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**PROTOCOL OF 1976 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO  
THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR  
LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974**

**Denunciation by Ireland**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to article V of the Protocol of 1976 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 (PAL PROT 1976), the terms of which provide that a Contracting State may denounce the Protocol at any time after its entry into force for that State.

The Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 (PAL PROT 2002) to which Ireland acceded on 7 August 2014\*, provides in article 17(5) as follows:

"A State shall not express its consent to be bound by this Protocol unless, if Party thereto, it denounces:

- (a) the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, done at Athens on 13 December 1974;
- (b) the Protocol of 1976 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974; and
- (c) the Protocol of 1990 to amend the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1990,

with effect from the time when this Protocol shall enter into force for that State in accordance with article 20."

The Secretary-General has the honour to state that denunciation of PAL PROT 1976 by Ireland was effected by means of an instrument of denunciation received on 7 August 2014.

In accordance with article 17(5) of PAL PROT 2002, the denunciation of PAL PROT 1976 will take effect for Ireland on 7 November 2014, the day on which PAL PROT 2002 will enter into force for Ireland.

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\* Circular PAL.4/Circ.19 refers.