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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 2015 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 January 2015 being, MSC.4/Circ.207, MSC.4/Circ.209, MSC.4/Circ.210, MSC.4/Circ.211, MSC.4/Circ.212, MSC.4/Circ.213, MSC.4/Circ.214, MSC.4/Circ.215, MSC.4/Circ.216, MSC.4/Circ.217, MSC.4/Circ.218 and MSC.4/Circ.220.

ANNEX I
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.221 ANNEX I	
									Coastal State Action Taken	
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	LAPIN Product tanker Thailand 1848 7808786	13/02/2015 19:55 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 39.73nm West- South West of Port Klang Malaysia 03° 11.00' N 100° 43.00' E	Eight pirates on a speedboat, armed with guns and knives, boarded and took control of the product tanker underway. All crew were tied up and held by the pirates. Subsequently, the pirates siphoned around five tons of diesel and 2,000 tons of bunker oil, onto another vessel. They also stole the crew's belongings, ship's property and destroyed the communication devices on board. Furthermore, the pirates told the crew that an improvised explosive device was left on board, before eventually leaving the following day. On 14 February 2015, around 0700 hrs (local time), the crew managed to free themselves and sailed towards Thailand. On 15 February 2015 at around 0900 hrs (local time), the ship anchored at approximately 14.34nm West of Ko Tarutao, Thailand and activated the Ship Security Alarm System (SSAS). Eventually, the master managed to contact the shipping company with the assistance of a passing fishing vessel. Thai authorities are investigating the incident. All crew safe	Crew held, tied up, and their personal belongings were stolen. Ship's property, fuel oil cargo and bunker fuel stolen. Communication equipment destroyed	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand)	Ship boarded by Thai authorities who rendered assistance to the crew. An Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team did not find any explosives	
2	PHUBAI PATTRA 1 Chemical tanker Thailand 5681 9481386	20/02/2015 21:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 18nm SE of Pulau Aur Malaysia 02° 08.60' N 104° 39.20' E	Seven pirates on a small boat, armed with guns and knives, boarded the tanker underway. All 19 crew members were held. The pirates siphoned off approximately 980 tons of gasoline cargo from the ship, onto another vessel. They also stole money from the ship and the crew's property, eventually leaving the following day. All crew now safe.	Pirates the tanker, all crew members held and ship's gasoline cargo stolen (transferred to another vessel). Money stolen from the ship as well as crew's property	SSAS Alert transmitted	Yes IFC Singapore, Royal Thai Navy and Thai Marine Department	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand)	Tanker boarded by MMEA patrol craft for investigation	

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	KWADIMA II Passenger ship Papua New Guinea 18	01/02/2015 16:50 LT	NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN Heira Heira Point, Milne Bay Papua New Guinea 10° 18.60' S 150° 45.60' E	While sailing, six robbers on a fibreglass dinghy, armed with guns and knives, approached the local passenger ship from astern. They came alongside the ship and pointed a gun at the crew member that was steering the ship. The robbers eventually boarded the ship and demanded money. One robber fired a shot out the window to intimidate the crew. The Master who sustained a cut above his eye and was struck by shotgun pellets in his arm, jumped through the broken window and into the water, but returned to the ship once he realised he was hurt. One of the crew members was beaten and a passenger suffered a cut, while another person received a blow to the head. The robbers, who cut the wires of the ship's communication systems, also took the crew's and passengers' personal belongings.	Master, crew and a passenger suffered some injuries. Electronic and other navigation equipment destroyed, and the wheelhouse window broken. Ship's property as well as crew's and passengers' personal belongings stolen	-	Yes Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (USA), ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Ship boarded by local police for investigation
2	ANNE KJERSTI Bulk carrier Singapore 32637 9432361	12/02/2015 02:54 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 4nm SSE of L'Orange Island, Hongai Outer Anchorage Viet Nam 20° 41.00' N 107° 12.00' E	Five intruders armed with knives boarded the anchored bulk carrier. The OOW noticed some movements on the forecandle, and aldis lamp was directed towards the potential robbers who escaped on their boat. Upon further investigation, it was determined that ship's stores and property had been stolen.	Ship's stores and property stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Viet Nam Marine Police & Vietnam Maritime Security Centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Viet Nam)	-
3	BRIDGEGATE Bulk carrier Singapore 29977 9538945	12/02/2015 20:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 11nm from Entrance of Banjarmasin, Taboneo Anchorage Indonesia 03° 41.00' S 114° 28.00' E	Two robbers boarded the anchored ship using hooks attached to ropes. Duty crew spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped on their boat. After conducting an investigation, two padlocks were found broken but nothing stolen.	Two padlocks found broken at the ship's forecandle store	Alarm raised and crew mustered. Master attempted to contact Port Control but received no response	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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4	SUNNY ETERNITY Bulk carrier Panama 40978 9658915	16/02/2015 05:15 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 1.9nm North East off Pulau Karimun Kecil Indonesia 01° 11.10' N 103° 24.90' E	While sailing, seven robbers boarded the ship from starboard side. The alarm was raised and all 20 crew mustered inside the accommodation.		Alarm raised and all crew mustered inside the accommodation	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	VTIS broadcast the position of the incident and alerted other ships in the vicinity. Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG), Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and Indonesian authority were also informed
5	AMBER BEVERLY Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 32521 9599717	21/02/2015 05:15 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 2nm NE of Pulau Karimun Kecil Indonesia 01° 10.20' N 103° 26.20' E	Duty engine crew on board the ship underway spotted two robbers in the engine room and immediately informed the bridge. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon seeing the alertness of the crew the robbers escaped. A search of the ship was conducted but no robbers were found on board. Nothing stolen, no injury to the crew and no damage to the ship.		Alarm raised and crew mustered. Search of the ship conducted	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	VTIS broadcast the position of the incident and warned other ships in the vicinity. Singapore PCG, RSN, MRCCs Putra Jaya and Indonesian authority were also informed
6	NYK DANIELLA Container ship Singapore 27051 9355410	22/02/2015 03:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Singapore Strait 01° 04.89' N 103° 34.50' E	While underway, the 3/E spotted three intruders in the engine room. He then proceeded to the engine control room and reported the incident to the master. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered at the bridge. Subsequently, a search was conducted on board the ship but no perpetrators were found. The crew was unharmed and nothing was stolen.		Alarm raised, all crew mustered and search conducted on board the ship	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

