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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS,  
1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**OPTIONAL ANNEX V**

**Acceptance by Fiji**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and to state that, in accordance with article 14(2) of the Convention, acceptance of Optional Annex V by the Republic of Fiji was effected by deposit of an instrument on 8 March 2016.

Optional Annex V will enter into force for Fiji on 8 June 2016, in accordance with article 15(5) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 149 Contracting States which have accepted Annex V, representing approximately 98.23%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by HIS Fairplay, as of 29 February 2016.