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

Accession by Palau

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 Palau was affected by the deposit of an instrument on 29 September 2011.

The Convention will enter into force for Palau on 29 December 2011, in accordance with the provisions of article XIV.

There are, at present, one hundred and fifty-five Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 98.90%* 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 IHS-Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2010. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.