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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS,  
1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**Accession by Fiji**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL), and to state that, accession by the Republic of Fiji was effected by deposit of an instrument on 8 March 2016, in accordance with article IV, paragraph 2 of the Protocol.

MARPOL will enter into force for Fiji on 8 June 2016, in accordance with article V, paragraph 2 of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 154 Contracting States to MARPOL, representing approximately 98.73%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Fairplay as of 29 February 2016.