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**CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT OF 2012 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE TORREMOLINOS PROTOCOL OF 1993 RELATING TO THE TORREMOLINOS  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS, 1977**

**Fulfilment of requirements for entry into force**

**Accession by Argentina and Communication by Ghana**

The Secretary-General has the honour to refer to the above Agreement, and to state that the requirements for its entry into force, as set out in Article 4(1) thereof, have been fulfilled.

Article 4(1) of the Agreement provides as follows:

"This Agreement shall enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 22 States the aggregate number of whose fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas is not less than 3,600 have expressed their consent to be bound by it."

Following the issuance of circular CT/AGR2012.1/Circ.22, the Secretary-General received, on 4 February 2026, a communication from Ghana declaring seventy-nine (79) fishing vessels in accordance with article 4(1).

On 24 February 2026, accession to the Agreement by Argentina was effected by the deposit of an instrument declaring 467 fishing vessels in accordance with article 4(1).

There are, at present, 28 Contracting States to the Agreement, with an aggregate number of **3,754** fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas.

In accordance with article 4(1), therefore, the Agreement will enter into force on 24 February 2027, 12 months following the date on which the requirements for entry into force were met.