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**PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION  
OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976**

**Accession by Madagascar**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1996 to amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, and to state that, in accordance with article 10(3), accession by the Republic of Madagascar was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 27 July 2017.

The Protocol will enter into force for Madagascar on 25 October 2017, in accordance with article 11(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 53 Contracting States to the Protocol.