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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 Equatorial Guinea

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 Republic of Equatorial Guinea was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 24 April 1996.

Annex III will enter into force for the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on 24 July 1996, in accordance with the provisions of article 15(5) of the Convention.

There are, at present, seventy-seven Contracting States which have accepted Annex III.
