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

**Accession by France**

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 French Republic was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 19 October 2010.

The instrument of accession by France contained the following declaration:

[*Translation*]

"France declares that judgements on matters covered by the Convention, when given by a court of a Member State of the European Community except for France and Denmark, shall be recognized and enforced in France according to the relevant Community rules on the subject."

The Convention will enter into force for France on 19 January 2011, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, fifty-six States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 85.51%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by Lloyd's Register/Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2009. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.