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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995**

Accession by New Zealand and Romania

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995, and to state that, in accordance with article 11(2), accession by New Zealand and Romania was effected by deposit of instruments on 4 December 2017 and 27 February 2018, respectively.

The instrument of accession by New Zealand contained the following reservation and declaration:

"... consistent with article 19 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties: the Government of New Zealand hereby reserves the right to continue to apply the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement with respect to the recognition of Australian seafarer certificates until such time as Australia becomes party to the Convention."

"... 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 accession shall not extend to Tokelau."

The Convention will enter into force for New Zealand on 4 March 2018 and for Romania on 27 May 2018, in accordance with article 12(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 22 Contracting States to the Convention.