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**PROTOCOL OF 2003 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1992**

Accession by Portugal and Sweden

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, and to state, that in accordance with article 19 of the Protocol, the following States have expressed their consent to be bound by the treaty by depositing instruments as follows:

	Date of deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force
Portuguese Republic	15 February 2005	15 May 2005
Kingdom of Sweden	5 May 2005	5 August 2005

The following statement accompanied the instrument of accession by Sweden:

“The Accession takes place in accordance with the European Union Council Decision of 2 March 2004 authorising the Member States to sign, ratify or accede to, in the interest of the European Community, the Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, and authorising Austria and Luxembourg, in the interest of the European Community, to accede to the underlying instruments (2004/246/EC) (Official Journal of the European Union, L 78/22, 16 March 2004).”

In accordance with the provisions of article 21 of the Protocol, it will enter into force for these States, respectively, on the dates indicated.

There are, at present, ten Contracting States to the Protocol.