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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR
BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001**

Accession by Portugal

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 and to state that, in accordance with article 12 of the Convention, accession by the Portuguese Republic was effected by deposit of an instrument on 21 July 2015.

The Convention will enter into force for Portugal on 21 October 2015, in accordance with article 14(2) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 79 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 91.84%* 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 2014. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.