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

**Accession by Belarus and Madagascar**

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 Belarus and the Republic of Madagascar was effected by the deposit of instruments on 25 July 2019 and 26 July 2019, respectively.

The Convention will enter into force for Belarus on 25 October 2019 and for Madagascar on 26 October 2019, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 89 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 96.09%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as of 26 July 2019, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2018.