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**PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

Accession by Qatar

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and to state that accession by the State of Qatar was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 15 January 2020, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for Qatar on 15 April 2020, in accordance with article V(3) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 122 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 97.86%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as of 15 January 2020, based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2019.