APPLICATION OF COLOURED GLASS IN WHEELHOUSE WINDOWS OF SHIPS

1. The Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation at its twenty-first session considered the use of coloured glass in windows of ships' wheelhouses and noted that some Administrations have prohibited such use in places where a proper look-out is to be kept.

2. The Sub-Committee was informed that extensive tests have shown that the use of coloured glass reduces the recognizability of navigation lights to approximately 50 per cent and that in addition modifications of chromaticity have been observed.

3. The Sub-Committee agreed that coloured glass in windows of ships' wheelhouses did not offer more protection against glare than sunglasses during day time and may be hazardous at night.

4. At the request of the Maritime Safety Committee at its thirty-ninth session, this view is brought to the attention of Member Governments.