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

Accession by Guyana

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 Co-operative Republic of Guyana was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 20 February 2019.

The Convention will enter into force for Guyana on 20 May 2019, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 80 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 80.94%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 20 February 2019, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.