



# Workshop on the 2010 HNS Convention

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## Future Implementation of the Convention

*Action Plan*

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# 2010 HNS Protocol

## *Some actions to overcome obstacles to ratification*



### 1996 HNS Convention

#### Reporting issues

> 5000 HNS in the 4 Accounts.  
**Over 60% carried in packaged form** and no consolidated list available

#### Who contributes?

LNG cargo titleholder is responsible for contribution

#### Unfair cost sharing

Member States can claim without **reporting** contributing cargo



### 2010 HNS Protocol

Packaged goods covered by the Convention **but do not contribute** to the HNS Fund

**Bulk cargoes are covered** and **only their receivers** in the 4 accounts **contribute financially**

Shifts responsibility for contribution to **LNG cargo receiver in principle**

Ratification of Protocol must be accompanied by reports.  
**Compensation is suspended in case of default**, except for death and personal injury



# Some delays in ratification since 2010

*But it seems to be going in a better direction now!*



The limited number of large and damaging incidents has not motivated States to quickly ratify the HNS Convention



In addition, the complicated process to provide HNS contributing reports has not motivated the States to consider this Convention as a priority

However, the efforts made by a number of States, IMO and IOPC Funds in the last 1-2 years have motivated a number of States to become Parties to the HNS Convention



# What will be done in 2023-2024

## *HNS Action Plan*



- HNS Finder – Ongoing improvements for the products research and their description will facilitate its use
- HNS Reporting – more work with States will help the development of new rules/guidelines to facilitate reporting needs, including revised reporting Guidelines to be published
- Develop an electronic reporting and financial system to facilitate the requirements of Companies, States and the HNS Fund
- Continue preparation of a draft HNS Claims manual for approval when the Convention will come into force



# Future of the 2010 HNS Convention

*With participation of State Parties before entry into force*

- Restart an HNS Group, with IMO, IOPC Funds, all States Parties and organisations representing the private sector:
  - ✓ It has been an efficient tool since the adoption of the 1996 version of the HNS Convention
  - ✓ Good to support the delivery of implementation issues
- Prepare the full set of internal rules and regulations for the entry into force of the HNS Fund Assembly
- Prepare the creation of an HNS Fund Secretariat
- Agree with partners to approve a series of relevant agreements (IMO, P&I Clubs, Experts, etc.)



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