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

**Accession by Viet Nam**

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 the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam was effected by deposit of an instrument on 27 November 2015.

The Convention will enter into force for Viet Nam on 27 February 2016, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 72 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 85.22%\* 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 2014. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.