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**PROTOCOL OF 2003 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1992**

Accession by New Zealand

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, and to state that, in accordance with article 19(4) of the Protocol, accession by New Zealand was effected by deposit of an instrument on 29 June 2018.

The instrument of accession by New Zealand contained the following declaration:

"...consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, and having undertaken appropriate consultation with that territory, this accession shall not extend to Tokelau".

The Protocol will enter into force for New Zealand on 29 September 2018, in accordance with article 21(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 32 Contracting States to the Protocol.