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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS,
1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

OPTIONAL ANNEX IV

Acceptance by Seychelles

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and to state that, in accordance with article 14(2) of the Convention, acceptance of Optional Annex IV by the Republic of Seychelles was effected by deposit of an instrument on 29 November 2019.

Optional Annex IV will enter into force for Seychelles on 29 February 2020, in accordance with article 15(5) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 144 Contracting States which have accepted Annex IV, representing approximately 96.28%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 29 November 2019 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2018.