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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 September 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 August 2014 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.210, MSC.4/Circ.211, MSC.4/Circ.212, MSC.4/Circ.213 and MSC.4/Circ.214.

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

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	ORAPIN 2 Product tanker Thailand 1598 8122323	17/09/2014 22:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA NE of Tg. Berakit, Bintan Island Indonesia 01° 26.00' N 104° 50.20' E	Eight armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker enroute to Timor Leste. The tanker rendezvoused with two smaller tankers and the cargo of gasoil was transferred. Later the pirates released the tanker and escaped. Crew and tanker are safe.	Pirates took hostage all crew members and hijacked the tanker. They transferred the cargo gasoil into two smaller tankers	-	Yes IFC Singapore Navy	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	OCEAN OSPREY Product tanker Dominica 4993 9150652	22/09/2014 01:06 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Around 34nm SSW of Phuket Island Thailand 07° 10.00' N 098° 12.00' E	Six armed pirates boarded the ship enroute to Yangon, Myanmar. They tied up the 2nd officer and OWW on the bridge and mustered the rest of the crew in the Mess Room. The 2nd officer activated the SSAS alert and the pirates escaped after stealing all crew personal's belonging.	Crew members taken hostage and their personal belongings were stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	PENTRADER Oil product tanker Malaysia 698 8604955	22/09/2014 21:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Around 38nm SW of Phuket Thailand 07° 12.00' N 098° 00.00' E	Seven pirates in a speed boat, armed with guns boarded and hijacked the ship underway enroute to Penang. They took hostage all the crew, tied their hands and stole cash and personal items. The pirates took the cadet and one AB and forced them to transfer the vessel's bunkers into a waiting fishing vessel. Once the transfer was complete, the pirates cut off the ship's navigation and radio equipment and released the crew. The crew managed to sail the tanker to a safe port.	Crew taken hostage and crew's personal belongings' stolen. Ship's bunkers stolen by fishing vessel	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	STENA SUPERIOR Oil tanker Bermuda (United Kingdom) 81187 9579030	25/09/2014 05:45 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Around 16nm NE of Tg Berakit, Bintan Island, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 28.32' N 104° 40.54' E	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor tanker using a boarding hook. OOW noticed the robbers near the poop deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.	Robbers escaped empty-handed. No damage to vessel and no injury to crew.	Alarm Raised	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (United Kingdom); ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	WAPPEN VON LEIPZIG Oil tanker Liberia 5145 9260847	04/09/2014	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Georgetown, British Guyana	two robbers boarded the ship while at anchor in Georgetown. once the OOW spotted them they escaped with appr. 15m of mooring line.	Mooring rope stolen	Alarm raised	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ZILOS Bulk carrier Panama 25543 9199206	24/09/2014 06:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Around 10nm North of Tg Berakit, Bintan Island Indonesia 01° 24.00' N 104° 34.00' E	Four pirates armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew noticed the pirates and informed the bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the pirates escaped empty handed	-	Alarm Raised	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SENTEK 23 Tanker Singapore 1602 9601003	25/09/2014 05:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx 11.75 nm northeast off Horsburgh Lighthouse Singapore 01° 24.21' N 104° 35.44' E	While at anchor, the vessel was boarded from starboard quarter by seven robbers armed with knives and guns while other three robbers remained in the wooden boat near the ship. The robbers tied up the crew on duty, ransacked the cabins and took the personal belongings of the crew. They also tried to break the lock of the bunker clerk room using a fire extinguisher, axe and hammer but the attempt was unsuccessful. Robbers took away safety deposit box in the cargo control room. The attack lasted approximately 15 minutes.	Ships and crew's personal property were stolen	-	No	ReCAAP ISC and IMBKL	-
4	LAUREN FOSS Tug United States 817 8218938	29/09/2014 01:45 LT	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo Congo	Duty A/B on board an anchored tug noticed a small boat with four persons near his vessel. Alarm raised and searchlight directed towards the small boat. Upon searching the vessel it was found that the padlocks to the main deck doors were broken and the lashings to the FRB cut.	Padlocks to the main deck doors were broken and the lashings to the FRB cut.	Alarm raised and searchlight directed towards the small boat.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	CHEMROAD ECHO Tanker Panama 20117 9284685	03/09/2014 02:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kandla Outer Anchorage India 22° 44.00' N 070° 01.00' E	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. They threatened the duty crew who managed to escape and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property.	Ship's property stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	KOKUKA COURAGEOUS Tanker Panama 19349 9568495	14/09/2014 06:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Visakhapatnam Anchorage India 17° 40.00' N 083° 23.00' E	Seven robbers in a boat approached the ship at anchor. Four of the robbers boarded the tanker via the stern and stole fire hose nozzles and couplings. OOW noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with the stolen items.	Ship's property stolen	Master raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	PRC relayed message to Coast Guard New Delhi, Coast Guard Chennai and Coast Guard Mumbai
3	GENEVA QUEEN Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 44096 9638642	15/09/2014 02:25 LT	ARABIAN SEA Outer anchorage Navlakhi Port, Gujarat India 22° 44.00' N 070° 01.60' E	While at anchor, the duty A/B noticed from the bridge that the door to the forecandle of the ship was opened and there was some movement of a person in the vicinity. The duty A/B immediately informed the OOW who sounded alarm. On hearing the alarm, the three robbers escaped in a speed boat with five sets of fire hoses nozzles and cable of the welding machine.	The crew was not injured. The robbers broke the padlock to the forecandle store, and stole five sets of fire hose nozzles and cable of the welding machine.	Crew sounded the alarm. Master informed UKMTO and local agent (ship owner)	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Indian coast guard with local security agency are investigating the incident
4	RELIANCE II Tanker Singapore 30032 9489764	15/09/2014 03:50 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kandla outer anchorage India 22° 45.30' N 070° 00.50' E	While at anchor, the duty A/B conducting deck rounds found the lock of port midship store and three fire hoses were missing.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Informed Kandla Port and a patrol boat was dispatched. The Indian Coast Guard and local security agency are investigating the incident.
5	GOLDEN FAN Vehicle carrier Bangladesh 27650 8511263	18/09/2014 00:49 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Outer Anchorage Bangladesh	Twenty five robbers with knives approached an anchored ship. Ten robbers armed with knives boarded via the stern ramp coaming brackets. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers stole mooring ropes and escaped. No injuries to crew. Port control and coast guard informed who dispatched a patrol boat. At 0645 LT coast guard contacted the ship indicating suspect vessel apprehended and mooring ropes recovered.	Ship's property stolen	Ship's property stolen	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast guard dispatched a patrol boat and apprehended the suspect vessel and recovered the mooring ropes
6	PACIFIC LONDON Tanker Marshall Islands 62619 9171838	19/09/2014 02:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vung Tau anchorage Viet Nam 10° 14.90' N 107° 03.10' E	While at anchor, three robbers boarded the tanker unnoticed. They stole paint drums and escaped.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	ReCAAP ISC	-

