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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR SAFE CONTAINERS (CSC), 1972,
AS AMENDED**

Accession by the Syrian Arab Republic and Tonga

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC), 1972, as amended, and to state that accession by the Syrian Arab Republic and the Kingdom of Tonga was effected by deposit of instruments 2 September 2003 and 18 September 2003, respectively.

The instrument of accession by the Syrian Arab Republic contained the following declaration:

(Translation)

“Under no circumstances shall the accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to this Convention, as amended, imply recognition of Israel or occasion its entry with the latter into any of the transactions regulated by the provisions of the same, as amended.”

The Convention will enter into force for the Syrian Arab Republic on 2 September 2004, and for Tonga on 18 September 2004, respectively, in accordance with article VIII(2).

There are, at present, seventy-five Contracting States to the Convention.
