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

**Accession by Somalia**

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 (MARPOL 73/78), and to state that, accession by the Federal Republic of Somalia was effected by deposit of an instrument on 16 March 2020, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol. The accession by Somalia excludes Optional Annexes III, IV and V.

MARPOL 73/78 will enter into force for Somalia on 16 June 2020, in accordance with article V(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 159 Contracting States to MARPOL 73/78, representing approximately 98.95%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as at 16 March 2020 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2019.