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**HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND
ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009**

Accession by India

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, and to state that accession by the Republic of India was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 28 November 2019.

Pursuant to article 16(6) of the Convention, the instrument of accession by India was accompanied by the following declaration:

"... the Government of the Republic of India declares that India will require tacit approval of the Ship Recycling Plan before a ship may be recycled in its authorized Ship Recycling Facility(ies)."

Article 17(1) of the Convention provides the following:

"This Convention shall enter into force 24 months after the date on which the following conditions are met:

- .1 not less than 15 States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited the requisite instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with article 16;
- .2 the combined merchant fleets of the States mentioned in paragraph 1.1 constitute not less than 40% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping; and
- .3 the combined maximum annual ship recycling volume of the States mentioned in paragraph 1.1 during the preceding 10 years constitutes not less than 3% of the gross tonnage of the combined merchant shipping of the same States."

There are, at present, 15 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 30.21%¹ of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping. The combined annual ship recycling volume of the Contracting States during the preceding 10 years amounts to 13,948,274² gross tonnage³.

¹ Tonnage calculated as at 28 November 2019 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime & Trade current as of 31 December 2018.

² 13,948,274 gross tonnage is equivalent to 2.61% of the required recycling volume of 40% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping (article 17(1) sub-paragraphs .2 and .3 refer).

³ Recycling data provided by IHS Maritime & Trade and based on the volumes recycled between 2009 and 2018.