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**PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

Accession by the Philippines

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, and to state that accession by the Republic of the Philippines was effected by deposit of an instrument on 24 April 2018, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for the Philippines on 24 July 2018, in accordance with article V(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 121 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 97.85%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 24 April 2018 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.