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

**Extension by the People's Republic of China to the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to state that he received, on 10 February 2010, a notification from the Government of the People's Republic of China that the application of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 was extended to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China with effect from 22 January 2010.

The notification included the following text:

“In accordance with the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that the Convention applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China from the date of 22 January 2010. The declaration made by the People's Republic of China with regard to article 7 of the Convention also applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.”

The declaration made by the People's Republic of China at the time of accession to the Convention stated that article 7 of the Convention shall not apply to the ships operating exclusively within the inland waterways of the People's Republic of China.

There are, at present, forty-seven States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 84.06% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.