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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 May 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 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.209 and MSC.4/Circ.210.

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.211 ANNEX 1
									Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	PRIME EXPRESS Product tanker Panama 28725 9459242	01/05/2014 05:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 20nm NE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 29.38' N 104° 47.45' E	Alert crew on board a drifting product tanker noticed three pirates armed with knives boarding the ship. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew the pirates retreated empty handed.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Indonesian Navy, Singapore Navy IFC, MMEA Putra Jaya	ReCAAP and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	IVER EXPRESS Chemical tanker Netherlands 29456 9314208	04/05/2014 04:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 13nm North of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 27.20' N 104° 35.20' E	Duty A/B on routine rounds on board an anchored tanker noticed the steering gear room's door open. Upon approaching, he saw a pirate escaping over the railing and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Upon searching the tanker it was discovered that ship's engine spares had been stolen. A security message was broadcast to ships in the vicinity.	Engine spares stolen.	Alarm raised, crew mustered and ship searched. A security message was broadcast to ships in the vicinity	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Indonesian Navy HQ, IFC Singapore Navy & MMEA Putra Jaya	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	HARBOUR OSCAR - HARBOUR PIONEER Tug Malaysia 163 9661778	04/05/2014 21:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 14.00' N 104° 05.00' E	Pirates boarded a laden barge towed by a tug. VTIS Singapore contacted the tug and informed them that a speed boat was astern of the barge. The tug decreased speed and turned towards the barge. Upon investigation, it was found that seven containers were forced open and items from three containers pilfered.	Pirates forced open seven containers and items from three containers pilfered	Master decreased speed and turned towards the barge	Yes VTIS Singapore	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	NEW GLORY Tanker Singapore 4268 9154141	25/05/2014 05:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 30nm South of Pulau Aur Malaysia 01° 51.00' N 104° 31.00' E	Armed pirates boarded a tanker underway, stole cash, crew personal effects and provisions and damaged some ship equipment before leaving the vessel. All crew safe and vessel continued her passage to the next port.	Ship's equipment damaged	-	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	INDEPENDENCE Supply ship Singapore 109793 9629536	27/05/2014 03:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 14nm NNE of Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 28.00' N 104° 37.00' E	Three suspected pirates boarded the supply ship using a rope and hook. Alert OOW raised the alarm resulting in the pirates escaping without stealing anything.	-	Raised Alarm	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