7	LBC EARTH Bulk carrier Malta 42744 9644548	25/02/2015 04:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 3nm East of Pulau Karimun Kecil Indonesia 01° 08.00' N 103° 28.00' E	While underway, three robbers boarded the ship and were eventually spotted in the engine room. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon seeing the alertness of the crew, the robbers escaped empty handed. A search was conducted on board the ship but no intruders were found		Alarm raised, crew mustered and search conducted on board the ship	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	VTIS immediately broadcast the position of the sea robbery incident. Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG), Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and Indonesian authority informed
8	CAPE MERCURY Singapore 85722 9150755	25/02/2015 06:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Appr. 5nm SW of Pulau Nipah Indonesia 01° 04.40' N 103° 36.40' E	While underway, four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship. 4/E spotted them in the engine room and informed the bridge who raised the alarm, activated the ship's SSAS system and mustered the crew. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness. A search was conducted throughout the ship, following which engine spares were reported stolen.	Engine spares stolen	Alarm raised, SSAS system activated, crew mustered and search conducted on board the ship	Yes MPA Singapore	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Ship boarded by Singapore police for investigation

IN PORT AREA

1	SARA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 9590 9322243	10/02/2015 03:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nam Hai Container Terminal, Hai Phong Viet Nam 20° 52.00' N 106° 40.00' E	While at berth, deck watchman on routine rounds on board the ship noticed two robbers near the forward store. Chief Officer and local police were informed. Upon seeing the watchman the robbers escaped. Following an investigation the paint room door was found open and damaged, and the ship's stores were reportedly missing. Agent and port authorities notified.	Padlock to paint store damaged and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Hai Phong Port Control, Vietnam Marine Police and Vietnam Maritime Security Centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Viet Nam)	Port control informed Viet Nam Marine Security Information Center
2	SEA STAR Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 33042 9624500	14/02/2015 04:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Berth 107, Belawan Port Indonesia 03° 47.30' N 098° 41.90' E	Ten robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship and entered the open cargo hold. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Subsequently, local authorities boarded the ship. Upon seeing the alerted authorities the robbers escaped with stolen ship cargo.	Ten bags of ship cargo stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Belawan Port Authority	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Port Security Guards and ISPS Port Facility Police boarded the ship for investigation

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IN PORT AREA

3	CAPE FRANKLIN Container ship Marshall Islands 15995 9359301	14/02/2015 20:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Haiphong OPL Anchorage, South of Hon Dau Island Viet Nam 20° 36.90' N 106° 51.30' E	Duty A/B on routine rounds on board the anchored ship spotted five robbers on the forecastle deck. He immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped on their wooden motor boat. Upon investigation the door to the paint store was found damaged and ship's stores reportedly stolen.	Door to paint store damaged and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and search conducted throughout the ship	Yes Haiphong Port Control	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Viet Nam)	-
4	GLOBAL MIRAI Bulk carrier Panama 32376 9558256	25/02/2015 01:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Port of Hon Gai Viet Nam 20° 54.00' N 107° 07.00' E	While at anchor, four robbers boarded the bulk carrier. The OOW raised the alarm and the crew mustered at the bridge. Upon seeing the alertness of the crew, the robbers escaped with ship stores. No injury to the crew and no damage to the ship. Agent and port authorities notified	Ship stores stolen	Alarm raised and all crew mustered	Yes Hon Gai port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)	-

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ANNEX II
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	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	REMI Tanker Nigeria 22607 8805470	01/02/2015 18:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Appr. 10nm SW of Escravos Offshore, Nigeria Nigeria 05° 28.00' N 005° 05.00' E	Two crew at the forecandle of the anchored tanker noticed a boat approaching at high speed. As the boat closed in the crew noticed something being thrown towards the ship, after a while the unknown persons on the boat were seen lighting up an object and throwing it towards the tanker. The object hit the rail, and fell into the water, a loud explosion ensued and the boat moved away. Nigerian navy and port authority informed. The ship was moved to a secure anchorage.	-	Patrol boat contacted, all other ships in the vicinity alerted, fire fighting equipment prepared and authorities informed	Yes Nigeria Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A patrol boat was dispatched to the tanker
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IN PORT AREA

1	SIRA Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 12105 9408803	05/02/2015 02:20 UTC	WEST AFRICA In port area Nigeria 06° 26.43' N 003° 25.34' E	Three skiffs with three or four persons in each approached the berthed tanker. They were spotted trying to board the ship and Government security forces on board were alerted. The intruders eventually left the ship. One skiff returned to the vicinity of the tanker and the Government security forces fired a single warning shot, resulting in all three skiffs leaving the area.	-	Government security forces on board alerted	No	Marshall Islands -	Single warning shot fired by Government security forces on board the ship
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