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**PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE  
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY  
THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**Accession by Iceland**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and to state that accession by the Republic of Iceland was effected by deposit of an instrument on 22 November 2017.

The Protocol will enter into force for Iceland on 22 February 2018, in accordance with article 6(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 89 Contracting States to the Protocol.

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