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**PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL
ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION**

Accession by Germany

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and to state that, in accordance with article 17, accession by the Federal Republic of Germany was effected by deposit of an instrument on 29 January 2016.

The instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declaration:

"In accordance with Article 21, paragraph 3 of the Protocol, the Federal Republic of Germany declares that it will apply the provisions of Article 3*ter* in accordance with the principles of German criminal law concerning family exemptions of liability."

The Protocol will enter into force for Germany on 28 April 2016, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 40 Contracting States to the Protocol.