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**PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

**Accession by Madagascar**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and to state that accession by the Republic of Madagascar was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 26 July 2019, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Madagascar on 26 October 2019, in accordance with article V(3) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 119 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 97.72%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as of 26 July 2019, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2018.