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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 Guyana and the United Arab Emirates**

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 Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the United Arab Emirates was effected by deposit of instruments on 20 February 2019, in accordance with article 5(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Guyana and the United Arab Emirates on 20 May 2019, in accordance with article 6(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 93 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 96.68%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as at 20 February 2019 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.