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

Accession by Tonga

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 Kingdom of Tonga was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 16 April 2014.

The Convention will enter into force for Tonga on 16 July 2014, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(3).

There are, at present, sixty-seven Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 81.88%* 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 2013. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.