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**1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE
POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972**

2009 amendment to article 6 of the London Protocol 1996

and

**2013 amendments to the London Protocol to regulate the placement of matter for
ocean fertilization and other marine geoengineering activities**

Acceptance by Estonia

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the amendment to article 6 of the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (LC PROT 1996), adopted by the fourth Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Protocol, on 30 October 2009, by resolution LP.3(4), and to state that he received, on 7 February 2019, an instrument of acceptance of the amendment, by the Republic of Estonia.

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization further has the honour to refer to the amendments to LC PROT 1996, adopted by the eighth Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Protocol on 18 October 2013, by resolution LP.4(8), and to state that he received, on 7 February 2019, an instrument of acceptance of the amendments, by the Republic of Estonia.

The amendments are not yet in force. Article 21(3) of the Protocol states:

"An amendment shall enter into force for the Contracting Parties which have accepted it on the sixtieth day after two-thirds of the Contracting Parties shall have deposited an instrument of acceptance of the amendment with the Organization. Thereafter, the amendment shall enter into force for any other Contracting Party on the sixtieth day after the date on which that Contracting Party has deposited its instrument of acceptance of the amendment."

There are, at present, six Contracting Parties that have accepted the 2009 amendment and five Contracting Parties that have accepted the 2013 amendments.