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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 November 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.

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

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."

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 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 November 2013 being, 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, MSC.4/Circ.200, MSC.4/Circ.201, MSC.4/Circ.202 and MSC.4/Circ.203.

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

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	GPT-21 Tanker Panama 1981 8504430	07/11/2013 03:30	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 7.3nm West of Pulau Kukup Malaysia 01° 20.00' N 103° 18.00' E	Ten pirates armed with guns and knives boarded and hijacked a product tanker underway. They tied up all the crew members and held them hostage in one cabin. Later they ordered the Master to steer the ship to a pre designated position. Another unknown orange hull tanker came alongside and the pirates forced the C/O and the bosun to use the cargo pumps and valves and the mooring winches to transfer the oil into the unknown tanker. At around 1600LT the pirates disembarked after transferring and stealing all the gas oil. Before leaving, the pirates also stole crew personal belongings.	Pirates took hostage all crew members and hijacked the tanker. They transferred the cargo gas oil to another orange hull tanker and stole crew members belongings	-	Yes PRC relayed message to FOC RMN (Ops), MMEA Putrajaya, Singapore Navy IFC, Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesian Navy HQ	Indonesia IMBKL	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	KIM HOCK TUG 2 Tug Singapore 152 9210763	06/11/2013 12:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 1.6 NM NNE of Horsburgh Light Malaysia 01° 21.25' N 104° 23.60' E	Barge LKH 8338 was being towed by Singapore registered Tug Boat Kim Hock Tug 2. The unauthorised boarding by around 20 personal took place at Lat 01°21.25'N and Long 104°23.6'E (about 1.6nm x 335 deg from Horsburgh lighthouse.	-	Informed POCC, Singapore	Yes POCC, Singapore	Singapore ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Singapore)	A Singapore Navy vessel was dispatched to the location of the barge. Upon seeing the naval vessel approaching, the unauthorised personnel onboard the barge disembarked, around 1300hrs (local time)
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

2	GPT 21 Tanker Panama 1981 8504430	07/11/2013 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 7.3nm west of Pulau Kukup, Malaysia 01° 20.06' N 103° 18.20' E	While enroute from Eastern OPL to Yangon, Myanmar, five robbers boarded the product tanker. One of the robbers was armed with a pistol and the others armed with knives. The robbers ordered the AB to bring them to the master's cabin. The crew was tied and led to a cabin. The robbers ordered the master to steer the vessel to an unknown location. During this time, the robbers ordered the bosun to demonstrate the operation of the winches and pumps. After sailing for about 24 nm, OOW was ordered to reverse the vessel and head back to the original location. An orange-hulled tanker subsequently came alongside GPT 21 and the robbers unloaded the MGO onto the tanker between.	There were orange paint marks on the side of the ship. The vessel's 5000ppm MGO was unloaded, the crew's personal belongings including laptops, hand phones and cash were taken and the vessel's equipment such as the portable gas detector, the VHF marine communications, knives, screw drivers and spanners were also taken. No injury to the crew was reported	When the crew managed to escape at about 1600hrs, they went to the bridge and saw 2 ships in the distance with the MMSI numbers 567030700 and 565413000	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	G WHALE Oil tanker Liberia 172146 9468853	21/11/2013 02:45 LT	INDIAN OCEAN 3.6 NM north of Pirotan Island, Gujarat India 22° 39.42' N 069° 55.20' E	The vessel was boarded by a group of 8 persons armed with knives and machetes using rope in dark hours, who escaped with ship's stores on hearing alarm.	There was no injury to crew however, robbers escaped with ship's equipment	Master sounded the general emergency alarm on ship's whistle fore and aft and made an announcement on loudspeaker to warn robbers to get off	Yes Port control Sikka, Indian Coast	India ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (India)	A Coast Guard ship was immediately deployed for investigation and was on-scene within an hour
4	TOKIO Chemical tanker Panama 159953 9311270	21/11/2013 03:00	ARABIAN SEA Sikka Crude Oil Anchorage India 22° 38.06' N 069° 53.30' E	An unknown number of personnel boarded the vessel and escaped with ship's store, without knowledge of anyone on-board ship.	No injury to the crew is reported. However, ship's stores were found missing	Locked all accommodation and store lockers and started piracy watch	Yes Sikka Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (India)	-

