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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT
OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

Accession by Greece

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, and to state that in accordance with article 17(3) of the Convention, accession by the Hellenic Republic was effected by deposit of an instrument on 26 June 2017.

The instrument of accession of Greece was accompanied by the following declaration:

"The Hellenic Republic declares that the recommendations contained in the operative paragraph 2 of resolution A.1088(28), adopted by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization on 4 December 2013, will be applied in respect of the implementation of regulations D-1 and D-2 of the annex to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004."

The Convention will enter into force for Greece on 26 September 2017, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.

There are at present 60 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 68.46%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 26 June 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.