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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy¹ and armed robbery against ships² reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 30 June 2013 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery **at sea** (international or territorial waters) vis-à-vis acts of armed robbery allegedly **committed in port areas**, as well as **attempted** acts of armed robbery.

¹ "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

"Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed:
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;
- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;
- (c) any act inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b)."

² "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the *Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships* (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."

2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gisis.imo.org>) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example, dates of release of hijacked ships.

3 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 6,746, an increase of 19 since 30 June 2013.

4 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the previous 12 months and up to 30 June 2013 being MSC.4/Circ.187, MSC.4/Circ.188, MSC.4/Circ.189, MSC.4/Circ.190, MSC.4/Circ.191, MSC.4/Circ.192, MSC.4/Circ.194, MSC.4/Circ.195, MSC.4/Circ.196, MSC.4/Circ.197, MSC.4/Circ.198 and MSC.4/Circ.199.

ANNEX 1
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ.200 ANNEX 1
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	COTTON Tanker Malta 23248 9380350	15/07/2013 05:52 LT	WEST AFRICA Off Gentil Port, Gabon Gabon 00° 26.49' S 008° 51.45' E	Pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. All authorities in the region were informed and kept updated of the incident by the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The tanker was released on 22.07.2013 off Nigeria. All crew were safe.	Pirates hijacked the tanker and took hostage 24 crew members	-	Yes Gabon port authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	OCEAN CENTURION Product tanker Marshall Islands 23328 9180102	16/07/2013 04:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 46nm SSE of Lome Togo 05° 29.00' N 001° 38.00' E	Armed pirates in two speed boats approached and boarded the product tanker underway. They took hostage all crew members and stole their personal belongings. Later, the pirates sailed the tanker to around 12nm off the coast line of the Togo/Benin border where they released the crew members and disembarked from the tanker onto a speed boat.	Two crew members were injured during the incident and were transferred to a clinic. Crew's personal belongings were stolen	-	Yes Togo Navy, Benin Navy, Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Togo Navy sent a patrol boat to the location and escorted the tanker to Lome anchorage for investigation
3	CONCORD Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 27357 9258600	16/07/2013 15:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Red Sea Yemen 13° 28.00' N 043° 01.00' E	D/O on board the chemical tanker underway sighted small crafts around 3nm on the radar. Onboard security team took their position and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Three skiffs carrying weapons and RPG launchers in between 16 fishing vessels crossed the tanker from starboard to port. Ship's whistle was sounded but the skiffs continued their approach. The security team fired warning flares, resulting in the skiffs turning on their lights. They eventually stopped their approach and moved away.	-	Security team fired warning shots, alarm raised and non essential crew mustered in citadel	Yes Yemeni local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	AFRAMAX RIO Oil tanker Panama 57948 9273844	07/07/2013 04:55 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker during ship to ship transfer operations.	Cargo operations stopped and all crew mustered. Cargo operations resumed only after a thorough search of the tanker	Duty crew raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping in their boat	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	LG ASPHALT 1 Tanker Malaysia 1642 9540900	10/07/2013 03:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 12nm NNE of Pulau Tioman, Malaysia Malaysia 03° 02.00' N 104° 18.00' E	About eight robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker underway. They ordered the C/E to reduce speed to a minimum and then mustered all the crew, including the bridge and engine room watch officers, in the mess room where they tied them up. The robbers then stole all crew and ship's property and cash and left the ship an hour later. Crew regained control of the ship and sailed to Kemaman Port.	Stole crew and ship's property and cash	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SURYA WIRA 5 Tug Singapore 271 9282211	24/07/2013 23:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 3nm NE of Tanjung Berati, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 16.00' N 104° 37.00' E	About seven robbers in a speed boat armed with knives boarded the tug underway. They took hostage all the crew members, tied their hands, stole their cash and personal belongings and then escaped. One crew was injured.	Robbers boarded the tug, injured one of the crew and stole crew's cash and personal belongings	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	SURYA WIRA 2 Tug Singapore 191 9338462	25/07/2013 03:40	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 7nm NE of Tanjung Berakit, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 18.00' N 104° 41.00' E	About six robbers in a speed boat armed with knives boarded the tug towing a barge. They entered the crew's cabins and took hostage all crew members, stole crew's personal belongings and tug's property, and then escaped.	Robbers boarded the tug, took hostage all crew members, stole crew's personal belongings and tug's property	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	REEFERENCE POINT LPG tanker Panama 44490 8910720	29/07/2013 04:12 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tanjung Uban, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 06.30' N 104° 10.90' E	Duty A/B on board the LPG tanker noticed about eight robbers armed with knives boarding the ship from the poop deck. D/O was informed and alarm was raised. All crew stayed inside the accommodation until police arrived and boarded the ship. A search was carried out with the police. No robbers were found onboard and nothing was stolen.	-	Alarm raised	Yes Local authorities and agents	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police boarded the tanker for investigation

