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NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007

Accession by the Bahamas

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has the honour to refer to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 and to state that accession by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas was effected by deposit of an instrument on 5 June 2015.

The Convention will enter into force for the Bahamas on 5 September 2015, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.

The instrument of accession of the Bahamas contained the following declaration:

"The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas do hereby give notification to the Secretary-General of the IMO in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the Convention, at the time of the presentation of the instrument of ratification of the said Convention. Under Act (No. 37 of 1993), respecting the territorial sea, archipelagic waters, internal waters and the exclusive economic zone (1) cited as *The Archipelagic Waters and Maritime Jurisdiction Act, 1993*. The territorial sea of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas comprises those areas defined in article 4, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Act and Archipelagic waters are defined by Article 3."

There are, at present, 22 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 37.64%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2014. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.