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Following the Council adoption of the Decision authorising Member States to ratify the Cape Town Agreement ('the Agreement')<sup>1</sup>, the ratification of the Agreement falls under the remit of the Member States.

It should be noted that six of the eleven countries that have ratified or acceded to the Agreement to date are EU Member States.

A conference to discuss how to facilitate the entry into force of the Agreement, which is being organised by the IMO in close cooperation with Spain, will take place in Torremolinos in October 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision 2014/195/EU of 17 February 2014 authorising Member States to sign, ratify or accede to the 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 (OJ L 106, 9.4.2014, p. 4-6)