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

**Accession by Equatorial Guinea**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, and to state that accession by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea was effected by deposit of an instrument on 24 April 1996.

The Convention, as modified by the Protocol, will enter into force for Equatorial Guinea on 24 July 1996, in accordance with the provisions of article V(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, ninety-seven Contracting States to the Protocol.

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