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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**OPTIONAL ANNEX IV**

**Entry into force**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and to state that, with the deposit of an instrument of acceptance by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway on 26 September 2002, both elements of the requirements for the entry into force of Annex IV were fulfilled:

- (i) acceptance by not less than fifteen States
- (ii) the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of article 15(2) of the Convention, Annex IV entered into force on 27 September 2003, i.e. twelve months after the date on which the requirements for entry into force were met.

A list of the ninety-four Contracting States which have accepted Annex IV appears overleaf.

**PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR  
THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973 AS AMENDED**

**States having accepted Optional Annex IV**

	<b>Date of deposit of acceptance</b>	<b>Date of entry into force</b>
Algeria	31 January 1989	27 September 2003
Angola	4 October 2001	"
Antigua and Barbuda	29 January 1988	"
Argentina	31 August 1993	"
Austria	27 May 1988	"
Bangladesh	18 December 2002	"
Barbados	26 November 2001	"
Belarus	7 January 1994	"
Belgium	4 January 1996	"
Belize	26 May 1995	"
Benin	11 February 2000	"
Bolivia	4 June 1999	"
Brazil	8 November 1995	"
Bulgaria	13 May 1993	"
Cambodia	28 November 1994	"
Cape Verde	4 July 2003	4 October 2003
Chile	10 October 1994	27 September 2003
Colombia	27 July 1981	"
Comoros	22 November 2000	"
Côte d'Ivoire	5 October 1987	"
Croatia (succession)	8 October 1991	"
Czech Republic (succession)	1 January 1993	"
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1 May 1985	"
Denmark <sup>1</sup>	27 November 1980	"
Dominican Republic	24 June 1999	"
Ecuador	18 May 1990	"
Egypt	7 August 1986	"
Equatorial Guinea	24 April 1996	"
Estonia	18 August 1992	"
Finland	20 September 1983	"
France	25 September 1981	"
Gabon	26 April 1983	"
Gambia	1 November 1991	"
Georgia	8 November 1994	"
Germany <sup>2</sup>	21 January 1982	"
Greece	23 September 1982	"
Guatemala	3 November 1997	"
Guinea	2 October 2002	"
Guyana	10 December 1997	"
Hungary	14 January 1985	"
India	11 June 2003	"
Italy	1 October 1982	"

	<b>Date of deposit of acceptance</b>	<b>Date of entry into force</b>
Jamaica	13 March 1991	27 September 2003
Japan	9 June 1983	"
Kazakhstan	7 March 1994	"
Kenya	15 December 1992	"
Latvia	20 May 1992	"
Lebanon	18 July 1983	"
Lithuania	4 December 1991	"
Luxembourg	14 February 1991	"
Malawi	17 December 2001	"
Marshall Islands	26 April 1988	"
Mauritania	24 November 1997	"
Mauritius	6 April 1995	"
Monaco	20 August 1992	"
Mongolia	15 October 2003	15 January 2004
Morocco	12 October 1993	27 September 2003
Namibia	18 December 2002	"
Nicaragua	1 February 2001	"
Nigeria	24 May 2002	"
Norway	26 September 2002`	"
Oman	3 March 1984	"
Pakistan	22 November 1994	"
Panama	20 February 1985	"
Papua New Guinea	25 October 1993	"
Peru	25 April 1980	"
Philippines	15 June 2001	"
Poland	1 April 1986	"
Portugal	22 October 1987	"
Russian Federation <sup>3</sup>	14 August 1987	"
Saint Kitts and Nevis	24 December 1997	"
Saint Lucia	12 July 2000	"
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	28 October 1983	"
Samoa	7 February 2002	"
Sao Tome and Principe	29 October 1998	"
Senegal	16 January 1997	"
Serbia and Montenegro (succession)	27 April 1992	"
Sierra Leone	23 May 2002	"
Slovakia (succession)	1 January 1993	"
Slovenia (succession)	25 June 1991	"
Spain	21 January 1991	"
Sri Lanka	24 June 1997	"
Suriname	4 November 1988	"
Sweden	9 June 1980	"
Switzerland	20 November 1998	"
Togo	9 February 1990	"
Tonga	1 February 1996	"
Trinidad and Tobago	6 March 2000	"
Tunisia	10 October 1980	"
Tuvalu	22 August 1985	"

	<b>Date of deposit of acceptance</b>	<b>Date of entry into force</b>
Ukraine	25 October 1993	27 September 2003
United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	11 September 1995	"
Uruguay	30 April 1979	"
Venezuela	29 July 1994	"

Number of Contracting States: 94

(the combined merchant fleets of which constitute approximately 52% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet)

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<sup>1</sup>Acceptance by Denmark was declared to be effective in respect of the Faroe Islands.

<sup>2</sup>On 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Democratic Republic had accepted Annex IV on 25 April 1984.

<sup>3</sup>As from 26 December 1991 the membership of the USSR in the Protocol is continued by the Russian Federation.

<sup>4</sup>With a statement.

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