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

Extension by the Kingdom of Denmark to the Faroes

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to state that he received, on 28 August 2015, a notification from the Kingdom of Denmark withdrawing a declaration in respect of the application of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, to the Faroes contained in its instrument of accession to the Convention, deposited on 1 September 2012.

Article 18(1) of the Convention provides as follows:

"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, 44 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 32.89%* 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 2014. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.