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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5

Survival craft

Statement by the Government of the United States

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Government of the United States on equipment arrangements accepted under regulation I/5 of the above Convention.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1 Regulation I/5 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) , 1974, provides that an administration may accept other provisions if it is satisfied that they are at least as effective as that required by the present regulations.

2 In accordance with Regulation I/5(b), the Government of the United States of America gives notification of the acceptance of alternate provisions for the primary lifesaving equipment requirements for the KELLIE CHOUEST, official number 1038519.

3 The design of the KELLIE CHOUEST is identical to its sister vessel CAROLYN CHOUEST, official number 1022547, except for two cantilevered wing sections attached to the transom. The CAROLYN CHOUEST, which is less than 85 metres in length, is equipped with primary lifesaving equipment in accordance with Regulation III/26.1.3. The cantilevered wing sections on the KELLIE CHOUEST extend its length from less 85 meters to approximately 89 metres.

4 The United States of America accepts the primary lifesaving equipment arrangement in accordance with Regulation III/26.1.3 plus an additional liferaft on each of the vessel's cantilevered wing sections as being equivalent to the provisions of Regulation III/26.1.1 for the KELLIE CHOUEST.

5 In accepting this equivalent provision, the United States of America has taken into account the specific design of the vessel and the proven operation and reliability of the CAROLYN CHOUEST.
