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

**Accession by Egypt**

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 Arab Republic of Egypt was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 15 February 2010.

The instrument of accession by Egypt contained the following declaration:

*[Translation]*

"The Arab Republic of Egypt hereby declares that the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, is not applicable to ships passing through the Suez Maritime Canal, in order to ensure the freedom of use of the Suez Canal and its ports."

The Convention will enter into force for Egypt on 15 May 2010, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, forty-eight States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 84.19% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.