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**PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

Accession by Iraq

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, and to state that accession by the Republic of Iraq was effected by deposit of an instrument on 2 November 2017, in accordance with article IV, paragraph 2, of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Iraq on 2 February 2018, in accordance with article V, paragraph 3, of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 112 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 95.98%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 2 November 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.