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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT
OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

**Extension by the People's Republic of China to the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to state that he received, on 13 May 2020, a notification from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China informing him that the Government of the People's Republic of China extends the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The extension will take effect from 13 August 2020.

There are at present 83 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 90.98%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* Tonnage calculated as at 13 May 2020 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Maritime and Trade current as of 31 December 2019.