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DELAY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDMENT TO
THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME "OFF SAN FRANCISCO"

- 1 The Government of the United States has informed the Organization that:
 - .1 Implementation of the amendment to the traffic separation scheme "Off San Francisco" adopted by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-ninth session (13 to 24 May 1991) (MSC 59/33, paragraph 10.2 and COLREG.2/Circ.37 of 19 June 1991) will be delayed pending a tanker movement study and designation of a national marine sanctuary in the Monterey, California area;
 - .2 A study is underway to evaluate whether areas of navigable waters and the exclusive economic zone should be designated as zones where the movement of tankers should be limited or prohibited; and
 - .3 Upon completion of the study and the sanctuary designation, the TSS "Off San Francisco" will be reviewed to determine the impact of the actions noted above. Additional information will be provided upon completion of the review.
- 2 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.