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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 piracy<sup>1</sup> and armed robbery against ships<sup>2</sup> 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 March 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.

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<sup>1</sup> "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)."

<sup>2</sup> "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."

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 twelve months and up to 31 March 2014 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.206, MSC.4/Circ.207, and MSC.4/Circ.208.

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

**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	ORPHEAS Tanker Liberia 84796 9318149	06/03/2014 05:38 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Nipo Transit Singapore 01° 09.00' N 103° 30.00' E	While underway the OOW of a crude oil tanker heard over the VHF a vessel reporting a robbery incident. Hearing this the OOW ordered his crew to secure the accommodation. While locking the entrance to the steering gear room a crewmember was approached by three pirates with knives and threatened while two more pirates were seen exiting the steering gear room with stolen ships property. As the pirates escaped the crew reported to the bridge and the Master raised the alarm and informed the authorities. All crew safe.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	PRIME LADY Supply ship Nigeria 1924 8112524	06/03/2014 19:12 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 30nm off Brass Nigeria 04° 11.00' N 005° 44.00' E	Seven pirates in a speed boat approached the drifting vessel and hijacked it. They took the crew as hostage and used the vessel as a mother vessel to look for other vessels to hijack. After around 20 hours when no suitable vessel was found the pirates stole the crews and ship's property and escaped. Some crew were assaulted during the hijack.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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## IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	SEA VOYAGER Tanker Marshall Islands 60205 9408310	06/03/2014 05:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 3nm off Karimun Kecil Indonesia 01° 11.00' N 103° 26.00' E	Four robbers in a speed boat armed with knives boarded a tanker underway. Alarm raised and crew alert. Seeing the alert crew, the robbers escaped immediately.	-	-	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	CAPE VENI Bulk carrier Cyprus 89985 9344485	10/03/2014 01:50 LT	MALACCA STRAIT TSS East bound lane, SW of Nipa Island Indonesia 01° 07.45' N 103° 31.10' E	Four robbers carrying long knives boarded the ship underway, escaped in a small boat upon hearing the general alarm that was activated by the crew.	-	The general alarm was sounded	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A broadcast was initiated to warn passing vessels
3	NORDIC ANNE Tanker Denmark 42010 9488413	29/03/2014 04:15 LT	MALACCA STRAIT North of Karimun Anchorage Singapore 01° 08.20' N 103° 29.70' E	While underway, two robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker. The robbers assaulted one of the engine crew, who suffered a slight injury. OOW sounded the alarm and the robbers escaped in a small boat with some engine spare parts. The incident was reported to the Singapore Port Operation Control Center (POCC), who informed Singapore PCG, MSTF, Basarnas, MRCC Putra Jaya and the ship's agent. Singapore POCC also promulgated a navigational broadcast informing vessels passing the vicinity to be extra vigilant and to step up their anti-piracy watch	One engine crew suffered minor injury and robbers escaped with some engine spare parts	The alarm was sounded	Yes POCC	Singapore ReCAAP ISC	-
4	NAME WITHHELD  42010	29/03/2014 04:20 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Around 6nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil Indonesia 01° 07.80' N 103° 30.60' E	Four robbers armed with knives and wearing masks boarded a product tanker underway. They entered the engine room and aggressively approached the duty motorman who escaped and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, authorities informed and crew mustered. A complete search of the tanker was carried out and it was found that the robbers had escaped.	-	Alarm raised, SSAS activated, crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	MYSTIC Bulk carrier Malta 89510 9421831	31/03/2014 05:05	MALACCA STRAIT Around 9nm ENE of Pulau Karimun Besar Indonesia 01° 06.00' N 103° 34.00' E	Four robbers boarded the ship underway. They entered the engine room, threatened the duty oiler with a knife, tied him up and stole engine spares and escaped. Later the duty 2/E found the oiler, released him and raised the alarm.	Engine spares stolen	Raised alarm	Yes Incident report to MPA Singapore.	Singapore ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ

