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

**Accession by Canada**

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 Canada was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 8 April 2010.

The Convention will enter into force for Canada on 8 July 2010, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(2).

There are, at present, forty-three Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 73.02%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by Lloyd's Register/Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2008.