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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 Honduras

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 Honduras was effected by deposit of an instrument on 16 November 2016.

The Protocol will enter into force for Honduras on 16 February 2017, in accordance with article 6(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 88 Contracting States to the Protocol, representing approximately 96.13%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 16 November 2016 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime & Trade current as of 30 September 2016.