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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL  
ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001**

**Ratification by Brazil**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, and to state that, in accordance with article 17 of the Convention, ratification by the Federative Republic of Brazil was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 20 February 2012.

The Convention will enter into force for Brazil on 20 May 2012, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(3).

There are, at present, fifty-nine Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 79.17 per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2010. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.