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

Accession by the Republic of Vanuatu

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 Vanuatu was effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession on 20 August 2008.

The Convention will enter into force for Vanuatu on 20 November 2008, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(2).

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