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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978**

Accession by the Congo

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 Seafarers, 1978, and to state that, in accordance with article XIII, accession by the Republic of the Congo was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 7 August 2002.

The Convention will enter into force for the Congo on 7 November 2002, in accordance with article XIV.

There are at present one hundred and forty-three Contracting States to the Convention.
