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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 III**

**Acceptance by Brunei Darussalam**

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, in accordance with article 14(2) of the Convention, acceptance of Optional Annex III by Brunei Darussalam was effected by deposit of an instrument on 25 April 2016.

Optional Annex III will enter into force for Brunei Darussalam on 25 July 2016, in accordance with article 15(5) of the Convention.

There are, at present, 146 Contracting States which have accepted Optional Annex III, representing approximately 98.15%\* 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 March 2016.