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

**Accession by the Congo**

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 Congo was effected by deposit of an instrument on 19 May 2014.

The Convention will enter into force for the Congo on 19 August 2014, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 68 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 81.88%\* 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 IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2013. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.