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**PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE
OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974**

Accession by Madagascar

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974, and to state that in accordance with article 17(3) of the Protocol, accession by the Republic of Madagascar was effected by deposit of an instrument on 26 July 2019.

The Protocol will enter into force for Madagascar on 26 October 2019, in accordance with article 20(2) of the Protocol.

There are at present 31 Contracting States to the Protocol.