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

OPTIONAL ANNEX IV

Acceptance by the Bahamas

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, and to state that, in accordance with article 14(2) of the Convention, acceptance of Optional Annex IV by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas was effected by deposit of an instrument on 8 June 2017.

Optional Annex IV will enter into force for the Bahamas on 8 September 2017, in accordance with article 15(5) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 141 Contracting States which have accepted Annex IV, representing approximately 96.28%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 8 June 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2016.