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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 April 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 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 30 April 2014 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.208 and MSC.4/Circ.209.

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 Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	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.210 ANNEX 1
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	MASAKUNI Barge carrier Japan 1770	06/04/2014 13:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT The Straits of Malacca Singapore 01° 11.00' N 103° 42.00' E	While sailing, the ship's crew noticed a door was broken. Some of the crew's personal belongings and ship's property were found stolen. But, the crew did not see any robber.	-	-	Yes Japan Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point Japan	-
2	SRI PHANG-NGA Product tanker Thailand 929 8712257	17/04/2014 20:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approximately 18 nm off Tanjung Sedili, Malaysia Malaysia 01° 59.80' N 104° 25.40' E	While underway, eight pirates armed with swords and handguns boarded the oil tanker which was en route from Singapore to Koh Kong, Cambodia, carrying a cargo of approximately 1.9 million litres of marine gas oil. The master and crew were forced to anchor and thereafter, a small-sized tanker came alongside the oil tanker. The pirates then siphoned approximately 450,000 litres of the cargo from Sri Phangnga to their tanker. The pirates painted over the ship name and company logo on the vessel and stole personal belongings of equipment including GPS, VHF and walkie talkies. It was reported that the robbers damaged the windlass hydraulic control pipes, M/E compressed air pipes, communication power line system before they escaped at or about 0240 hrs (local time). The crew managed to repair the damaged system temporarily and proceeded to Cambodia. Sri Phangnga arrived safely in Cambodia on 20 Apr 14. The master suffered minor injuries but the rest of the crew was not injured.	Ship hijacked. Approximately 450,000 litres of the marine gas oil cargo, personal belongings of the crew and ship equipment including GPS, VHF and walkie talkies were stolen. Ship plants and equipment damaged. Ship name and company logo painted over. The master suffered minor injuries.	-	Yes PRC relayed message to MMEA Putra Jaya, MMEA South, MMEA East, FOC RMN	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SP BRUSSELS Oil product tanker Marshall Islands 4535 9387164	29/04/2014 19:31 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 35nm West of Bayelsa Province Coast, Nigeria Nigeria 04° 56.00' N 004° 49.00' E	Two armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. As the crew retreated into the citadel the onboard armed team fired at the pirates. Most of the crew including the guards managed to retreat into the citadel. Head count in the citadel indicated two crew missing. When the guards and crew emerged from the citadel they found the C/E had been killed and the 3/O with injuries. The tanker headed towards Lagos.	C/E killed by pirates and 3/O injured.	Alarm raised, security guards fired at the pirates and crew retreated into the citadel.	Yes Nigeria Navy. PRC relayed message to MRCC Nigeria & Nigeria Navy HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	BUDGET 18 Tug Malaysia 140 9480320	07/04/2014 05:50 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore Straits, Westbound lane, TSS (Straits of Malacca & Singapore) Singapore 01° 11.23' N 103° 39.19' E	While underway, 10 robbers boarded the barge "Budget 28" that was towed by the tug boat "Budget 18". The robbers stole approximately 10 tons of scrap metal before they left the barge at about 0640 hrs (local time). The crew was not injured. The Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) informed the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and also initiated a VHF broadcast to alert mariners.	10 tons of scrap metal stolen. Crew not injured.	-	Yes Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC). POCC then informed the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and also initiated a VHF broadcast to alert mariners.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).	-
2	NEW SAILING 2 General cargo ship Panama 5542 9071167	19/04/2014 00:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 03° 55.00' N 098° 46.00' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty crew on the forecandle and stole his personal belongings. The incident was noticed by another duty crew near the stern who informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers immediately escaped with the stolen items in their wooden boat. The duty crew received minor injuries.	Robbers took hostage the duty crew and stole his personal belongings. The duty crew sustained minor injuries.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SN FEDERICA Tanker Italy 40763 9256248	20/04/2014 03:07 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 26.00' N 104° 38.00' E	Two robbers in a small craft approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty A/B on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a search was carried out throughout the tanker and it was found that ship's engine spares were missing. Incident reported to MPA Singapore.	Engine spares stolen.	Alarm raised all crew mustered and a thorough search carried out.	Yes MPA Singapore. PRC relayed message to POCC Singapore, IFC Singapore Navy, MMEA Putrajaya, Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

