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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973,  
AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**OPTIONAL ANNEX IV**

**Acceptance by the Republic of Djibouti**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and to state that, in accordance with article 14(2) of the Convention, acceptance of Optional Annex IV by the Republic of Djibouti was effected by deposit of an instrument on 12 October 2015.

Optional Annex IV will enter into force for Djibouti on 12 January 2016, in accordance with article 15(5) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 136 Contracting States which have accepted Annex IV, representing approximately 90.75%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2014. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.