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

**Accession by the Republic of South Africa**

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 South Africa was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 2 July 2008.

The Convention will enter into force for the Republic of South Africa on 2 October 2008, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(2).

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

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