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NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007

Accession by China

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, and to state that accession by the People's Republic of China was effected by deposit of an instrument on 11 November 2016.

The instrument of accession by China was accompanied by the following declarations:

- "1. China is not bound by Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 15 of the Convention.
2. The Convention is without prejudice to the maritime rights and interests China lawfully enjoys. China excludes any third-party settlement of disputes, including arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or arrangement, on issues concerning "Convention area" and any other issues concerning territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests, and will resolve through friendly negotiation and consultation with countries directly concerned.
3. The Convention shall not apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region of China until otherwise notified by the Government of China."

The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 will enter into force for China on 11 February 2017, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 33 Contracting States to the Convention.