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

**Ratification by Australia and accession by the United Arab Emirates,
the Bahamas and Singapore**

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(3) of the Convention, accession by the United Arab Emirates was effected by deposit of an instrument on 6 June 2017; ratification by Australia was effected by deposit of an instrument on 7 June 2017; and accession by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the Republic of Singapore was effected by deposit of instruments on 8 June 2017.

The Convention will enter into force for the United Arab Emirates, Australia, the Bahamas and Singapore on 8 September 2017, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.

There are at present 59 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 65.18%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 8 June 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.