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Communication from the Government of the USSR

At the request of the Government of the USSR, the attached statement is circulated for the information of Member Governments.

Statement of the Government of the USSR

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the following statement made by the USSR delegation at the thirty-second session of Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation in connection with the User's Manual for Ocean-Going Ships issued by Japan Maritime Safety Agency (NAV 32/INF.4 and NAV 32/INF.4/Add.1).

"In connection with the issue by Japan Maritime Safety Agency of User's Manual for Ocean-Going Ships concerning participation in Japanese Ship Reporting Systems (JASREP) which was made effective from 1 October 1985 (NAV 32/INF.4/Add.1) the Soviet delegation wishes to make the following statement.

The Soviet delegation reserves its position concerning the legality of certain aspects of the said Manual.

The area covered by JASREP includes some areas within the national waters of the USSR and covers certain ICAO areas in which the USSR is responsible for search and rescue operations. All these waters have been included in what are referred to in the Manual as "peripheral waters of Japan".

In paragraph (2)1 of section 2 "Outline" of the said Manual there is a provision which enables Japan Maritime Safety Agency to carry out search and rescue operations in the whole area, covered by JASREP (as indicated in the map on page 2), including areas in which the USSR is a coordinator for search and rescue operations.

For these reasons the Soviet delegation considers that the Manual JASREP has no legal basis, as far as the areas referred to above are concerned, and does not conform with the provisions of International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979."

I would be grateful if this document be brought to the attention of IMO Member-States.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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