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

Accession by Nigeria, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Norway, Barbados and Egypt

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 following Contracting States was effected by the deposit of instruments on the dates indicated:

	Date of deposit of instrument
The Federal Republic of Nigeria	13 October 2005
Tuvalu	2 December 2005
Kiribati	5 February 2007
The Kingdom of Norway	29 March 2007
Barbados	11 May 2007
The Arab Republic of Egypt	18 May 2007

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 thirty-five percent 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 accordance with Article 17.”

There are, at present, ten Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 3.42% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.