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

Accession by Belgium

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 Kingdom of Belgium was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 11 August 2009.

The instrument contained the following declaration:

“Judgements on matters covered by the Convention, when given by a court of another member state of the European Union, with the exception of Denmark, shall be recognized and enforced in Belgium according to the relevant Community rules on the subject.”

The Convention will enter into force for Belgium on 11 November 2009, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, forty-three States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 77.09% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.
