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**PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY
THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

Accession by Albania

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and to state that accession by the Republic of Albania was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 19 November 2020, in accordance with article 5(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Albania on 19 February 2021, in accordance with article 6(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 99 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 96.76%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 19 November 2020, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2019.