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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 28 February 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.

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

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 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."

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 twelve months and up to 28 February 2014 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.205 and MSC.4/Circ.206.

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

1	KOTA BERKAT General cargo ship Singapore 13274 8918071	06/02/2014 06:15 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Malacca Straits Singapore 01° 03.00' N 103° 36.00' E	Five pirates armed with knives boarded a general cargo ship underway, entered the engine room and aggressively approached the duty crew who immediately left the engine room and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, all crew mustered on the bridge and SSAS activated. Later a complete search of the vessel was carried out.	-	Raised alarm, SSAS activated	Yes Singapore	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Singapore Police CG boarded the vessel
2	KOTA INTAN Container ship Singapore 2714 9358577	06/02/2014 06:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Malacca Straits Singapore 01° 05.00' N 103° 33.00' E	Seven pirates armed with knives boarded a container ship underway, entered the engine room and tied up the electrical officer. They then stole the engine spares as well as the electrical officer's mobile phone. The electrician managed to untie himself and informed the bridge. Ship's alarm raised and distress message sent out.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm, distress message sent	Yes Singapore Police CG	ReCAAP ISC	-
3	CHER Tanker Panama 8251 9357614	06/02/2014 10:55 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 75nm WSW of Brass Nigeria 04° 01.00' N 005° 01.00' E	Eight armed pirates in a speed boat chased the tanker underway. The tanker raised alarm, made evasive manoeuvres, sent distress message and activated the SSAS alert. The pirates manoeuvred alongside the tanker, and boarded using a long ladder. The crew cut off the power in the tanker and retreated into the citadel. After around five hours the crew emerged and noticed the pirates had used sledge hammers to break into stores and cabins. Tanker's communication equipment was also destroyed. The crew managed to start the emergency generators and other necessary machinery, informed the owners and sailed the tanker to Lagos.	Pirates destroyed the tanker's communication equipment, broke bridge windows, stores, crew cabin doors and stole tanker's properties, crew personal belongings and cash	Raised alarm, crew cut off the tanker's power and took shelter in the citadel	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	SG VICTORY Tug Singapore 261 9491276	20/02/2014 11:40 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Around 25nm off coastline Bangladesh 21° 00.00' N 091° 37.00' E	A tug towing a general cargo vessel underway noticed five fishing boats approaching the general cargo vessel. Two fishing boats came alongside and pirates boarded the vessel and were seen lowering the ship's property and stores. At the time of the incident the vessel under tow was not manned as it was underway for scrap.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