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## IN PORT AREA

1	LATMAR Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 29999 9230191	01/03/2014 00:40	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong anchorage Bangladesh 22° 14.00' N 091° 44.00' E	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier from the stern. Robbers saw the duty crew and followed them with knives. Duty crew spotted the robbers, ran to the bridge and raised the alarm. All crew mustered and vessel reported to the Bangladesh Coast Guard who sent out a patrol boat. The robbers managed to escape.	-	Raised alarm, crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	APOLLOGRACHT General cargo ship Netherlands 7949 9014896	06/03/2014 01:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Congo 04° 44.40' S 011° 44.90' E	Two armed robbers boarded an anchored ship using a rope. They stole ship's property and escaped when the duty crew spotted them.	Ship's property stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	MT SP BERLIN Tanker Marshall Islands 4535 9387152	08/03/2014 01:35 LT	INDIAN OCEAN At anchor in Kochi Anchorage India 09° 56.00' N 076° 09.80' E	Robbers in a boat came alongside the tanker. OOW saw three robbers armed with knives board the vessel, using a metallic ladder and took away some drums of paint from forecastle. He raised the alarm, alerted other duty personnel and rushed to forecastle. On hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard with three drums of paints.	Ship's stores stolen	Alerted crew and sounded general alarm	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	PAC SCHEDAR Container ship Marshall Islands 21094 9443360	20/03/2014 00:40 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Cigading Anchorage Indonesia 05° 59.00' S 105° 55.00' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the container ship via a rope at the starboard quarter. The duty A/B spotted the robbers and reported the incident to the Second Officer on the bridge who raised the alarm and the crew was mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a boat. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured. The incident was reported to the port authority.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Authority	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	SAMOS Tanker Bahamas 56326 9486934	31/03/2014 03:28	MALACCA STRAIT Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 24.60' N 104° 41.70' E	Duty A/B on board an anchored tanker noticed four robbers on board the tanker near the stern. He informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers immediately escaped empty handed upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness. MPA Singapore informed.	-	Raised alarm, SSAS activated and crew mustered	Yes -	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 Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage	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.209 ANNEX 2
	IMO Number								Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	JOLLY QUARZO Ro-ro-cargo ship Italy 50720 9578983	07/03/2014 14:20 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 14° 20.00' N 053° 19.00' E	Three skiffs chased and approached the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, contacted UKMTO and broadcast a MAYDAY message. All non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel, and the ship took anti-piracy preventive measures as per BMP4. The onboard armed security team fired three red flares when the skiffs closed into the ship resulting in the skiffs aborting the approach. A military helicopter and a warship came to the location to assist.	-	Master raised the alarm and broadcast a MAYDAY message. All non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel, and vessel took anti-piracy preventive measures as per BMP4	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A military helicopter and a warship came to the location to assist
2	CRETE  Liberia 25060 8806371	20/03/2014 01:15 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 40nm SW of Bayelsa Nigeria 04° 14.00' N 005° 00.00' E	A speedboat with four pirates on board armed with guns approached and fired upon the drifting tanker. Master raised the alarm and the non-essential crew members retreated into the citadel. The Master and C/E managed to start the main engine and sailed away. Later, the non-essential crew safely emerged from the citadel.	Pirates fired upon the tanker	Master raised the alarm and the non-essential crew members retreated into the citadel. The Master and C/E managed to start the main engine and sailed away	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	JO SPRUCE Chemical tanker Norway 22415 8919037	23/03/2014 06:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Red Sea Djibouti 13° 18.00' N 042° 52.00' E	Five skiffs with three pirates in each approached the tanker underway at high speed. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered, fire pump activated and the on board armed security team took their position. Ladders were noticed in two skiffs as they closed to a distance of 1nm from the tanker. The security team immediately fired one rocket flare towards the skiffs and showed their weapons resulting in the skiffs aborting their approach.	-	Master raised the alarm, crew mustered, fire pump activated and the on board armed security team fired one rocket flare towards the skiffs	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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## IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 27656	04/03/2014 19:15 UTC	WEST AFRICA WSW of Brass Nigeria 04° 00.20' N 005° 16.60' E	Armed robbers in two skiffs chased, fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway. The ship raised the alarm and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and sent SSAS alert. Due to the hardening measures taken by the Master the pirates aborted the attempted attack and moved away. The ship sustained bullet marks at the accommodation due to the firing.	Robbers fired upon the ship. Ship sustained bullet damage	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and sent SSAS alert	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ALBUM Tanker Panama 57190 9240407	30/03/2014 14:15 LT	PERSIAN GULF Around 8nm ENE of Musandam Island Oman 26° 24.40' N 056° 41.40' E	Six persons in a skiff armed with machine guns approached a tanker underway and fired twice towards the accommodation and bridge. Master raised alarm and mustered all crew. Fire pump activated and vessel altered course. Upon hearing the alarm, the persons aborted the attempted attack and moved away.	Fired upon	Raised alarm, all crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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