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

Accession by the Republic of Panama

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 Panama was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 17 February 2009.

The Convention will enter into force for Panama on 17 May 2009, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, thirty-five Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 74.26% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.
