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

Accession by the Islamic Republic of Iran

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 Islamic Republic of Iran was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 21 November 2011.

The Convention will enter into force for the Islamic Republic of Iran on 21 February 2012, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, sixty-three States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 89.12%* 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 2010. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.