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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978**

Accession by Nauru

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, and to state that, in accordance with article XIII(2), accession by the Republic of Nauru was effected by deposit of an instrument on 18 June 2018.

The Convention will enter into force for Nauru on 18 September 2018, in accordance with article XIV(4).

There are, at present, 164 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 99.19%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 18 June 2018 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.