



ASEAN Inter-Sessional Meeting on Maritime Security

Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea





Introduction

- **Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea**
 - Commonly referred to as 'CUES'
 - Publication of the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS)
 - Endorsed by the Chiefs' Symposium in Qingdao, China on 23 April 2014



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Western Pacific Naval Symposium

■ WPNS

- First meeting held in 1988, original 13 members nations has now grown to 21 members and 4 observer nations.
- Biennial symposiums and precursor workshops
- Workshops held at middle manager level (Captain rank)

WPNS Objectives

- Increase naval cooperation, by providing a forum to discuss maritime issues, leading to common understanding and possibly agreements.





CUES

■ Draft Development

- Initially promulgated by the Australian Chief of Navy on behalf of WPNS in 1999. CUES has had various revisions over 14 years.
- 2013 review was conducted by a small team of 4 nations, and coordinated by Australia via email, before being circulated to all WPNS members in late 2013, prior to the January 2014 Workshop.
- 2013 review included:
 - renaming the document;
 - simplifying the legal sections;
 - clarifying its application to 'naval ships and aircraft';
 - updating the annex (tactical component); and
 - reformatting the document with a modernised 'new look'.



CUES

■ Purpose

- CUES provides navies safety procedures, a basic communications plan and basic manoeuvring instructions for naval ships and naval aircraft during unplanned encounters at sea.





CUES

■ Legal Considerations

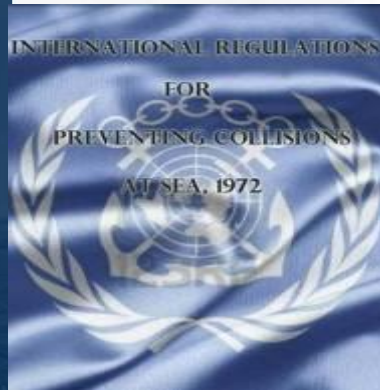
- CUES is not legally binding – nations will use it voluntarily.
- Naval ships and naval aircraft enjoy sovereign immunity.
- CUES does not supersede international civil aviation rules or rules applicable under international agreements or treaties or international





CUES

- **Safety Procedures include:**
 - Actions to Avoid Collisions at Sea
 - Formations and Convoys
 - Safe Speeds and Distances
 - Radio Communication Procedures





Challenges Ahead

- **Training**
- **Implementation**
- **Exercises and real life experiences**
- **Document review**





Conclusion

- **Endorsement of CUES is a milestone achievement for WPNS.**
- **Possible adoption by other non-WPNS navies, for example navies of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium.**
- **Ultimate improvement to ‘good order at sea’.**





Questions ?

