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

Accession by Guatemala

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 Guatemala was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 17 September 2002.

The Convention will enter into force for Guatemala on 17 December 2002, in accordance with article XIV.

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