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**PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE  
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY  
THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO, AS AMENDED**

**Extension by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland to the Isle of Man**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to state that he received, on 5 April 2012, a notification from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the application of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, as amended, was extended to the Isle of Man.

The extension to the Isle of Man took effect as from 5 April 2012, the date on which the notification from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was received by the Secretary-General.

There are, at present, sixty-eight Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 92.97 per cent\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by Lloyd's Register/Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2011. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.