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

Accession by Sierra Leone

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 Republic of Sierra Leone was effected by deposit of an instrument on 21 November 2007.

The Convention will enter into force for Sierra Leone on 21 November 2008, in accordance with the provisions of article 18.

There are, at present, twenty-six Contracting States to the Convention.
