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REVISION OF ANNEXES 4 AND 5

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands

Note: The secretariat reproduces below the proposal of the Netherlands concerning the possible amendment of annexes 4 and 5 of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI).

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1. During the Working Party's sixteenth session, the delegation of the Netherlands proposed to review its proposal on the revision of annexes 4 and 5 of CEVNI, as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.76/Rev. 1 and Corr.1), taking into account the proposal of the delegation of the Russian Federation on this item appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/18 (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/32, para. 23).
2. After thorough consideration, however, by the Dutch and German experts we have to conclude that the proposal as shown in document TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.76/Rev.1 and Corr.1 is the only one we can accept.
3. On small inland waterways surrounded with a great number of lights from factories, villages and other circumstances, the colours of lights as required in the above proposal, can alone ensure the reliable recognition of navigation lights. The restricted chromaticity boundaries have been chosen, therefore, for greater probability of recognition. They are also in compliance with the official recommendations of the International Commission on Illumination (CIE).
4. For the wider waterways a footnote could be added to annexes 4 and 5 reading as follows:

"1/ On certain inland waterways the competent authority may allow the carriage by vessels of signal lights in accordance with the requirements of IMO (COLREG)."