4	NANIWA MARU NO. 1 Tanker Saint Kitts and Nevis 2991 9058907	22/04/2014 00:55 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Fathom Bank, off Port Klang Malaysia 02° 59.00' N 100° 54.90' E	On 21 Apr 14 at or about 0620 hrs (local time), Naniwa Maru No. 1 departed Singapore for the port of Yangon, Myanmar with 4,344 metric tonnes of Marine Diesel Oil onboard. On 22 Apr 14, the shipping company based in Singapore reported to the ReCAAP ISC that two vessels came alongside Naniwa Maru No. 1. Upon receipt of the information, the ReCAAP ISC immediately alerted the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA). Subsequently, the shipping company updated the ReCAAP ISC that five robbers appeared at the bridge, held the crew while they stole about 2,500 metric tonnes of Marine Diesel Oil and escaped. The company also reported that the master, chief officer and chief engineer (all Indonesians) were taken by the robbers, together with their personal belongings and travel documents. The rest of the crew was left onboard Naniwa Maru No. 1 without any injury. The shipping company reported that of the two vessels which came alongside Naniwa Maru No. 1, one of them was of a Mongolian flag, with a black and white hull, and shelter at the poop deck.	Approximately 2,500 metric tonnes of Marine Diesel Oil stolen. The master, C/O, and C/E (all Indonesians) kidnapped by the robbers. Crew's personal belongings and travel documents stolen.	-	Yes PRC relayed message to MMEA, Bakorkamla, Malaysian Marine Police	ReCAAP ISC ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The MMEA boarded Naniwa Maru No. 1 and is working closely with the Indonesian Marine Police and authorities to establish where the two vessels were heading; and to locate the three missing crew. Investigation is ongoing.
5	LOYALTY Bulk carrier Liberia 18722 9497488	24/04/2014 02:50 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong OPL, Bangladesh Bangladesh 21° 51.00' N 091° 40.00' E	Around 20 robbers in two boats boarded an anchored bulk carrier, broke into the forward stores, stole ship's property and escaped. The ship's attempt to contact the coast guard failed but message was relayed by another ship in the vicinity.	Robbers stole ship's property.	Crew mustered.	Yes PRC relayed message to Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	NJORD THYRA Tanker Singapore 30068 9304588	30/04/2014 01:50 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 08.10' N 091° 41.60' E	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker from the stern. Ship's alarm raised, all crew mustered and Port Control notified. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property.	Robbers stole ship's property.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Port Control. PRC relayed message to Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	ZHONGJI NO. 1 Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 29578 9379818	30/04/2014 05:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 24.40' N 104° 41.20' E	Three robbers boarded an anchored chemical tanker. The duty wiper on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the duty engineer who raised the alarm. The robbers immediately escaped in their boat. All crew mustered. Upon searching the vessel it was found that some engine spares were missing.	Engines spares stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Indonesian Navy, Singapore Navy IFC, MMEA Putra Jaya	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong) and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	CENTAUR Container ship Panama 24053 9144328	01/04/2014 00:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Cailan Channel Viet Nam 20° 52.00' N 107° 07.00' E	Three robbers in a small boat approached and boarded the grounded ship and attempted to break into the forward stores. Alert duty crew sighted the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew mustered, SSAS activated and DPA was informed. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness the robbers escaped empty handed. Port Authority contacted but received no response.	-	Raised alarm, crew mustered and SSAS activated	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	PRC relayed message to Vietnam Maritime Security Information Centre
2	PACIFIC GALAXY Tanker Panama 59671 9397793	02/04/2014 00:05 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 13nm NE of Bintan Island, Indonesia 01° 24.00' N 104° 43.00' E	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker from the stern. Duty A/B noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Due to the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.	-	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
3	RIDGEBURY JOHN B Tanker Marshall Islands 28063 9349631	04/04/2014 01:40 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 25.00' N 104° 38.00' E	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed and escaped with ship's property. The robbery was only noticed in the morning by the engine crew.	Ships's property stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	BLACKFIN Bulk carrier Bahamas 25498 9110365	09/04/2014 06:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage Indonesia 03° 54.00' N 098° 46.00' E	Nine robbers armed with knives in two wooden boats approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed the bridge who raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's property in their boats. Pilot Station and CSO were informed.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered	Yes Belawan Pilot Station	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Indonesian Marine Police personnel boarded the ship for investigation
