

ARTICLE II

The Parties shall take measures to instruct the Commanding Officers of their respective ships to observe strictly the letter and spirit of the 1972 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, hereinafter referred to as "the 1972 Collision Regulations". The Parties recognize that their freedom to conduct operations beyond the territorial sea is based on the principles established and recognized under international law.

ARTICLE III

1. In all cases ships of the Parties operating in proximity to each other, except when required to maintain course and speed under the 1972 Collision Regulations, shall remain well clear to avoid risk of collision.

2. Ships of one Party meeting or operating in the vicinity of a formation of the other Party shall, while conforming to the 1972 Collision Regulations, avoid manoeuvring in a manner which would hinder the evolutions of the formation.

3. Formations shall not conduct manoeuvres through areas of heavy traffic where internationally recognized traffic separation schemes are in effect.

4. Ships of one Party engaged in surveillance of ships of the other Party shall stay at a distance which avoids the risk of collision and shall also avoid executing manoeuvres embarrassing or endangering the ships under surveillance. Except when required to maintain course and speed under the 1972 Collision Regulations, a surveillant shall take positive early action so as, in the exercise of good seamanship, not to embarrass or endanger ships under surveillance.

5. When ships of the Parties are in sight of one another, such signals (flag, sound and light) as are prescribed by the 1972 Collision Regulations, the International Code of Signals and the Table of Special Signals set forth in the Annex to this Agreement shall be adhered to for signalling operations and intentions. At night, or in daytime in conditions of reduced visibility, or under conditions of lighting and at such distances when signal flags are not distinct, flashing light or Very High Frequency Radio Channel 16 (156.8 MHz) should be used.