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IN PORT AREA

7	FRONT ARROW Product tanker Marshall Islands 29993 9654555	27/09/2014 01:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh 21° 51.00' N 091° 48.00' E	Four robbers armed with knives in a wooden boat boarded the ship at anchor using hooks attached with ropes. They took hostage the duty crew, seized his walkie-talkie and stole ship's stores. The duty crew managed to escape with cuts on his hands and raised the alarm. All crew mustered, fog horn sounded and coast guard and port control were informed. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen items. First aid treatment was given to the duty crew.	The duty crew sustained cuts to his hands. Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm, crew mustered and fog horn sounded	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard informed	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	PRC relayed message to Bangladesh Coast Guard
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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 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.215 ANNEX 2 Coastal State Action Taken
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	OCEAN QUEEN Product tanker Singapore 62863 9368223	25/09/2014 13:00 UTC	PERSIAN GULF Around 13nm ESE of Musandam Oman 26° 15.00' N 056° 45.00' E	OOW on board the tanker underway sighted a small high speed boat approaching from astern and informed bridge who raised the alarm. OOW increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated fire pump, informed ships in vicinity, contacted UKMTO and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. As the skiff closed in, three armed persons were seen attempting to board the tanker using hooks attached with ropes. Due to the continued manoeuvres and hardening measures taken by the tanker, the persons were unable to board the tanker and aborted the attempted attack.	-	OOW increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated fire pump, informed ships in vicinity and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	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 & Oman Coast Guard
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