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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL
ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001**

Extension by China to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to state that he received, on 15 February 2016, a notification from the Government of the People's Republic of China, informing him that the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, was extended to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The extension took effect from 15 February 2016, the date on which the notification was received.

There are, at present, 72 Contracting States to the Convention.