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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF
HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001**

Accession by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, and to state that, in accordance with article 17(3) of the Convention, accession by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 21 August 2020.

The Convention will enter into force for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 21 November 2020, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 90 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 96.13%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 21 August 2020, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2019.