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

Accession by Niue

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, accession by Niue was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 18 May 2012.

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

There are, at present, sixty Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 79.11%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* 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.