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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**

**Fulfilment of requirements for the entry into force**

The Secretary-General has the honour to refer to the above Protocol, and to state that, on 29 May 2026, the requirements for the entry into force, as set out in article 21(1) thereof, were fulfilled and the Protocol will enter into force on 29 November 2027.

Article 21(1) of the Protocol provides as follows:

"This Protocol shall enter into force eighteen 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."

With the expression of consent to be bound by the treaty by Belgium, Germany, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Sweden, the first requirement for the entry into force was fulfilled (Circular HNS.2/Circ.17). Furthermore, pursuant to article 20(6) of the Protocol, reports for 2025 have been received from the contracting States, with a total quantity of **49,484,117** tonnes of cargo contributing to the general account, thus fulfilling the second requirement for the entry into force.

The total quantities of contributing cargo liable for contributions, measured in tonnes and received during 2025, in respect of the general account and each separate account, are specified in the table below.

There are, at present, twelve contracting States to the Protocol, nine of which have more than 2 million units of gross tonnage.

	<b>General account</b>	<b>Oil account</b>	<b>LNG account</b>	<b>LPG account</b>
Belgium	9,703,718	20,851,363	10,311,936	2,658,283.600
Canada	2,203,227	43,368,457	590,990	128,019
Denmark	949,272	10,139,308	0	31,489
Estonia	391,405	891,326	0	0
France	3,828,298	77,191,159	10,054,040	718,434
Germany	3,023,510	35,209,235	7,073,995	178,026
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	11,470,207	96,267,454	12,036,973	3,682,851
Norway	1,896,108	12,888,415	79,318	224,935
Slovakia	0	0	0	0
South Africa	4,739,724	39,082,043	0	907,874
Sweden	3,645,810	20,055,747	291,100	1,761,126
Türkiye	7,632,838	64,824,071	8,544,258	2,863,273
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,484,117</b>	<b>420,768,578</b>	<b>48,982,610</b>	<b>13,154,311</b>