Article 14

Entry into Force

1 This Convention shall enter into force one year following the date on which eighteen States, including five States each with ships whose combined gross tonnage is not less than 1 million, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval or have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General.

2 For any State which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to it after the conditions in paragraph 1 for entry into force have been met, this Convention shall enter into force three months after the date of deposit by such State of the appropriate instrument.

Article 15

Denunciation

1 This Convention may be denounced by any State Party at any time after the date on which this Convention comes into force for that State.

2 Denunciation shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument with the Secretary-General.

3 A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer period as may be specified in the instrument of denunciation, after its deposit with the Secretary-General.

Article 16

Revision or amendment

1 A conference for the purpose of revising or amending this Convention may be convened by the Organization.

2 The Organization shall convene a conference of the States Parties for revising or amending this Convention at the request of not less than one-third of the States Parties.

Article 17

Depositary

1 This Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General.

2 The Secretary-General shall:

(a) inform all States which have signed or acceded to this Convention of:

(i) each new signature or deposit of instrument together with the date thereof;

(ii) the date of entry into force of this Convention;

(iii) the deposit of any instrument of denunciation of this Convention together with the date of the deposit and the date on which the denunciation takes effect; and

(iv) other declarations and notifications made under this Convention.

(b) transmit certified true copies of this Convention to all Signatory States and to all States which accede to this Convention.

Article 18

Transmission to United Nations

As soon as this Convention comes into force, the text shall be transmitted by the Secretary-General to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration and publication in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 19

Languages

This Convention is established in a single original in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

DONE AT LONDON this twenty-third day of March, two thousand and one.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments for that purpose have signed this Convention.