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**PROTOCOL [OF 1976] TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1969**

Denunciation by China

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to article VI of the Protocol [of 1976] to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969, by the terms of which any Party may denounce the Protocol at any time after its entry into force for that Party, by depositing an instrument with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

The Secretary-General has the honour to state that denunciation by the People's Republic of China was effected by deposit of an instrument on 22 August 2002, in accordance with article VI. The denunciation is also effective for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

In accordance with article VI, paragraph 3, the denunciation will take effect for China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 22 August 2003.
