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

Accession by the Republic of Korea and Germany

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 Korea and the Federal Republic of Germany was effected by the deposit of instruments on 24 July 2008 and 20 August 2008, respectively.

The Convention will enter into force for the Republic of Korea on 24 October 2008 and for Germany on 20 November 2008, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(2).

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