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

Accession by Ethiopia

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 Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 14 July 2009.

The Convention will enter into force for Ethiopia on 14 October 2009, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(2).

There are, at present, forty Contracting States to the Convention.
