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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 31 August 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 6,760, an increase of 14 since 1 August 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 31 August 2013 being, 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, MSC.4/Circ.199 and MSC.4/Circ.200.

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	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.201 ANNEX 1
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	DANAI 6 Product tanker Thailand 949 9009774	02/08/2013 22:30	MALACCA STRAIT Strait of Malacca and Singapore Malaysia 01° 23.60' N 104° 30.00' E	While underway, six pirates armed with knives and guns boarded the vessel. The pirates fired at the glass panel of the door of the bridge, where they entered and took control of the ship and all 14 Thai crew. They tied up the crew in the mess room and stole navigational equipment and crew's cash and personal belongings. The pirates left the ship after approximately 45 minutes.	The crew was tied up but they were not injured. Damage to the bridge's glass panel. Navigational equipment and crew's cash and personal belongings stolen.	-	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	BAHTERA MULIA Tug Malaysia 2245 9616127	18/08/2013 20:24 LT	MALACCA STRAIT About 5.6NM South of Tg. Setapa, Malacca Strait Singapore 01° 15.02' N 104° 07.33' E	While underway, unidentified persons onboard 2-3 small wooden boats approached and boarded the barge, M3320, which was being towed by the tugboat, Bahtera Mulia. At that time, the tug and barge were enroute from Malacca to Labuan, and the barge was loaded with oil rig spare parts. After some time, the robbers left the barge.	Power cable suspected to be stolen.	General Alarm sounded, VTIS East contacted	Yes SPOCC	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	A broadcast was initiated and the Navy and Police Coast Guard were informed
2	NADIR Container ship Marshall Islands 21199 9127784	27/08/2013 20:25	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 11.00' N 091° 42.00' E	16 robbers in two boats approached an anchored ship. Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship and began to lower ship's stores into their boats. OOW noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Seeing the crew's alertness the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to the coast guard.	Robbers stole ship's stores.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	MARE NOSTRUM Tanker Italy 59611 9346885	02/08/2013 04:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 06.00' N 103° 38.00' E	Duty A/B onboard the tanker noticed a robber outside the accommodation. He immediately retreated into the bridge and informed the D/O who raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness the robber escaped. On carrying out a search it was noticed that the robber had tried to enter the steering gear room but as it was locked from inside the robber did not have access and escaped empty-handed. All crew safe.	-	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

2	ST. MICHAELIS Product tanker Hong Kong, China 30068 9304588	04/08/2013 00:02	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 11.60' S 091° 41.00' E	While at anchor, robbers boarded the vessel from astern. When the alarm was raised, the crew locked itself in the superstructure.	-	Alarm raised.	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard and port control authority.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong).	One Coast Guard vessel was sent to patrol the area around the ship.
3	KOTA HARTA Container ship Singapore 13272 9135092	10/08/2013 01:45	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 09.30' N 091° 47.60' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the ship from the poop deck using a hook and rope. Upon discovering the robbers, the duty watchman immediately raised the alarm. Two of the robbers jumped overboard while the third robber grabbed the life-ring from the ship and threw it overboard before escaping in a small wooden boat.	One life-ring was stolen.	The duty watchman raised the alarm.	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	A Bangladesh Coast Guard vessel conducted a search in the area.
4	STAR MANX Oil tanker Isle of Man (United Kingdom)	10/08/2013 23:45 LT	INDIAN OCEAN S.Sangata area, East Kalimantan Indonesia 00° 16.00' N 117° 36.00' E	While at anchor, robbers boarded the vessel and held hostage the 3/O who was on routine rounds at the forecastle. They hit him and threatened him with a knife. The robbers broke the hatch cover with pipes and crowbars and began to steal ship's stores. The robbers escaped in a speed boat with the stolen stores and the 3/O's personal belongings on seeing the duty crew approaching the forecastle.	The 3/O was hit and threatened with a knife. The hatch cover was broken and the ship's stores and the 3/O's personal belongings were stolen	The alarm was raised and all the crew went to the forecastle. After the incident, the duty anti-piracy watch was doubled	Yes Yes, the port authorities were informed	United Kingdom ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (United Kingdom)	An investigation was conducted.
5	SP ATLANTA Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 5256 9498951	12/08/2013 03:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 19.00' N 003° 27.00' E	About 11 robbers armed with guns boarded and hijacked a chemical tanker at anchor. They stole crew personal belongings and caused minor injuries to crew members. On 13.08.2013 the vessel was released and safely arrived at Lagos anchorage.	Ship hijacked, crew personal properties stolen, minor injuries to crew	n/a	Yes RCC Lagos and Nigerian Navy operations centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	HENRIETTE SCHULTE Container ship Liberia 16281 9130171	14/08/2013 02:38 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 10.00' N 091° 42.00' E	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. OOW spotted them and immediately raised the alarm. All crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen ship's stores. Authorities informed.	Robbers stole ship's stores	Raised alarm and crew mustered.	Yes Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Two Coast Guard vessels were sent to patrol the area near the vessel

