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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT
OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

Accession by Morocco, Indonesia and Ghana

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, and to state that accession by the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of Ghana was effected by deposit of instruments on 23, 24 and 26 November 2015, respectively.

The conditions for entry into force of this Convention have not yet been fulfilled. Article 18(1) of the Convention provides as follows:

"1 This Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than thirty States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 35% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited the requisite instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with article 17."

There are, at present, 47 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 34.35%* 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 2015. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate.