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

Accession by Kuwait and Myanmar

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, and to state that accession by the State of Kuwait and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was effected by the deposit of instruments on 26 September 2019 and 3 October 2019, respectively, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Kuwait on 26 December 2019 and for Myanmar on 3 January 2020, in accordance with article V(3) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 117 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 98%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 26 September 2019 and 3 October 2019 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2018.