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

Accession by Tunisia

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 Republic of Tunisia was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 5 September 2011.

The instrument of accession by Tunisia contained the following declaration:

"The accession by the Republic of Tunisia to this Convention shall not be binding upon it in respect of any future amendment to the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976."

The Convention will enter into force for Tunisia on 5 December 2011, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, sixty Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 88.97%* of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2010. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.