



# **CUES and Its Significance to Maritime Safety**

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**CODE FOR  
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ENCOUNTERS AT  
SEA**

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**CUES regulates the legal status of naval ships and naval aircraft. It prescribes the maritime safety procedure, communication procedure as well as the signals, abbreviations and basic maneuvering guide in case of unplanned encounters at sea.**

## Scope

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# I . Main points of CUES

CUES is a tool for all member states of WPNS to mutual-beneficially develop cooperation and transparency. It really emphasizes the safety of the naval ships and naval aircraft at sea.



**First of all, a warship should adopt a safe speed to sail on the sea. During the navigation, it should keep a safe distance from other naval ships in accordance with the visibility, maritime situation, and the performance of the ship itself.**



**Secondly, in the event of unexpected encounter with the naval ships and naval aircraft from other countries, it should take proper action to avoid collision.**



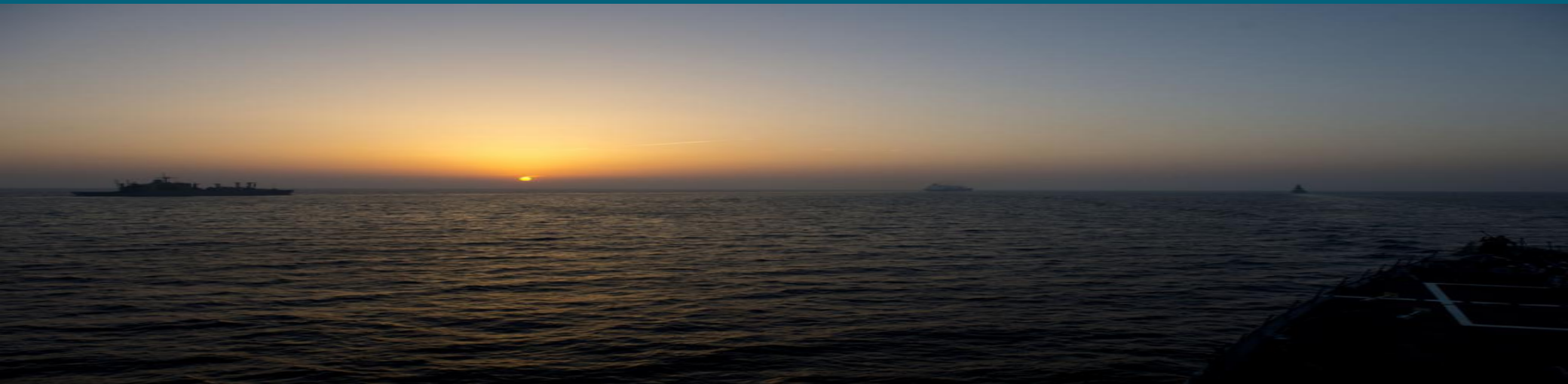
**Thirdly, in the event of any breakdown, the warship should use the whistle, signal lights, high-skilled seamanship or other measures to avoid endangering other naval ships.**





**Fourthly, in the event of drills of surface ships and submarines, the surface ships should display proper signals as regulated in the International Signal Rules to signify the presence of submarines in the maritime area.**

Fifthly, as for those maritime activities likely to pose danger to the naval ships and naval aircraft from other countries, the authorities of the related countries should use radio broadcast and information system to publicize the navigation notice clearly so as to warn naval ships or naval aircraft from other countries.



**CUES also regulates the communication procedure in case of the unexpected encounter of naval ships and naval aircraft.**

**In order to establish effective communication in time, naval ships or naval aircraft should first choose to use the radio for communication in the event of unexpected encounters. If the visibility is not good or the distance of mutual visibility is too short, signal flags, lights, and audio signals should be used as demanded by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea so as to express its maritime activities and intentions.**

## II. The significance of CUES to maritime safety





**CUES is a milestone document for maritime cooperation and communication in terms of naval ships from all countries.**





**CUES demands various safety measures which are conducive to effectively control maritime crises and avoid occurrence of accidents.**





### **III China's position on CUES**

- 1. China will strictly abide by the regulations of CUES.**

**PLA Navy is committed to training and guiding the commanding officers from the front to understand and abide by the regulations of CUES.**

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- 1. China will strictly abide by the regulations of CUES.**
- 2. Any individual country who signed CUES should follow the regulations.**

# Three Scenarios

(1) when unplanned encounters happen at sea, the related navies implement CUES and the maritime safety is ensured.

(2) when unplanned encounters happen at sea, one side of the related navies takes safe measures and communicates with the other side, but receives no response.

(3) when unplanned encounters happen, no one takes CUES into account.

**The best attitude at CUES, the safest maritime situation!**



**Thank You!**

