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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 December 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 of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and

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."

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 twelve months and up to 31 December 2013 being, 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, MSC.4/Circ.203 and MSC.4/Circ.204.

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.205 ANNEX 1
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	SANUKI Container ship Singapore 13448 9146065	02/12/2013 01:30	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Norway Island, Haiphong Viet Nam 20° 35.00' N 107° 05.00' E	Pirates boarded, stole ship's property and escaped unnoticed from the drifting ship. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during making routine rounds.	Ship's property stolen	-	No	Viet Nam PRC relayed message to Vietnam Marine Police, MRCC Vietnam & Vietnam Maritime Security Centre	-
2	SVITZER FOXTROT Supply ship Singapore 906 9592525	18/12/2013 04:30	MALACCA STRAIT Southwest of Tanjung Ayam, eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (Straits of Malacca) Singapore 01° 15.30' N 104° 09.60' E	While the supply vessel towing barge was underway, pirates boarded the barge, from a wooden craft which was alongside the barge. The pirates left the barge at or about 0535hrs after taking some ropes	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	PRIME SERENE Chemical tanker Viet Nam 4159 9205512	19/12/2013 04:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA - Malaysia 01° 19.00' N 104° 16.00' E	Alert crew on board an anchored chemical tanker noticed a speed boat approaching at high speed. Alarm sounded and ship search light directed towards the boat which had come alongside. Seeing alerted crew the speed boat moved away.	-	Raised alarm, directed search light towards the boat	Yes PRC relayed message to Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), FOC RMN, Bakorkamla, IFC Singapore Navy	Malaysia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	GOLDEN ICE Hong Kong, China 75750 9401362	09/12/2013 03:48 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Djibouti 12° 52.50' N 047° 52.40' E	Five robbers armed with guns in a skiff approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, activated fire hoses, sounded ship's horn, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The on-board armed security team took their position and showed their weapons but the skiff continued to approach the ship even after the armed team fired a warning flare towards the skiff. The security team fired warning shots as the skiff came closed to the ship. The robbers responded by engaging the ship with small arms fire and the security team returned fire resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted attack. A military helicopter came to the location to assist.	Robbers fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, activated fire hoses, sounded ship's horn, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The on-board armed security team fired a warning flare, warning shots and engaged fire with the pirates	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	IMBKL	A military helicopter came to the location for assistance
2	MT ALTHEA Tanker	16/12/2013 LT	WEST AFRICA Off Nigeria Nigeria	Armed robbers boarded a chemical tanker and stole crew personal belongings and escaped. Further report awaited.	Stole crew personal belongings	-	Yes Nigerian Navy	Nigeria ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	AMBER SUN Tanker Liberia 58100 9281891	01/12/2013 05:12 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage Indonesia 01° 06.00' N 103° 38.00' E	One robber armed with a knife boarded an anchored tanker during STS operations. The duty O/S on routine rounds noticed the robber and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped empty handed in a wooden boat.	-	Raised alarm and all crew mustered	Yes IFC Singapore & MPA Singapore	Singapore PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	-
2	SUN ISLAND General cargo ship Panama 10959 9342243	04/12/2013 04:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vung Tau anchorage Viet Nam 10° 10.92' N 107° 04.20' E	While at anchor waiting for docking at No K15B Jetty-Ho Chi Minh, the duty AB found the broken store door and paint missing.	Ship's store stolen	-	Yes Yes. Vung Tau Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The incident is currently under investigation by the Vietnamese authorities
3	THURGAU Bulk carrier Switzerland 20924 9611618	04/12/2013 19:55 LT	ARABIAN SEA Kandla Anchorage India 22° 47.00' N 070° 05.00' E	Three robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier. OOW spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm	Yes Port Control	India PRC relayed message to Coast Guard HQ India	-