5	JUARA SMOOTH 1 Tug Malaysia 172 8936279	23/02/2014 14:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore Straits Malaysia 01° 11.00' N 103° 34.00' E	20 pirates in six fishing boats approached and came alongside a laden barge under tow. 10 pirates boarded the barge and began to steal the cargo of scrap iron. Master raised alarm and reported to VTIS Central, Singapore. The pirates escaped after two hours of stealing the cargo from the barge. At 1940 LT, the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency team (MMEA) boarded the tug and barge for investigation.	Ship cargo was stolen	Raised alarm	Yes VTIS Central, Singapore	ReCAAP ISC - ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency team (MMEA) boarded the tug and barge for investigation
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	GLOBAL FRONTIER Bulk carrier Panama 33226 9445605	01/02/2014 05:11 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore 01° 11.21' N 103° 29.18' E	Four men armed with long knives boarded the bulk carrier while underway at approx. 10 nm west of Nipa Anchorage, Indonesia. OOW reported the incident to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) West who informed the PCG and the Singapore MSTF and promulgated a safety navigational broadcast requesting vessels passing the vicinity to maintain anti-piracy watch. Subsequently at or about 0553 hrs, the master reported that the robbers left the vessel. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured	-	-	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC	VTIS West informed the PCG and the Singapore MSTF and promulgated a safety navigational broadcast requesting vessels passing the vicinity to maintain anti- piracy watch
2	NCC HUDA Tanker Saudi Arabia 29168 9399272	05/02/2014 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 11nm North of Tg. Berakit Indonesia 01° 25.00' N 104° 34.00' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. The duty watch on board during routine rounds noticed some foot prints in the engine room and immediately informed the OOW on the bridge who raised alarm and alerted the crew. On hearing the alarm the robbers escaped in their boat with the stolen stores.	Robbers stole ship's stores	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	PROSPERITY Bulk carrier Liberia 81058 9086083	10/02/2014 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 10nm NE of Tg. Berakit, Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 21.00' N 104° 41.00' E	Six robbers armed with guns and long knives in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty oiler noticed the robbers in the engine room and informed the OOW on the bridge. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, SSAS activated and all crew mustered on the bridge. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers were seen exiting the engine room and escaping in their boat. Crew searched the vessel and found nothing stolen.	-	Raised alarm, alerted crew, sent SSAS Alert, all crew mustered on the bridge	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	BSS PRIDE Tanker Liberia 13402 9345881	01/02/2014 02:45	MALACCA STRAIT Dumai Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 42.60' N 101° 25.60' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. They entered into the engine room, took hostage the duty oiler and 2/E, tied them up and stole engine room spares. As the robber were leaving the engine room the 3/E noticed them, raised the alarm and released the 2/E and oiler. Incident reported to the local authorities.	Engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	UAL LOBITO General cargo ship Netherlands 3153 9265653	04/02/2014 00:55 LT	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Roads Congo 01° 06.00' N 104° 16.00' E	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored general cargo ship. OOW on routine rounds noticed the robbers at the forecastle store and raised the alarm. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a small wooden boat with ship's stores. Master tried to call port control but received no response. Local agent was informed.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	PHOENIX NEREID Bulk carrier Panama 18465 9586863	05/02/2014 22:25 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 12.00' N 091° 45.00' E	During routine rounds duty OOW onboard an anchored ship noticed four robbers near the stern lowering ship's stores into a wooden boat. He saw two wooden boats with three robbers in each boat. The robbers threatened the OOW with knives, when he tried to stop them from stealing the ropes. He escaped and informed the duty officer on the bridge who raised the alarm, alerted the crew and informed the coast guard. The coast guard arrived and boarded the ship and interviewed the crew.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The coast guard arrived, boarded the ship and interviewed the crew.
4	VERITY Tanker Singapore 7284 9505388	07/02/2014 20:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Wharf 106, Belawan Port Indonesia 03° 47.00' N 098° 41.00' E	Four robbers boarded a chemical tanker at berth. Alert duty A/B noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and proceeded towards the forward store. Seeing the ship's crew, the robbers escaped with ship's property. Port control informed.	Ship's property stolen	Crew mustered and proceeded towards the forward store	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	PROGRESS LPG tanker Singapore 47266 9387750	10/02/2014 04:05 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Visakhapatnam Anchorage India 17° 37.00' N 083° 24.00' E	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed and escaped with ship's property. Port Control informed.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

