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

Accession by Egypt

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 Arab Republic of Egypt was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 26 September 2012.

The instrument of accession of Egypt contained the following declaration:

"In accordance with the Regulations for Navigation and Traffic in the Suez Canal, and in order to ensure the freedom to use the canal, the Arab Republic of Egypt declares the non-application of the Convention to the Suez Canal maritime facility and to ships entering or departing its ports when using the Suez Canal."

The Convention will enter into force for Egypt on 26 December 2012, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(3).

There are, at present, sixty-two Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 80.33%* 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 2011. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.