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Proposal for an additional section ii) in paragraph 4 of
the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement as amended

by

the Portuguese Delegation

Whereas from the inception of the idea of boarding fishing vessels by means of personnel helicopter hoist transfer, several delegations more than once did express their concern over the problem of ascribing responsibility in the event of accidents during the transfer;

Considering that no time was given previous to the present meeting for the consideration and analysis of the proposal and corresponding instructions which are now presented in document Proceedings No. 2, Appendix 1;

Considering further that the said problem of apportioning responsibility is not, in the opinion of the Portuguese delegation, resolved in the present STACTIC proposal and that STACTIC agreed that a period for comment must precede the adoption of the corresponding recommendation;

The Portuguese delegation proposes:

That a section ii) be added to paragraph 4 of the Scheme, as amended, reading:

"4. ii) The implicit or explicit assent of the master of a fishing vessel for a personnel helicopter hoist transfer for the purpose of boarding his vessel, under the terms of the ICNAF Scheme of Joint Enforcement, both when arriving on board and when leaving, in no way makes him responsible for any inconvenience or damages relating to the said transfer unless his criminal intent is proven."

Present sections ii), iii), and iv) to be renumbered iii), iv), and v), respectively.