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**PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE  
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY  
THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**Accession by the Philippines**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and to state that accession by the Republic of the Philippines was effected by deposit of an instrument on 24 April 2018, in accordance with article 5(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for the Philippines on 24 July 2018, in accordance with article 6(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 90 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 96.53%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as at 24 April 2018 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.