6	ORAPIN 4 Product tanker Thailand 2176 8210027	28/05/2014 02:05 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Around 23nm NE of Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 30.00' N 104° 50.00' E	A product tanker laden with fuel oil departed Singapore on the 27.05.2014 with ETA discharge port, Pontianak 29.05.2014. The owners lost contact with the vessel. On 01.06.2014 the vessel safely arrived at Sriracha in Thailand. Information from the crew indicated that the vessel was hijacked by pirates who damaged the communication equipment on board the vessel and stole its oil cargo and transferred to a large barge. The crew and vessel are safe.	Vessel hijacked, cargo stolen and ship's communication equipment damaged.	Ship's cargo stolen	Yes IMB Piracy Reporting Centre	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	ORE VITORIA Bulk carrier Liberia 116427 8802923	28/05/2014 06:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 4nm of Karimun Kecil Island Indonesia 01° 08.00' N 103° 30.00' E	Four pirates armed with knives boarded a bulk carrier underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the pirates escaped empty handed.	-	Raised alarm and crew alerted	Yes Singapore VTIS	Singapore ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	KIEN SAN 1 - KIEN SAN 8 Tug Malaysia	28/05/2014 10:42 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Northwest of Nipa anchorage, Indonesia Singapore 01° 11.50' N 103° 38.12' E	While the tug boat towing barge was underway, four pirates boarded the barge loaded with scrap metal from the stern from four small boats. OOW with his crew confronted the pirates. The Singapore PCG deployed a patrol craft to the location of the incident but the pirates escaped in their small boats.	Nothing stolen. The crew was not injured	The master with his crew confronted the pirates	Yes Singapore VTIS West	Singapore ReCAAP ISC	Singapore VTIS West initiated a navigational broadcast to alert mariners. They also informed the RSN
9	EASTERN STAR Bulk carrier Viet Nam 14431 9104500	29/05/2014 03:45 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 4nm of Karimun Kecil Island Singapore 01° 08.00' N 103° 30.00' E	Four pirates boarded a bulk carrier underway and entered the engine room. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Due to the crew alertness, the pirates were unable to steal anything and escaped empty handed.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	LUCAS Chemical tanker Panama 3166 9181211	31/05/2014 05:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 60nm NW of Bintulu Malaysia 04° 03.00' N 112° 26.00' E	Ten armed pirates boarded a tanker underway. They tied up the duty officer and lookout and asked them the details of the vessel's destination, type of cargo, nationality and number of crew on board. Before leaving the vessel the pirates destroyed the vessel's communication equipment and stole the ship and crew property. Crew and vessel safe.	GMDSS equipment damaged, crew and ship's property stolen	-	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	MSC MELATILDE Container ship Panama 153092 9404675	03/05/2014 04:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT While sailing west of Nipa anchorage Singapore 01° 10.00' N 103° 30.00' E	While the ship was drifting west of Nipa anchorage, awaiting pilot, a speed boat was observed approaching the bow and passed close to the starboard stern side. At about 04:33 the crew raised the general alarm, mustered all crew and increased surveillance from the bridge. The master reported the incident to Singapore VTIS West via VHF 73 that three unauthorised persons were seen from the camera near the aft mooring station. They were later seen escaping from the ship's stern into a speed boat. A search was conducted but no suspicious persons were located onboard. No reported injuries to crew. No property was stolen.	-	The alarm was sounded. The crew was mustered and a search of the vessel was carried out	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC Singapore VTIS	-
2	MAPLE EXPRESS Tanker Hong Kong, China 27969 9258351	07/05/2014 02:41	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 15nm NNE of Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 28.70' N 104° 40.00' E	Alert crew on board an anchored tanker noticed four persons armed with knives near the poop deck and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm the persons escaped without stealing anything.	-	Raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	BALTIC GALAXY Tanker Panama 59408 9402237	12/05/2014 05:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Malaysia Malaysia 01° 35.60' N 104° 32.20' E	3rd engineer on board an anchored tanker spotted three to four robbers in the steering gear room. The bridge was informed, the alarm was raised and the crew were alerted. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped without stealing anything.	-	Alarm raised	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	AVRA Bulk carrier Greece 31167 9232187	31/05/2014 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 5.7nm ESE of Pulau Lima, Johor Malaysia 01° 20.00' N 104° 23.00' E	While enroute from Port Klang to Gresik, robbers boarded the ship unnoticed. Chief Engineer found the engine room stores had been stolen and engine spares were missing. No actual violence against the crew.	Engine spares stolen	Raised alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	BOMAR PRELUDE Container ship Panama 5770 9272723	03/05/2014 04:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Outer Anchorage Panama 01° 10.00' N 103° 30.00' E	Four robbers in a wooden boat approached an anchored tanker. One of the robbers boarded the tanker and attempted to steal ship's stores from the forecastle store. Duty crew noticed the robber and informed OOW who raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplices empty handed. Incident reported to Port Control and Coast Guard through the local agents. The Marine Police officials boarded the tanker for investigation.	-	Raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Marine Police officials boarded the tanker for investigation
2	CHINA SPIRIT Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 22434 9655846	05/05/2014 03:20 LT	WEST AFRICA Berth No.2, Freetown Port, Sierra Leone Sierra Leone 08° 29.40' N 013° 13.30' W	Five robbers armed with knives approached the ship at anchor. Two robbers boarded the ship and took the duty cadet prisoner. They cut off and stole the aft mooring ropes before releasing the cadet and escaping. On being released the cadet informed the duty officer who raised the alarm.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Port Authority. PRC relayed message to MRCC Sierra Leone.	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	HISTRIA AGATA Chemical tanker Malta 25804 9357559	05/05/2014 21:55 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Roads, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 08.00' N 091° 46.00' E	Robbers in a boat armed with long knives approached an anchored tanker. Four robbers boarded the tanker and cut off the aft mooring rope. Alarm raised, crew mustered in the accommodation and Coast Guard informed. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers stole a lifebuoy and escaped. A patrol boat came to the location and made a search.	Robbers stole ship's stores and ship's property.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Coast Guard. PRC relayed message to Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP-ISC ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A patrol boat came to the location and conducted a search.
4	UNGIESHI Tanker Panama 6516 9261841	13/05/2014 04:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Port Harcourt Anchorage Nigeria 04° 45.00' N 006° 59.00' E	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker, held two crew members and threatened them with knives. The robbers released the crew after stealing mooring ropes. Upon release the crew raised the alarm and all crew mustered on the bridge. While mustered on the bridge the Master and crew smelled cargo gas and noticed a small craft alongside the tanker forward, stealing the cargo. Nigerian Navy contacted and ships in the vicinity warned on VHF Ch. 16. The Navy responded by sending a small speed boat, which circled the tanker and then left. All crew safe.	Crew members were threatened with knives. Ship's store and cargos were stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Navy responded by sending a small speed boat, which circled the tanker and then left

