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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, 1979,
AS AMENDED**

Accession by Niue

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979, as amended, and to state that accession by Niue was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 18 May 2012, in accordance with article IV.

The Convention will enter into force for Niue on 17 June 2012, in accordance with the provisions of article V.

There are, at present, one hundred and two Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 61.45%* 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 2011. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.