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

**Accession by Panama**

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 in accordance with article 17(2) of the Convention, accession by the Republic of Panama was effected by deposit of an instrument on 19 October 2016.

The instrument of accession of Panama was accompanied by the following declaration:

"The Government of the Republic of Panama declares that regulations D-1 and D-2 of the Annex to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, will apply to ships in accordance with the recommendation contained in Resolution A.1088(28), adopted by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization on 4 December 2013."

The Convention will enter into force for Panama on 8 September 2017, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.

There are at present 53 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 53.28%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as at 19 October 2016 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime & Trade current as of 30 September 2016.