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

**Accession by South Africa**

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 the Republic of South Africa was effected by deposit of an instrument on 2 July 2018.

The Convention will enter into force for South Africa on 2 October 2018, in accordance with article 12(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 25 Contracting States to the Convention.