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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, 1979,  
AS AMENDED**

**Accession by Togo**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979, as amended, and to state that accession by the Togolese Republic was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 23 April 2012, in accordance with article IV.

The Convention will enter into force for Togo on 23 May 2012, in accordance with the provisions of article V.

There are, at present, one hundred and one Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 61.45%\* 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 2011. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.