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

Accession by Slovakia

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 Slovak Republic was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 1 May 2013.

The instrument of accession by Slovakia contained the following declaration:

"Judgements on matters covered by the Convention shall, when given by a court in the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, Ireland, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, be recognized and enforced in the Slovak Republic according to the relevant internal Community rules on the subject (Regulation (EC) No. 44/2001)."

The Convention will enter into force for Slovakia on 1 August 2013, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, 69 States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 89.87 per cent* 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 2012. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.