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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 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 III by the Kingdom of Tonga was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 1 February 1996.

Annex III 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-five Contracting States which have accepted Annex III.

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