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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND
WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995**

Accession by Canada

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995, and to state that, in accordance with article 11, accession by Canada was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 8 April 2010.

Article 12 provides that the Convention shall enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 15 States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance, or approval, or have deposited the requisite instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

There are at present fourteen Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 5.49%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by Lloyd's Register/Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2008.