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

**Accession by Norway, Latvia, Kiribati and Sierra Leone**

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 the following Contracting States was effected by the deposit of instruments on the dates indicated:

| <b>Name of State</b>         | <b>Date of deposit of instrument</b> |
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| The Kingdom of Norway        | 19 July 2006                         |
| The Republic of Latvia       | 2 February 2007                      |
| Kiribati                     | 5 February 2007                      |
| The Republic of Sierra Leone | 10 March 2008                        |

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 nine Contracting States to the Convention.

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