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

Accession by the Philippines

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(3) of the Convention, accession by the Republic of the Philippines was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 6 June 2018.

The Convention will enter into force for the Philippines on 6 September 2018, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 78 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 94.21%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 6 June 2018, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.