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

Accession by India

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 India was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 24 April 2015.

The Convention will enter into force for India on 24 July 2015, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 70 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 84.85%* 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 2014. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.