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

Accession by Sao Tome and Principe

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 Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe was effected by deposit of an instrument on 29 October 1998.

The Convention entered into force for Sao Tome and Principe on 29 October 1998 in accordance with article IV(3).

There are, at present, one hundred and thirty-two Contracting Parties to the Convention.
