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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR
BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001**

Accession by the Czech Republic

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, and to state that, in accordance with article 12, accession by the Czech Republic was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 20 December 2012.

The Convention will enter into force for the Czech Republic on 20 March 2013, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, 67 States Parties to the Convention, representing approximately 90.00 per cent* 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 December 2011. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.