IN PORT AREA

1	SANKO MERCURY Bulk carrier Liberia 30488 9401934	04/07/2013 19:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 40.80' S 114° 25.30' E	Three robbers in a boat boarded the anchored ship at the forecastle. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty-handed.	All crew were safe	Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm	Yes Indonesian local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	RENOVATION Landing craft Gabon 848 8026294	14/07/2013 22:46 LT	WEST AFRICA Port Gentil, Gabon Gabon 00° 29.00' S 008° 51.00' E	Around 20 armed robbers in a speed boat approached and boarded the landing craft underway. They stole crew's personal belongings and then escaped.	No injury to crew nor any damage to the ship, but personal belongings were stolen	-	Yes Port Maritime Authority, Togo	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	KIRANA TRITYA Product tanker Singapore 13203 9279678	21/07/2013 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nha Be Terminal, Viet Nam Viet Nam	Five robbers in a small boat approached the berthed product tanker. Two robbers armed with knives managed to board the tanker using a rope while the other robbers remained in their boat. Duty A/B on deck watch noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and approached the robbers with wooden sticks. On seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped empty-handed.	-	Raised the alarm, crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	HONG KONG BRIDGE Container ship Singapore 98747 9395161	27/07/2013 03:05 LT	MEDITERRANEAN SEA Suez Anchorage, Egypt Egypt	Robbers boarded the anchored container ship. Crew spotted one of the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers escaped and nothing was stolen.	-	Raised the alarm	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	TORM LOIRE Chemical tanker Denmark 23246 9282986	27/07/2013 16:12 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh	While at anchor waiting for berthing instructions, duty crew on routine patrol noticed a robber lowering ropes into the accommodation. D/O raised the alarm and crew were mustered. When crew approached the stern, the robbers cut the loose rope and escaped in their boat. Authorities were informed.	Ship's stores were stolen	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard boat arrived at the location to conduct an investigation
6	GLOBAL PEACE Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 11623 9409522	27/07/2013 17:25 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Gresik Inner Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia	Robbers were spotted at the forecandle paint store entrance of the anchored tanker. Alarm was raised and crew were alerted. On approaching the forecandle, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a small boat. Ship's stores were stolen.	Robbers stole ship's stores	Alarm was raised and crew were alerted	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	MARY SCHULTE Container ship Liberia 20624 9214525	31/07/2013 02:00 LT	MEDITERRANEAN SEA Berth No. 49, Alexandria Port, Egypt Egypt	An A/B on duty noticed a robber inside the bosun forward store of the anchored container ship and immediately informed the D/O. The store was inspected but the robber was not found. On checking, it was found that a life raft in the store had been opened and damaged.	A life raft in the store had been opened and damaged	Crew searched the ship	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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8	ATHOS Bulk carrier Cayman Islands (United Kingdom) 30012 9274460	31/07/2013 23:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Anchorage, Cote d'Ivoire Côte d'Ivoire 05° 13.00' N 004° 03.00' W	Robbers boarded the anchored ship using a long pole with a hook. The crew spotted them and raised the alarm. On hearing this, the robbers escaped in a wooden boat. All crew were safe and nothing was stolen.	-	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Abidjan Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	LOULOU Product tanker Nigeria 3581 9081241	24/07/2013 07:10 LT	WEST AFRICA 40nm SE of Port Harcourt, Nigeria 04° 16.00' N 007° 56.00' E	Pirates attacked and fired at the product tanker underway. Terminal security responded to the incident and the pirates moved away. The ship was damaged by gunfire and the crew sustained minor injuries. Later, the ship returned to Lagos Port safely.	Ship sustained minor damage and crew received minor injuries	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-	
2	HIGH JUPITER Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 29733 9366299	30/07/2013 13:45 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 45nm South of Brass, Nigeria 03° 31.00' N 006° 05.00' E	A gunboat claiming to be a Nigerian Navy ship called the tanker on VHF and asked details about its cargo, last and next ports. This information was passed to the gunboat. After around 15 minutes, the gunboat approached the tanker at high speed and demanded that the tanker be stopped and boarding permitted. Master said that he would not stop as the area was at high risk of piracy attacks. The gunboat threatened the Master and followed the tanker for 20 minutes and then fired two shots in the air. Master immediately raised the alarm over VHF and requested ships in the vicinity to relay his message to port control. On hearing the VHF alarm, the gunboat moved away.	-	Master immediately raised the alarm over VHF and requested ships in the vicinity to relay his message to port control	Yes Bonny Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-	

IN PORT AREA

1	LIBERTY GRACE Bulk carrier United States 28836 9228148	18/07/2013 01:50 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lome Anchorage, Togo 06° 05.00' N 001° 17.00' E	Duty officer on board the anchored bulk carrier spotted an unlit skiff with 5-6 persons approaching. The D/O directed the ship search light towards the skiff, raised the alarm, activated the fire hoses and called the Togo Navy. It was observed that the persons with hoods pulled over their heads were attempting to board the ship using a pole and hook. Three flares were fired in the direction of the skiff. Seeing the crew's alertness, they aborted the attempt and moved away. During the incident another two skiffs were observed close to the ship.	-	Directed search lights, raised the alarm, and activated fire hoses	Yes Togo Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Togo Navy boat arrived at the location to conduct an investigation	
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