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

Accession by Liberia

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 Liberia was effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession on 17 September 2008.

The Convention will enter into force for Liberia on 17 December 2008, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(2).

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