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

Signature by Denmark

Accession by Antigua and Barbuda

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, the Kingdom of Denmark signed the Convention without reservation as to subsequent notification, acceptance or approval, on 19 December 2002. The signature was made "with reservation to application to the Faroe Islands and Greenland". Accession by Antigua and Barbuda was effected by deposit of an instrument on 6 January 2003.

Article 18 provides as follows:

- “(1) This Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than twenty-five States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than twenty-five percent of the world’s merchant shipping, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited the requisite instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with article 17.”

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