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

Accession by the Dominican Republic

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 Dominican Republic was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 12 October 2021.

The Convention will enter into force for the Dominican Republic on 12 January 2022, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 88 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 91.20%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 12 October 2021, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Markit, current as of 31 December 2020.