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**PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966**

Accession by the United Arab Emirates

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 and to state that accession by the United Arab Emirates was effected by deposit of an instrument on 27 September 2017, in accordance with article IV(2) of the Protocol.

The Protocol will enter into force for the United Arab Emirates on 27 December 2017, in accordance with article V(3) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 105 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 95.89%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 27 September 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.