6	KARIN RAMBOW Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9327566	14/02/2014 20:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Roads Indonesia 05° 59.90' S 106° 55.60' E	Duty A/B on routine rounds on board an anchored container ship noticed an unlit small wooden boat leaving the stern of the ship. The A/B immediately informed the bridge and the OWW raised the alarm. On searching the vessel it was found that engine room stores had been stolen.	Ship's store stolen	Raised alarm, intensive search carried out	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	MAERSK HANDLER Supply ship Hong Kong, China 3427 9246724	20/02/2014 01:50 LT	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Anchorage Congo 04° 54.00' S 011° 49.20' E	Robbers boarded an anchored supply ship using a piece of rope. They stole ship's property and escaped when the duty crew spotted them.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	ALPINE MIA Tanker Hong Kong, China 29266 9391426	24/02/2014 22:45 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 15.80' N 091° 43.20' E	Ten robbers in an unlit wooden boat armed with knives approached an anchored tanker. Two robbers boarded the tanker using grappling hooks and stole ship's stores and property. The duty A/B noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew rushed to the location. Seeing the alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard with the stolen items and escaped in their boat with their accomplices.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew rushed to the location	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS									
1	SUEZ VASILIS Tanker 81282 9524451	05/02/2014 23:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 30nm South East of Brass Terminal Nigeria 03° 46.00' N 006° 24.00' E	Watchmen on a drifting tanker sighted a skiff with six persons armed with rifles approaching the tanker and looking for a way to board using a rope and hook. Alarm raised and SSAS alert activated. Seeing crew alertness the pirates aborted the attempt and moved away. Prior to the skiff approaching a vessel was noticed, via radar, stopping around 2nm from the tanker's position.	-	Raised alarm, sent distress message and SSAS alert activated	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	GEISE General cargo ship Gibraltar (United Kingdom) 3198 9195470	08/02/2014 04:20 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 24.00' N 043° 32.00' E	Twelve pirates in three skiffs approached a general cargo ship underway. The skiffs approached at high speed from the port and starboard side and closed to around 500 metres from the ship. Possible ladder identified in a skiff. Alarm raised, authorities informed, crew mustered in the citadel and flares fired in the direction of the skiff. As the skiffs continued to approach the private armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs stopping and aborting the approach.	-	Alarm raised, fired flares in the direction of the skiffs, crew mustered in the citadel	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Japanese warship sent a helicopter to investigate
3	CELSIUS MUMBAI Tanker Marshall Islands 11571 9304332	08/02/2014 10:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 18.10' N 044° 08.70' E	One skiff approached the vessel, but when armed guards on-board showed their weapons, the skiff turned away.	-	Sounded ship's whistle. Armed guards showed their weapons. Started deck water.	Yes -	Marshall Islands -	-
4	ANDREA Ro-ro-cargo ship Sierra Leone 4291 8209690	13/02/2014 01:07 UTC	EAST AFRICA North of Barawe Somalia 01° 07.00' N 044° 34.00' E	Five persons armed with guns chased and fired upon the ship underway. The on-board armed security team returned fire and after around 20 minutes the persons aborted the attempt and moved away. On deck containers sustained minor bullet hole damage. Ship and crew safe.	Persons fired upon the ship causing minor bullet hole damage to the containers	Alarm raised, crew mustered in the citadel and the on board armed security team returned fire	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	MASTERS FORCE Product tanker 4847 9036923	19/02/2014 04:45 LT	WEST AFRICA Nigeria 03° 57.00' N 005° 18.00' E	Six pirates in a small boat approached a tanker underway and tried to hook on a boarding ladder. Alarm raised and vessel immediately started taking evasive manoeuvres. The pirates tried to hook on the ladder several times at different	-	Raised alarm, made evasive manoeuvres, onboard security team fired warning	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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positions along the port and starboard quarters.
 The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the pirates aborting the attempt and moving away.

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6	CRYSTAL GOLD Bulk carrier Bangladesh 16608 8400244	28/02/2014 13:00 LT	ARABIAN SEA Around 40nm SE off Gwadar Pakistan 22° 33.00' N 062° 44.00' E	A bulk carrier underway was chased by a skiff for approximately four hours. The vessel took evasive measures as per BMP4, reported to UKMTO and headed toward the Pakistani coast for assistance. The Pakistani Navy deployed a Naval asset which located the skiff and detained the suspected pirates.	-	Evasive measures	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	ATALANTA General cargo ship Marshall Islands 19882 9228394	25/02/2014 18:30 UTC	PERSIAN GULF Cape of Jask Iran (Islamic Republic of) 25° 26.62' N 057° 44.90' E	Two skiffs chased the vessel with intentions to board, but were unsuccessful.	-	Sounded alarm. Evasive maneuvers. Distress flares fired.	Yes - -	Marshall Islands -	-
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