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**PROTOCOL RELATING TO INTERVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS IN CASES
OF POLLUTION BY SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN OIL, 1973, AS AMENDED**

Ratification by New Zealand

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances other than Oil, done at London on 2 November 1973, and to state that, in accordance with article V of the Protocol, ratification by New Zealand was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 4 April 2014.

The instrument of ratification of New Zealand was accompanied by the following declaration:

".. consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

In accordance with article VI, the Protocol will enter into force for New Zealand on 3 July 2014.

There are, at present, 55 contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 51.48%* 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, effective as of 31 December 2013. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.