5	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Singapore 41668	12/04/2014 04:30 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Mosqueiro Pilot Station Anchorage, Brazil 01° 04.70' S 048° 29.70' W	Duty Officer onboard an anchored ship saw some movement near the forecastle and informed the duty watchman to investigate. As the watchman approached he saw a robber armed with a long knife. Ship's alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped with stolen ship's property.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	SKS DARENT Tanker Bahamas 65830 9461843	21/04/2014 03:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT North of Bintan island Indonesia 01° 24.40' N 104° 34.80' E	Robbers boarded an anchored product tanker, stole ship property and escaped unnoticed. The robbery was noticed by duty watchman on routine rounds.	-	Ship's property stolen	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	EVERHARD SCHULTE Tanker Singapore 11267 9439838	13/04/2014 04:41 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 106nm NE of Socotra Island, Yemen), Somalia 13° 58.00' N 055° 32.30' E	Four pirates in a skiff approached the chemical tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. As the skiff closed in to four cables the onboard security team noticed a ladder and fired a warning shot resulting in the skiff aborting the approach and moving away.	-	Master raised alarm, No increased speed and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. The onboard security team fired a warning shot	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SPYROS K Tanker Liberia 81314 9565948	14/04/2014 12:30 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 25.00' N 043° 43.00' E	Seven pirates in a white-blue coloured skiff armed with an RPG approached the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle, activated fire hoses and fired two parachute rockets. The armed security team onboard noticed a ladder on the skiff and showed their weapons resulting in the skiff aborting the approach and moved away.	-	Master raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle, activated fire hoses and fired two parachute rockets. The armed security team onboard showed their weapons	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	FLAG THENIA Bulk carrier Malta 91374 9605487	17/04/2014 07:00 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 24.00' N 043° 42.00' E	Five armed pirates in a skiff approached the ship underway. Alarm raised, all crew mustered, fire hoses activated and the ship increased speed. Flares fired but the skiff continued it's approach. At a distance of 0.15nm a ladder was sighted and the armed security team onboard showed their weapons resulting in the skiff aborting and moving away.	-	Alarm raised, all crew mustered, fire hoses activated and the ship increased speed. Flares fired and the armed security team onboard showed their weapons.	Yes UKMTO; 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 TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	NAME WITHHELD Chemical tanker Panama 8638	05/04/2014 12:15 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea Yemen 12° 35.50' N 043° 26.00' E	Five persons in a skiff approached the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, altered course and the non-essential crew members mustered in a safe room. The onboard armed security team noticed a ladder when the skiff closed in to 0.3nm and a warning shot was fired resulting in the skiff aborting the approach and moving away.	-	Master raised alarm, altered course and the non-essential crew members mustered in a safe room. The onboard armed security team fired a warning shot	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	PREM MALA Tanker India 28522 9209972	18/04/2014 03:55 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kochi Anchorage, India India 09° 53.30' N 076° 08.50' E	Three robbers in a small boat approached and attempted to board an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped in their boat. Port Control informed.	None	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Port Control. PRC relayed message to Coast Guard Chennai & Coast Guard Mumbai, India	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	VISHVA NIDHI Bulk carrier India 33170 9464742	18/04/2014 19:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 00° 13.00' S 117° 35.00' E	Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed three robbers trying to board the ship near the forecastle. Ship's alarm raised and all crew mustered. Due to the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped.	-	Ship's alarm raised and all crew mustered.	Yes local authorities (via local agents). PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	HELLESPONT PROGRESS Product tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9351426	23/04/2014 19:56 LT	WEST AFRICA 6.3nm SSW of Lagos breakwater, Nigeria. Nigeria 06° 17.00' N 003° 21.00' E	Three persons in a skiff approached an anchored tanker carrying out STS operations and tried to board it via the anchor chain. Alert Nigerian Security Guard raised the alarm and fired a warning shot resulting in the attempted robbers moving away.	-	-	Yes Local Authorities; PRC relayed message to MRCC Nigeria & Nigeria Navy HQ.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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