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**CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS  
FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972**

**Accession by Iraq**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, and to state that, in accordance with article II(3), accession by the Republic of Iraq was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 4 January 2018.

The Convention entered into force for Iraq on 4 January 2018, in accordance with article IV(3).

There are, at present, 158 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 99.17%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as at 4 January 2018 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.