IN PORT AREA

1	JINDAL TARA Container ship 5850 9129770	02/11/2013 03:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Sagar Anchorage India 21° 40.00' N 008° 08.01' E	15 armed robbers boarded an anchored ship. OOW noticed, the robbers stole ship's store and raised the alarm. Seeing the alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Coast Guard Chennai & Indian Coast Guard HQ	India IMBKL	-
2	KITTIWAKE Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 30000 9254549	08/11/2013 02:25	SOUTH CHINA SEA Adang Bay Anchorage Indonesia 01° 43.00' S 116° 38.00' E	Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. The duty A/B found the robbers and alerted the OOW who raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed.	Ship's store stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	Indonesia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	DIAMOND CORAL LPG tanker Panama 3419 9392884	08/11/2013 02:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Gas-PVC Phuc Thai Jetty, Go Dau Viet Nam	Three robbers armed with a gun and knives boarded a berthed LPG tanker. The alert crew sounded the alarm and all crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness the robbers escaped with ship's stores in a waiting wooden boat along with their two accomplices. Port control informed.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm, crew alerted	Yes PRC relayed message to Vietnam Maritime Security Information Centre, Marine Police	Viet Nam ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	AN HO Bulk carrier Panama 41372 9290713	09/11/2013 02:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage Indonesia 03° 40.00' S 114° 26.00' E	Robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier unnoticed. They broke into the bosun store and escaped with ship's stores and property. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds.	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	MARINE EXPRESS Product tanker 28054 9403322	11/11/2013 03:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Indonesia Indonesia 01° 23.00' N 104° 42.00' E	Seven robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed and entered the engine room. Duty oiler noticed the robbers during his routine rounds and informed the duty engineer who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with ship's stores. All crew safe.	Ship's stores stolen	General alarm sounded. All crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Malaysia FOC RMN OPS, MMEA Putrajaya, Singapore Navy IFC, Singapore Police Coast Guard, Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ	IMBKL	-
6	MAREX EXPRESS Product tanker Singapore 29289 9596260	16/11/2013 13:00	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage Indonesia 03° 54.00' N 098° 46.00' E	Duty OOW on board an anchored chemical tanker noticed a small wooden boat near the vessel. He informed the crew members who searched the vessel and noticed a robber stealing ship stores. Seeing the alert crew the robber jumped overboard and escaped.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm, all crew mustered	No	Indonesia PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	-
7	BREMEN TRADER Tanker Malta 8515 9321110	19/11/2013 03:28 LT	WEST AFRICA Freetown inner anchorage area Sierra Leone	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored chemical tanker and stole ship's property. The deck watchman was attacked and held hostage during the robbery. Incident reported to port authority who sent a team for investigation.	Ship's property stolen	General alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone IMBKL	Authority boarded for investigation
8	CHEMBULK KINGS POINT Product tanker Panama 11534 9393008	22/11/2013 06:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dumai Port Indonesia	Robbers boarded a berthed product tanker unnoticed during cargo operations. They stole engine spares and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds by the duty crew.	Stolen engine spares	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia IMBKL	-

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IN PORT AREA

9	PINE 2 Indonesia 22998 9438353	23/11/2013 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tg Priok Anchorage Indonesia 05° 59.00' S 106° 55.00' E	Three robbers with knives boarded an anchored general cargo ship. The robbers entered the engine room through the boiler platform located on the poop deck. One of the robbers took hostage the motor man while the remaining two robbers stole engine spares and escaped. Port authorities were informed.	Ship's equipment stolen	-	Yes Port Authority, Tg Priok Coast Guard- PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia IMBKL	-
10	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier	23/11/2013 12:20 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, duty officer on bridge noticed one robber escaping from the vessel. Upon investigation it was discovered that the robber had managed to gain access to the forecastle store and had stolen ship equipment.	Stole ship's equipment	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia IMBKL	-
11	JAYA CONCORDIA Tug Malaysia 2558 9527465	24/11/2013 03:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Congo 04° 45.60' S 011° 49.90' E	One robber boarded the Offshore Tug at anchor. Duty watchman sighted the robber and alerted the duty officer who raised the alarm. On seeing the alerted crew the robber jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. All crew safe.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm	Yes PRC relayed message to Director General de la Marine Marchande, MRCC Congo	Congo IMBKL	-
12	WELLE Cyprus 26611	25/11/2013 02:00	EAST AFRICA Berth No. 17, Kilindini Container Terminal Kenya	Robbers boarded a berthed container ship during cargo operations unnoticed, stole ship's stores and escaped. The robbery was noticed during routine rounds made by the duty crew.	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Mombasa, MRCC Kenya	Kenya IMBKL	-
13	AMBER SUN Tanker Liberia 58100 9281891	27/11/2013 04:38 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage Singapore 01° 06.00' N 103° 38.00' E	Three robbers with knives boarded an anchored crude oil tanker. Duty A/B on routine rounds noticed the robber near the paint store and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robber escaped without stealing anything.	-	Raised alarm, all crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police, MRCC Putrajaya, Singapore Navy IFC, Singapore Police Coast Guard	Singapore IMBKL	-

