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**CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR
PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972, AS AMENDED**

Accession by the Philippines

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended, and to state that, in accordance with article II, accession by the Republic of the Philippines was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 10 June 2013.

The Convention entered into force for the Philippines on 10 June 2013, in accordance with the provisions of article IV(3).

There are, at present, one hundred and fifty-six States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 98.76 per cent* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* 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.