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**PROTOCOL OF 2010 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LIABILITY AND
COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARRIAGE OF
HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES BY SEA, 1996**

Ratification by France

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 and to state that, in accordance with article 20(3) of the Protocol, ratification by the Republic of France was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 23 October 2023.

The instrument of accession was accompanied by a submission of data on the total quantities of contributing cargo liable for contributions received in France during 2022 in respect of the general account and each separate account, pursuant to article 20(4) of the Protocol, as indicated below.

| 2022 | General account | Oil account | LNG account | LPG account |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| France | 3,024,537 | 67,668,029 | 12,928,150 | 1,112,253 |

Article 21(1) provides as follows:

"This Protocol shall enter into force 18 months after the date on which the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) at least twelve States, including four States each with not less than 2 million units of gross tonnage, have expressed their consent to be bound by it; and
- (b) the Secretary-General has received information in accordance with article 20, paragraphs 4 and 6, that those persons in such States who would be liable to contribute pursuant to article 18, paragraphs 1(a) and (c), of the Convention, as amended by this Protocol, have received during the preceding calendar year a total quantity of at least 40 million tonnes of cargo contributing to the general account."

There are, at present, seven Contracting States to the Protocol, four of which have more than 2 million* units of gross tonnage. France received, in 2020, a total quantity of 3,024,537 tonnes of cargo contributing to the general account.

* Tonnage figures provided by S&P Global current as of 31 December 2022.