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

**Accession by the Russian Federation**

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 Russian Federation was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 24 February 2009.

The Convention will enter into force for the Russian Federation on 24 May 2009, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, thirty-seven Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 75.25% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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