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

Accession by the Syrian Arab Republic

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, and to state that, in accordance with article 17 of the Convention, accession by the Syrian Arab Republic was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 24 April 2009.

The instrument contained the following declaration:

“The Syrian Arab Republic by joining this Treaty does not in any way recognize Israel and will not enter into any dealings with it as prescribed by the Treaty.”

The Convention will enter into force for Syria on 24 July 2009, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(2).

There are, at present, thirty-nine Contracting States to the Convention.
