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

Accession by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 2 July 2020.

The Convention will enter into force for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 2 October 2020, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 84 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 91.10%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 2 July 2020, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2019.