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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 V

Acceptance by Tonga

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 acceptance of Optional Annex V by the Kingdom of Tonga was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 1 February 1996.

Annex V will enter into force for Tonga on 1 May 1996, in accordance with the provisions of article 15(5) of the Convention.

There are, at present, seventy-eight Contracting States which have accepted Annex V.
