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TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

Non-implementation of the amended traffic separation scheme "In Haro Strait and Boundary Pass"

Note by the Governments of the United States and Canada

1 The Government of the United States (on behalf of Canada also) has informed the Organization that the amended traffic separation scheme (TSS) "In Haro Strait and Boundary Pass", as detailed in Annex 7, Part I of COLREG.2/Circ.51 and adopted by MSC 75, will not be implemented at 0000 hours UTC on 1 December 2002 as envisaged.

2 New safety and environmental concerns, recently presented by various user groups of the identified waterways, have convinced the Governments of the United States and Canada to pursue the aforementioned course of action.

3 In the future, the Governments of the United States and Canada will develop a new traffic separation scheme for the area concerned and will jointly submit a proposal to IMO for adoption.

4 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.