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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 January 2014 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 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 January 2014 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.204 and MSC.4/Circ.205.

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

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	SUPER LEAGUE LPG tanker Singapore 5812 9251171	02/01/2014 00:02 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 55nm West of Corisco Island Equatorial Guinea 00° 59.00' N 008° 23.00' E	Five pirates boarded a drifting gas carrier. Alert crew raised the alarm and blew the ships horn resulting in the pirates escaping. OOW reported that there were a few tugboats and unlit fishing vessels without AIS in the vicinity.	-	Raised alarm and sounded ship's horn	Yes MRCC Lagos	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	GIOVANNA IULIANO Bulk carrier Italy 39385 9122576	03/01/2014 03:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muara Berau Anchorage Indonesia 00° 17.15' S 117° 40.15' E	Three robbers armed with a gun boarded the ship carrying out loading operations at anchor. The A/B was taken hostage on routine rounds, he was tied up and his personal effects were stolen. The robbers then broke into the forecandle store, stole ship's property and escaped. The A/B managed to untie himself and reported the incident to the duty officer.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	LADY CORDELIA Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 8689 9411587	03/01/2014 05:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage Indonesia 03° 57.00' N 098° 47.00' E	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	JO SPRUCE Chemical tanker Panama 22415 8919037	06/01/2014 15:15 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Outer anchorage Indonesia 03° 55.00' N 098° 46.00' E	Six robbers armed with knives boarded a chemical tanker at anchor via the anchor chain. Alert crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping in their wooden boat without stealing anything. Ships in the vicinity alerted via VHF CH 16.	-	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	FAIRCHEM STALLION Chemical tanker Panama 11628 9291456	07/01/2014 00:18 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Gresik Inner Anchorage Indonesia 07° 05.00' S 112° 39.00' E	Two robbers boarded an anchored chemical tanker. They caught the duty watch keeper, threatened him with a knife and stole ship's stores. When robbers were noticed, alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers then jumped overboard and escaped. All crew safe.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

5	OCEAN CRESCENT General cargo ship United States 7252 9258193	08/01/2014 02:15 LT	WEST AFRICA Monrovia port Liberia 06° 20.00' N 010° 48.00' W	Duty watchman on board a berthed general cargo ship heard a loud noise near the stern. On approaching the location the watchman noticed a robber throwing ship's property overboard. Seeing the approaching crew the robber jumped overboard and escaped. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon investigation, it was found that the robber boarded the ship using a hook attached with a long pole and some ship's property were missing. Local authorities informed and a port security patrol boat came for investigation and recovered some of the stolen property that were adrift near the stern of the ship.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Port security boat arrived at location for investigation
6	E. R. BRIGHTON Liberia 32672 9507788	09/01/2014 19:35 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo Anchorage Indonesia 03° 42.16' S 114° 26.59' E	Eight robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Alert watchman sighted and shouted for help and alerted the duty officer. Seeing the alert ship's crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to the local authorities and the agents.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	SINAR BIAK Container ship Panama 15184 9101560	10/01/2014 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA - Indonesia 06° 06.24' S 106° 53.40' E	Robbers boarded the berthed ship unnoticed and stole engine spares. The theft was noticed by the 3/E when the ship departed from the port.	Engine spares stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	SAM JAGUAR Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 31760 9637428	16/01/2014 04:00 LT	EAST AFRICA Berth No.3, Dar Es Salaam Port United Republic of Tanzania 06° 49.00' S 039° 17.00' E	While berthed, robbers boarded the ship unnoticed, stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to the Port Authorities.	Ship's stores stolen	Increased security measures for anti-piracy watches	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	AU CO 01 General cargo ship Viet Nam 42341 9638563	17/01/2014 03:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tanjung Priok Anchorage Indonesia 06° 02.00' S 106° 53.00' E	Four robbers armed with a gun and long knives in a small speed boat approached and boarded an anchored general cargo ship. They took hostage the duty watchman, entered into the engine room and held the duty engine room crew. The robbers stole engine spares and managed to escape in their boat upon hearing the alarm raised by the duty officer.	Engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police	Indonesia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

10	KERALA Tanker Liberia 42331 9390927	18/01/2014 LT	WEST AFRICA Off Luanda Anchorage Angola	The tanker was reported missing from Luanda anchorage on 18 Jan 2014 and suspected to be hijacked by pirates. All communications with the tanker had been lost. On 26 Jan 2014 the Master made contact with the owners reporting that the tanker had been released and that the pirates had stolen a large amount of cargo. One crew member was reported injured during the hijacking.	One crew member injured and a large amount of cargo were stolen	-	Yes MRCC Angola, MRCC Nigeria & Nigerian Navy	Nigeria ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	ORIENTAL SAPPHIRE Bulk carrier Panama 9872 9273014	18/01/2014 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Eastern Batam anchorage Indonesia 01° 06.15' N 104° 10.28' E	Five robbers boarded the vessel and went to the engine room. OOW reported to the Singapore POCC and locked himself with members of crew in the bridge while, the robbers were still inside the engine room. Later, robbers left with some stores. RSC Tanjung Pinang arrived in area and contacted on VHF Ch 16.	Vessel was fired upon and dent marks were found on the ship. Some items (personal belongings and ship's property) were found stolen from the ship	-	Yes ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Singapore ReCAPP ISC, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	NAVE ATROPOS Product tanker 42341 9638563	17/01/2014 18:04 UTC	ARABIAN SEA (Around 115nm South of Salalah, Oman) Oman 15° 06.00' N 054° 23.00' E	Pirates in a skiff, launched from a mother vessel, approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, altered course, activated SSAS, contacted UKMTO and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The on board armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. A coalition helicopter came to the location to assist.	Pirates fired upon the tanker	Raised alarm, increased speed, altered course, activated SSAS, non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and the armed security team returned fire	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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