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

**Accession by Uruguay**

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 Eastern Republic of Uruguay was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 26 March 2013.

The Convention will enter into force for Uruguay on 26 June 2013, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(3).

There are, at present, 65 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 82.25 per cent\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2012. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.