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

**Accession by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

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 Democratic People's Republic of Korea was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 17 July 2009.

The Convention will enter into force for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 17 October 2009, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, forty-one Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 76.55% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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