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

Accession by Serbia

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 Serbia was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 8 July 2010.

The Convention will enter into force for Serbia on 8 October 2010, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(3).

There are, at present, forty-six Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 74.23%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by Lloyd's Register/Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2009.