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

Accession by Georgia

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 Georgia was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 13 September 2018.

The Convention will enter into force for Georgia on 13 December 2018, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 81 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 94.31%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 26 July 2018, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.