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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY
FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001**

Accession by New Zealand and Nicaragua

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, and to state that, in accordance with article 12, accession by New Zealand and the Republic of Nicaragua was effected by the deposit of instruments on 4 April 2014 and 3 April 2014, respectively.

The instrument of accession of New Zealand was accompanied by the following declaration:

"...consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the charter of the United Nations, this accession shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

The Convention will enter into force for New Zealand on 4 July 2013 and Nicaragua on 3 July 2014, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, 76 States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 90.52%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2013. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.