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IN PORT AREA

5	NORDIC AGNETHA Tanker Singapore 23224 9422639	22/05/2014 14:40 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage Indonesia 03° 55.00' N 098° 46.90' E	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Robbers escaped with stolen ship's property.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ & Indonesian Marine Police HQ	ReCAAP and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Indonesian Marine Police patrol boat boarded the tanker for investigation
6	MARATHA PARAMOUNT Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 19785 9561344	23/05/2014 00:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Anchorage Indonesia 06° 01.00' S 106° 54.00' E	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. Deck patrol noticed the robbers and alerted the bridge. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. The robbers threatened the deck patrol with a knife and escaped with stolen ship's engine spares.	Robbers threatened the deck patrol with a knife and stole ship's engine spares	Raised alarm, crew mustered and a search throughout the ship was carried out	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Indonesian Marine Police boarded the ship for investigation
7	ALPINE MONIQUE Product tanker Singapore 29130 9451707	29/05/2014 21:50 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kutubdia Anchorage Bangladesh 21° 43.00' N 091° 47.00' E	Deck watchmen on board an anchored tanker sighted one robber on the poop deck and another attempting to board. OOW notified, alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped without stealing anything.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	ARGENTA GERBERA Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 20275 9424596	30/05/2014 05:40 LT	NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN Safi Morocco 32° 18.70' N 009° 14.96' W	Three Robbers boarded the vessel from the poop deck using a rope. The port life boat pyrotechnics were taken.	-	-	No	Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator	-

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ANNEX 2
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by
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	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	JAN VAN GENT Heavy load carrier Netherlands 8999 9456721	01/05/2014 04:25 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 10nm North of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 24.00' N 104° 35.10' E	Duty crew on board an anchored general cargo ship noticed a small boat approaching from astern. The boat came alongside and six robbers armed with handguns were spotted. Alarm raised and ship's horn sounded. The robbers aborted the attempted boarding and moved away.	-	Alarm raised and ship's horn sounded.	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Indonesian Navy, Singapore Navy IFC, MMEA Putra Jaya	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ZHONGJI NO. 1 Chemical tanker Hong Kong, China 29578 9379818	03/05/2014 03:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 24.40' N 104° 41.20' E	Duty A/B on routine rounds saw a boat alongside at the port quarter of an anchored chemical tanker. The A/B noticed a hook attached with rope was thrown on board and five robbers were attempting to board the tanker. The A/B informed the OOW via walkie-talkie who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped in their boat.	-	Alarm raised.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	FRONT AVON Tanker Marshall Islands 29993	10/05/2014 23:10 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh 22° 13.40' N 091° 45.90' E	15 robbers in a wooden boat approached an anchored product tanker. One robber attempted to board the tanker using a portable ladder but the duty watchman managed to deter the boarding. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers aborted the attempted attack and moved away. Coast Guard informed.	-	Raised alarm, and crew mustered	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SEA BAY Tanker Hong Kong, China 60193 9439539	14/05/2014 04:40 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Indonesia 01° 04.80' N 103° 28.60' E	Two robbers tried to board an anchored product tanker. Duty lookout noticed the robbers and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers moved away.	-	Raised alarm, and crew mustered	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	UNGIESHI Chemical tanker Panama 6516 9261841	21/05/2014 02:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA About 4nm South Of Lome Port Togo 06° 03.00' N 001° 14.00' E	A boat with eight robbers armed with long knives attempted to board a chemical tanker at anchor. Alert deck watch keepers noticed the robbers and raised the alarm and ship's horn sounded. Seeing alert crew and due to a moderate swell the robbers were unable to board the vessel and moved away.	-	Raised alarm and crew alerted	Yes PRC relayed message to RCC Lom, Togo Navy	Togo ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	CHARLOTTE KOSAN LPG tanker Panama 3435 9293600	29/05/2014 05:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Malaysia 01° 34.00' N 104° 27.00' E	Three suspected robbers in a skiff approached an anchored tanker. Duty crew spotted the skiff and reported to the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers moved away.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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