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4	EILHARD SCHULTE Bulk carrier Liberia 28073 9188623	05/12/2013 21:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage Indonesia 03° 43.00' S 114° 25.00' E	A robber tried to board an anchored ship via the hawse pipe. Duty crew on routine rounds saw the robber and immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm resulting in the robber escaping without stealing anything.	-	Raised alarm	Yes Port Authority	Indonesia PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesian Navy HQ	-
5	TRIDENT STAR Tanker Singapore 56365 9343211	07/12/2013 05:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage Indonesia 01° 07.00' N 103° 35.00' E	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker during STS operations. Duty Engineer spotted the robbers near the ECR and quickly raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.	-	Raised alarm	Yes Local Authority	PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesian Navy HQ	-
6	BAIZO Tanker Panama 28517 9263916	10/12/2013 01:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 25.20' N 104° 41.50' E	Five robbers boarded an anchored tanker while crew were busy performing tank cleaning procedures. 2/E on duty in the engine room noticed the robbers and informed bridge who raised the alarm. The robbers escaped immediately upon hearing the alarm with stolen engine spares.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	SUNRISE Tanker Comoros 40516 9182655	12/12/2013 06:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage Indonesia 01° 06.00' N 103° 37.00' E	Three to four robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the stern. They were immediately spotted by the duty officer who raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A through search of the vessel showed that no stores and valuables were stolen. All access to accommodation, engine room and stores were locked and secured.	-	Raised alarm	Yes VTIS	Singapore ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	MARE NOSTRUM Tanker 59611 9346885	16/12/2013 20:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Santan Anchorage Indonesia 00° 06.00' S 117° 34.00' E	A robber boarded an anchored crude oil tanker. Alert duty watchman notified the bridge and alarm raised resulting in the robber escaping. Crew mustered and searched the ship. All crew safe and no ship's stores reported stolen.	-	Alarm raised	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	GLOVIS MARIA Bulk carrier Bahamas 32545 9543615	18/12/2013 01:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda Indonesia 00° 15.60' S 117° 35.30' E	Three robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, broke into the forward store and stole ship property. They were spotted by OOW who raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping in their wooden boat. All crew safe.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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10	RAINA Product tanker Singapore 14320 9665308	18/12/2013 20:45 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Port Indonesia 03° 47.50' N 098° 42.60' E	Pirates boarded a berthed tanker unnoticed. They broke into the ship's forward stores and escaped with ship's property.	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	CONCORD Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 27357 9258600	19/12/2013 08:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 9nm off Belawan Port Indonesia 03° 54.80' N 098° 47.90' E	Robbers boarded an anchored chemical tanker unnoticed. They broke into the ship's forward stores and escaped with ship's property.	-	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	TOPAZ Chemical tanker Turkey 1803 9494199	20/12/2013 23:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 03:54N – 098:47E, Around 7.0nm NNE of Belawan Port, Indonesia 03° 54.00' N 098° 47.00' E	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. Broke into the forecandle store.	Stole ship's property	Raised alarm and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	MAPOCHO Container ship Chile 16986 9197351	22/12/2013 02:06 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) 24:07S – 046:19W, Santos Anchorage Area No. 4 Brazil 24° 07.00' S 046° 19.00' W	During safety rounds, OOW on board an anchored container vessel noticed three armed robbers opening some containers and immediately informed the bridge. The robbers spotted the crew and held him hostage. The alarm was raised, the robbers released the crew and escaped in a small fast boat with some cargo stolen from the containers. All crew mustered and the Harbour Master was informed.	Cargo stolen from containers	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Harbour Master	Brazil ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Federal Police sent their patrol vessel
14	NOEMI Tanker Marshall Islands 41526 9286023	28/12/2013 01:02	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Momanal Anchorage Colombia 10° 18.00' N 075° 32.00' W	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe, stole ship property and escaped without being noticed by the deck patrol.	Ship property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	UAL HOUSTON General cargo ship Netherlands 5925 9542348	31/12/2013 00:55 LT	WEST AFRICA Takoradi roads Ghana 04° 53.00' N 001° 41.00' W	Three robbers boarded an anchored general cargo vessel. When spotted by the security watch on deck, the robbers immediately escaped.	-	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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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.205 ANNEX 2
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	LIBERTY ISLAND Bulk carrier Panama 22863 9491680	18/12/2013 05:05 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 05.90' N 045° 24.39' E	While transiting the IRTC in westbound direction the bulk carrier spotted eight skiffs with three people in each heading towards the bulk carrier at very fast speed. Arms were sighted by the ship's crew. The skiffs stopped at a distance of appr. 0.5nm. The onboard privately armed security personnel prepared for an armed response but suspicious craft did not further pursue the ship.	-	PCASP team prepared for armed response, ship's crew assembled at the citadel; UKMTO informed	Yes -	Ship master	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	GULF PEARL Tanker Bahamas 42443 9281425	09/12/2013 03:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Djibouti 12° 50.00' N 047° 49.00' E	Five robbers armed with guns in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, activated fire hoses, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted UKMTO for assistance. The on-board armed security team took their position and showed their weapons resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted attack. A military helicopter came to the location to assist and patrolled the area.	Robbers fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, activated fire hoses, increased speed, took evasive maneuvers The on-board armed security team took their position and showed their weapons	Yes UKMTO	IMBKL	A military helicopter came to the location for assistance and patrolled the area
2	IONIC HUNTRESS Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 22432 9595371	19/12/2013 05:00 UTC	NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN Safi Port Morocco 32° 18.70' N 009° 14.90' W	Two robbers attempted to board the berthed ship by climbing the stern mooring rope. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped into the water and escaped in a small craft.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Rabat, Morocco	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	ATLANTIC LEO Product tanker Hong Kong, China 29266 9381768	15/12/2013 03:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos anchorage Nigeria 06° 20.40' N 003° 22.10' E	While at anchor, a boat approached towards the vessel bow. The crew alerted the armed security personnel on deck. One of the armed security personnel fired warning rounds into the sea.	-	The crew alerted the armed security personnel	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police authorities boarded the vessel
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