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

**Accession by Ghana**

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 Republic of Ghana was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 18 November 2019, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Ghana on 18 February 2020, in accordance with article V(3) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 118 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 98.00%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as of 18 November 2019 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2018.