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

Accession by Mongolia and Palau

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 Mongolia and the Republic of Palau was effected by the deposit of instruments on 28 September 2011.

The Convention will enter into force for Mongolia and Palau on 28 December 2011, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(3).

There are, at present, fifty-four Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 78.72%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2010. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.