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IN PORT AREA

7	KAYU EBONI Bulk carrier Panama 39385 9083524	16/08/2013 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 00° 16.90' S 117° 36.50' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier. Three of the robbers caught the duty A/B, threatened him with a knife on his neck, took his walkie-talkie and tied him up. The robbers broke the lock of the forward store and began to steal ship's stores. While the robbers were busy stealing the ship's stores, the duty A/B managed to free himself and reported to the OOW on the bridge who raised the alarm and alerted the crew. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen stores. Incident reported to port control.	Ship's property was stolen and one crew member assaulted	Ship's alarm raised	Yes Muara Berau Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	MORESBY 9 Product tanker Honduras 1321 7705740	17/08/2013 20:45	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx 1.83NM southeast of T Ramunia Indonesia 01° 20.09' N 104° 16.79' E	While at anchor, 10 robbers armed with parangs (Malay machete) wearing face masks approached the vessel in two speed boats colored white and grey, respectively. They then boarded the vessel and tied the crew in the mess room. The robbers then ordered the Master to get underway and, while sailing, the robbers escaped at the port side of the vessel when they saw an MMEA vessel approaching.	The crew were tied-up and some personal belongings stolen	SSAS activated and other ships in the vicinity contacted via radio	Yes MMEA, MRSC Johor, Singapore Police Coast Guard and Singapore Navy	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The MMEA searched the ship to ascertain if there were any robbers left on the vessel. Navigational broadcast was promulgated to advise vessels passing in the vicinity to keep anti piracy watch
9	TEQUILA SUNRISE Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 19800 9402110	23/08/2013 04:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 15.60' S 117° 36.10' E	Deck cadet on duty noticed the bosun forward store had been forced open. OOW and C/O were informed. The store was inspected and it was noted that ship's stores had been stolen. Local authorities informed.	Robbers stole ship's stores	-	Yes Incident reported to local authorities. PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ and Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

10	BRAHMAN EXPRESS Livestock carrier Philippines 7727 9238416	23/08/2013 11:25 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Port, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 48.00' N 098° 43.00' E	Three robbers in a motor boat approached a berthed live stock carrier. Two robbers boarded the ship while the other robber remained in the boat. Duty crew noticed that the robbers were stealing ship's property and reported to the OOW who raised the alarm and alerted the crew. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped with the stolen property. Incident reported to Belawan Port Authority which dispatched a coast guard patrol boat to investigate.	Ship's property was stolen.	Ship's alarm raised.	Yes Belawan Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard despatched patrol boat to investigate
11	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 19846	28/08/2013 23:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Cam Pha Anchorage, Viet Nam Viet Nam 20° 56.92' N 107° 19.00' E	Six robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain and hawse pipe by removing the hawse pipe cover and anchor lashing. They cut open the padlock to the forecandle store and stole ship's properties. OOW noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property. Incident reported to the local police who boarded the ship for investigation.	Robbers stole ship's property	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Local police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Local police boarded the ship for investigation
12	UNKNOWN General cargo ship Marshall Islands 19846	28/08/2013 23:30	SOUTH CHINA SEA Cam Pha Port Viet Nam 20° 59.92' N 107° 19.00' E	While at anchor, six robbers boarded the vessel through the anchor chain and cut opened the padlock of the door to the forecandle store. They removed the turnbuckle and lashing of the forecandle store's rope hatch. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm activated when they were sighted by the 2nd officer during the turn-over of duty watch keepers.	There was no injury to the crew however, the padlock of the door to the forecandle store and the rope hatch were cut-opened. Two centre shackles and one end shackle were stolen	-	No	Viet Nam ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam) ReCAAP ISC via Focal Point (Singapore)	-
13	VIOLETTA Container ship Marshall Islands 17360 9344710	29/08/2013 20:45	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong anchorage Bangladesh 22° 09.60' N 091° 44.90' E	While at anchor, seven robbers boarded the vessel via the stern. However, they escaped after the alarm and steam whistle were sounded.	There was no injury to the crew and no damage to the vessel	The master notified the port authorities	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)	-

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ANNEX 2
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by
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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.201 ANNEX 2
	1	2	3						4

IN PORT AREA

1	FPMC 25 Product tanker Liberia 28458 9433834	11/08/2013 00:05 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria 06° 18.00' N 003° 26.00' E	Robbers in a small skiff approached the anchored product tanker. Master raised the alarm, all crew mustered and armed guards onboard fired warning shots, resulting in the skiff moving away.	-	Raised alarm, crew mustered and onboard security team fired warning shots	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	BLUEGREEN TIGRE Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 5083 9514494	15/08/2013 02:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos anchorage, Nigeria Nigeria	About 8 – 10 robbers in a speed boat tried to place a hook to the tanker's railing. They were spotted by the crew and alarm was raised. Other ships were informed on VHF Radio. The boat moved away. Local authorities were informed and a naval patrol arrived at the location and conducted a search.	-	Alarm raised	Yes RCC Lagos and Nigerian Navy operations centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Patrol boat arrived at location and conducted a search

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