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

Accession by Malaysia, Malta and Finland

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 following States was effected by the deposit of instruments on the dates indicated:

Name of State	Date of deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force
Malaysia	12 November 2008	12 February 2009
Republic of Malta	12 November 2008	12 February 2009
Republic of Finland	18 November 2008	18 February 2009

The instrument of accession by Malta contained the following declaration:

“Judgements covered by the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, shall, when given by a court of the Republic of Austria, the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Finland, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, be recognized and enforced in Malta according to the relevant internal Community rules on the subject.”

The Convention will enter into force for the above-mentioned States on the dates indicated, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, twenty-nine Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 45.95% of the world’s merchant shipping.