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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM  
SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**Accession by Iraq**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL), and to state that, accession by the Republic of Iraq was effected by deposit of an instrument on 6 February 2018, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol. The accession by Iraq includes Optional Annexes III, IV and V.

MARPOL will enter into force for Iraq on 6 May 2018, in accordance with article V(2) of the Protocol. In accordance with article 15(5) of the Convention, Optional Annexes III, IV and V will also enter into force for Iraq on 6 May 2018.

There are, at present, 156 Contracting States to MARPOL, representing approximately 99.42%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as at 6 February 2018 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2017.