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

**Accession by Togo**

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 Togolese Republic was effected by deposit of an instrument on 29 November 2018, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Togo on 28 February 2019, in accordance with article V(3) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 116 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 97.68%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as of 29 November 2018, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.