

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY  
FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001**

**The States Parties to this Convention,**

**RECALLING** article 194 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, which provides that States shall take all measures necessary to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment,

**RECALLING ALSO** article 235 of that Convention, which provides that, with the objective of assuring prompt and adequate compensation in respect of all damage caused by pollution of the marine environment, States shall co-operate in the further development of relevant rules of international law,

**NOTING** the success of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992 and the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992 in ensuring that compensation is available to persons who suffer damage caused by pollution resulting from the escape or discharge of oil carried in bulk at sea by ships,

**NOTING ALSO** the adoption of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 in order to provide adequate, prompt and effective compensation for damage caused by incidents in connection with the carriage by sea of hazardous and noxious substances,

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of establishing strict liability for all forms of oil pollution which is linked to an appropriate limitation of the level of that liability,

**CONSIDERING** that complementary measures are necessary to ensure the payment of adequate, prompt and effective compensation for damage caused by pollution resulting from the escape or discharge of bunker oil from ships,

**DESIRING** to adopt uniform international rules and procedures for determining questions of liability and providing adequate compensation in such cases,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows: