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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL
OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001**

Accession by Fiji

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 and to state that, in accordance with article 17 of the Convention, accession by the Republic of Fiji was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 8 March 2016.

The Convention will enter into force for Fiji on 8 June 2016, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 73 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 93.26%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by HIS Fairplay, as of 29 February 2016.