since its establishment in 1968, ITOPF has evolved into the maritime industry's primary source of objective technical advice, expertise and information on effective response to ship-source pollution. Over the past 50 years ITOPF's technical staff have responded to over 750 ship-source spills in 100 countries in order to give objective, technical advice on clean-up measures, environmental and economic effects, and compensation. The first-hand experience gained by our staff through direct involvement in pollution incidents is put to good use during contingency planning and training assignments, as well as in the production of technical publications. ITOPF has observer status at both the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) and we regularly contribute to

discussions on matters relating to ship-source pollution. For further information please consult our website (www.itopf.com).

- 1.2 The cooperation between ITOPF and RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe dates back to the beginning of the centre's establishment in the late 90s. RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe has always been one of the key partners of ITOPF. In the last couple of decades, ITOPF has participated in a large number of events organised by RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, the majority of which were related to providing support for training courses and exercises on preparedness and response to spills of oil and HNS as well as on the international compensation regimes. ITOPF has also regularly remotely assisted RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe in reviewing the national and regional contingency plans of its members. Furthermore, ITOPF regularly attends the Steering Committee Meeting to reiterate its commitment to assist the centre and its Member States in the implementation of its projects.

2. Action:

- 2.1. The Steering Committee is invited to note the information provided and inform ITOPF of future support requirements.