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

**Extension by the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Caribbean part of the Netherlands
(Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba)**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to state that he received, on 20 February 2014, a declaration from the Kingdom of the Netherlands that the application of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, was extended to Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba (the Caribbean part of the Netherlands).

This extension took effect from 20 February 2014, the date on which the declaration was received.

Article 18 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, 38 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 30.38%* 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 IHS/Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2012. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.