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

Accession by Ukraine

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 Ukraine was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 15 June 2017.

The instrument of accession contained the following declaration:

"In accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii)(2) of this Convention an amendment to annex 1 shall enter into force for Ukraine only after the Secretary-General, prior to the entry into force of such amendment, is given a subsequent notification of such an acceptance."

The Convention will enter into force for Ukraine on 15 September 2017, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 76 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 93.70%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 15 June 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime & Trade, current as of 31 December 2016.