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

**Accession by Tonga**

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 the Kingdom of Tonga was effected by deposit of an instrument on 18 September 2003.

Article 14 provides as follows:

- “(1) This Convention shall enter into force one year following the date on which eighteen States, including five States each with ships whose combined gross tonnage is not less than 1 million, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval or have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General.

There are, at present, three Contracting States to the Convention.

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