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**CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE
TORREMOLINOS PROTOCOL OF 1993 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS, 1977**

Accession by Germany and ratification by South Africa

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Cape Town Agreement on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the International Convention on the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977, and to state that accession by the Federal Republic of Germany and ratification by the Republic of South Africa was effected by deposit of an instrument on 5 July 2016 and 19 August 2016, respectively.

The condition for entry into force of this Agreement has not yet been fulfilled. Article 4(1) of the Agreement provides as follows:

- "1 This Agreement shall enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 22 States the aggregate number of whose fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas is not less than 3,600 have expressed their consent to be bound by it."

There are, at present, seven Contracting States to the Agreement with an aggregate number of 884 fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas.