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

Accession by Belarus and Nauru

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 Republic of Nauru and the Republic of Belarus was effected by the deposit of instruments on 23 March 2020.

The Convention will enter into force for Nauru and Belarus on 23 June 2020, in accordance with article 18(3) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 83 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 81.83%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 23 March 2020, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2019.