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SUBJ/IMPLEMENTATION AND USE OF CODE FOR UNPLANNED ENCOUNTERS AT SEA//

RMKS/1. The Chief of Naval Operations and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet recently attended the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) in Qingdao, China where the WPNS navies agreed to use the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES) in order to ensure safe, professional interactions during unplanned encounters at sea.

2. CUES was designed to reduce uncertainty, enhance safety, facilitate communication, and establish maneuvering norms between naval ships, auxiliaries, and aircraft. It offers an additional tool for sea services to better promote international cooperation and transparency between their armed forces. The procedures are largely derived from communications procedures that you currently employ or the established International Code of Signals.

3. Originally conceived as a Pacific-based initiative, CUES can be applied anywhere across the globe when American naval forces encounter other WPNS member nation navies. Implementation of CUES by other party nations will be uneven, but my expectation is that our interactions will be professional and CUES compliant.

4. Effective employment of CUES may create opportunities to widen its use by other maritime forces in the future. Therefore, all Department of the Navy forces that operate at sea shall comply with CUES which will ultimately strengthen cooperation and safety between the global network of navies encountering one another in international waters.

5. Released by Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy.//

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