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	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	ZHONGJI NO. 1 Product tanker Hong Kong, China 29578 9379818	06/11/2013 03:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA (About 450nm ESE of Mombasa, Kenya) Kenya 05° 40.00' S 046° 59.00' E	One skiff with five armed pirates approached a product tanker while underway. Alarm was raised, crew alerted, fire pumps started, speed increased, evasive maneuvers taken, SSAS alert activated and authorities informed. The pirates fired at the tanker and the armed security on board returned fire. The skiff aborted the attack and moved away.	Pirates fired at the tanker	Alarm raised, crew alerted, fire pumps started, speed increased, evasive manoeuvres, SSAS alert activated	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	Kenya ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	TORM KANSAS Tanker Denmark 29242 9290646	09/11/2013 14:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 277nm NNW of Madagascar Somalia 07° 19.80' S 048° 36.70' E	About five to six pirates armed with rifles in a skiff approached a chemical tanker underway. OOW raised the alarm and the armed security team on board fired rocket flares followed by warning shots. The skiff closed in to a distance of 200meters and fired upon the tanker. Master increased speed, activated SSAS, sent distress message, fire hoses activated and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The on board security team exchanged fire with the pirates resulting in the skiff aborting the attack.	Pirates fired upon the vessel	OOW raised the alarm and the armed security team on board fired rocket flares followed by warning shots	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, UKMTO, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CTF 151, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	LADY GLORIA Marshall Islands 8689 9332494	04/11/2013 12:30	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage Indonesia 03° 54.00' N 098° 46.00' E	Duty crew on board an anchored tanker spotted two boats nearby. Robbers attempted to board the tanker via anchor chain but alert crew thwarted the boarding. The second boat was hidden near the propeller and the crew could not chase them away with fire hoses. The propeller was turned on resulting in the robbers moving away.	The robbers were spotted with some stolen hull anodes in their boat.	Raised alarm and crew mustered and activated fire hoses	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	Indonesia IMBKL	-
2	CARTAGENA Tanker Libya 29304 9389318	24/11/2013 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dumai anchorage Indonesia 01° 42.00' N 101° 29.00' E	Wooden boat approached a chemical tanker at anchor. Robbers attempted to board the vessel via the poop deck and were spotted by alert crew who raised the alarm and started the fire pump. On seeing the crew's alertness the robbers aborted the attempt and moved away.	-	Raised alarm, fire pump started	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CLIPPER HELEN LPG tanker Norway 13893 9358682	27/11/2013 04:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 13nm NE off Bintan Island Indonesia 01° 25.00' N 104° 42.00' E	While at anchor, deck watchmen noticed robbers boarding the vessel from the stern. Seeing the alert crew the robbers aborted and escaped. Nothing stolen.	-	Raised alarm, all crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia IMBKL	-
4	OCEANIS Tanker Greece 161273 9532757	29/11/2013 04:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage Indonesia 01° 06.00' N 103° 36.00' E	While at anchor, a speed boat approached an anchored tanker. Alert crew spotted the boat and raised the alarm resulting in the boat aborting the attack and moving away.	-	Raised alarm	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police, MRCC Putrajaya, Singapore Navy IFC, Singapore Police Coast Guard	Singapore IMBKL	-

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