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**PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS AMENDED**

OPTIONAL ANNEX IV

**Extension by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to the Isle of Man**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to state that he received, on 13 February 2012, a notification from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the application of Optional Annex IV of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended, was extended to the Isle of Man.

The extension to the Isle of Man took effect as from 13 February 2012, the date on which the notification from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was received by the Secretary-General.

There are, at present, one hundred and twenty-nine Contracting States which have accepted Annex IV, representing approximately 88.03%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2010. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.