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

Accession by Saudi Arabia

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 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was effected by deposit of an instrument on 27 April 2017.

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

There are at present 55 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 53.67%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 27 April 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.