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

Accession by El Salvador

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 El Salvador was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 29 November 2012.

The Convention will enter into force for El Salvador on 1 March 2013, in accordance with the provisions of article XIV.

There are, at present, 157 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 99.23 per cent* 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 2011. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.