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EXPERIMENTAL SIGNAL INDICATING MANOEUVRES

1. The Secretary-General has recently been advised by the Government of Sweden that the Swedish vessel "SKANDIC" (843.61 tons gross), operating in the Baltic Sea and the Kattegatt, has been equipped for experimental purposes with a visual signalling device intended for the indication of manoeuvring actions.
2. The object of the experiment is to evaluate the usefulness of such a signal.
3. The signalling device consists of a white light positioned at each end of a yard fixed above the fore masthead light required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. The lights of the signalling device are visible at a distance of at least five miles.
4. The signals, which are transmitted intermittently, indicate the following:
 - 1 flash - "I am altering my course to starboard"
 - 2 flashes - "I am altering my course to port"
 - 3 flashes - "My engines are going astern"
 - 5 flashes - Warning signal referred to in Rule 28(b) of the Collision Regulations

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The first three signals will be given when the manoeuvre begins and will be kept up until the manoeuvre has been completed or stopped. The last signal will be given as necessary.

5. Observers of these signals were invited to communicate their observations and/or comments to the master of the vessel mentioned above by radiotelephony or send their reports to:

Swedish Board of Shipping and Navigation,
Pack Stockholm 27,
Sweden.

6. Governments are invited to take note of the above information and to inform all concerned as necessary.