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**CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT OF 2012 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE TORREMOLINOS PROTOCOL OF 1993 RELATING TO THE TORREMOLINOS  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS, 1977**

**Accession by the Cook Islands and Sao Tome and Principe**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977, and to state that accession by the Cook Islands and Sao Tome and Principe was effected by the deposit of instruments on 21 October 2019.

The condition for entry into force of this Agreement has not yet been fulfilled. article 4(1) of the Agreement provides as follows:

"1 This Agreement shall enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 22 States, the aggregate number of whose fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas is not less than 3,600, have expressed their consent to be bound by it."

There are, at present, 13 Contracting States to the Agreement with an aggregate number of 1421\* of fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas.

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\* The figure does not include the number of fishing vessels for Sao Tome and Principe.