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## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, 1979**

### **Accession by Costa Rica**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979, and to state that accession by the Republic of Costa Rica was effected by deposit of an instrument on 7 January 2019, in accordance with article IV(2).

The instrument of accession contained the following declarations:

- "1 The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica interprets, in relation to article III of the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979, that [future] amendments shall enter into force for the country once they have been approved according to the procedures established in the Political Constitution of Costa Rica.
- 2 The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica interprets, in relation to chapter 3 "Co-operation" of the Annex to the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979, that such co-operation, in the case of warships in waters under the jurisdiction of Costa Rica, will take place subject to prior legislative authorization, as established in paragraph 5 of article 121 of the Political Constitution of Costa Rica."

The Convention will enter into force for Costa Rica on 6 February 2019, in accordance with article V(3).

There are, at present, 112 Contracting States to the Convention.

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