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**PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON LOAD LINES, 1966, AS AMENDED**

Accession by Montenegro

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended, and to state that accession by Montenegro was effected by deposit of an instrument on 27 January 2012.

The Protocol will enter into force for Montenegro on 27 April 2012, in accordance with the provisions of article V(3).

There are, at present, ninety-six Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 95.51%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2010. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.