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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT
OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

Accession by Malta and Jamaica

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, and to state that in accordance with article 17(3) of the Convention, accession by the Republic of Malta and Jamaica was effected by the deposit of instruments on 7 September 2017 and 11 September 2017, respectively.

The Convention will enter into force for Malta on 7 December 2017 and for Jamaica on 11 December 2017, in accordance with articles 18(2) and 18(3) of the Convention, respectively.

There are at present 65 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 73.92%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 11 September 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.