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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978**

Accession by the Dominican Republic

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 Seafarers, 1978, and to state that, in accordance with article XIII, accession by the Dominican Republic was effected by deposit of an instrument on 9 June 2016.

The Convention will enter into force for the Dominican Republic on 9 September 2016, in accordance with article XIV.

There are, at present, 161 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 98.76%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 May 2016.