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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 and, in addition, to issue, on a quarterly basis, composite reports accompanied by an analysis, on a regional basis, of the situation and an indication whether the frequency of incidents is increasing or decreasing and advising of any new feature or pattern of significance, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 31 July 2008 and 31 August 2008, including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). Further and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 75/24, paragraph 18.41), the Secretariat has, since July 2002, started classifying 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.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 4,689, an increase of 27 since 31 July 2008.

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 sub-paragraph (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.922(22), Annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of "piracy", directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State's jurisdiction over such offences."

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued (on an annual, quarterly and monthly basis) during the previous twelve months and up to July 2008 being MSC.4/Circ.109, MSC.4/Circ.110, MSC.4/Circ.111, MSC.4/Circ.112, MSC.4/Circ.113, MSC.4/Circ.114, MSC.4/Circ.115, MSC.4/Circ.116, MSC.4/Circ.117, MSC.4/Circ.118, MSC.4/Circ.119, MSC.4/Circ.120, MSC.4/Circ.121, MSC.4/Circ.122, MSC.4/Circ.123 and MSC.4/Circ.124.

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.125 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	ROCKALL Yacht	23/06/2008	EAST AFRICA Off Somalia coast	Pirates attacked and hijacked the yacht underway. They kidnapped three crewmembers and held them on land for a ransom. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew. All three crewmembers have arrived safely in their respective countries. The yacht was believed to have been abandoned. A full report is awaited from the authorities	Yacht hijacked and three crewmembers kidnapped. Ransom paid	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A full report is awaited from the authorities
2	YENEGOA OCEAN Tug Panama 1101 7342500	04/08/2008 03:00 LT	EAST AFRICA Off Bosasso Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the tug underway. They took the crew hostage and sailed the tug into Somali coastal waters. Further details awaited	Tug hijacked and crew held hostage	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	THOR STAR General cargo ship Thailand 10572 8311364	12/08/2008 08:22 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 38.81' N 049° 45.14' E	The ship, underway, was attacked and hijacked by pirates. The ship sent an SSAS alert distress. The pirates sailed the ship into Somali territorial waters and anchored her. The pirates are demanding a ransom for the safe release of the 28 crewmembers and ship. Negotiations are in progress	Ship hijacked and 28 crewmembers held hostage. Ransom demanded	Activated SSAS alert distress	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	Yemen, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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4	BUNGA MELATI DUA Chemical tanker Malaysia 22254 9123661	19/08/2008 14:13 UTC	EAST AFRICA 123NM southwest of Mukulla, Yemen 12° 46.24' N 047° 55.18' E	The ship was hijacked while underway. There were 39 crewmembers on board the ship, travelling from Indonesia to Rotterdam with a cargo of crude palm oil. No direct contact has been made with the captain of the ship. According to local media reports, a Filipino crewmember was reportedly killed during the hijacking. The event was reported to be an "accident". All the remaining crewmembers are reportedly safe and the ship is currently anchored off Eyl. Ship released on payment of ransom on 27 September 2008	Ship hijacked and 39 crewmembers held hostage. One crewmember killed	Alarm raised	Yes MRCC Putrajaya, MECC Lumut and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coalition navy despatched a warship to intercept the ship
5	IRAN DEYANAT Bulk carrier Iran, Islamic Republic of 25168 8107579	21/08/2008 02:23 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 49.30' N 050° 23.90' E	Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The ship sent distress messages which were relayed by passing ships in the vicinity to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The duty officer at the Piracy Reporting Centre immediately contacted the coalition Navy to render assistance to the crewmembers and the ship. The ship was enroute to Rotterdam from China carrying steel products and minerals. Pirates have taken hostage 29 crewmembers. A coalition warship is monitoring the hijacked ship	Ship hijacked and 29 crewmembers held hostage	Sent distress messages	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A coalition warship is monitoring the hijacked ship
6	IRENE Chemical tanker Panama 7373 9221669	21/08/2008 03:58 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 14° 26.42' N 049° 56.46' E	Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The owners and ships in the vicinity of the ship contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre immediately contacted the coalition Navy to render assistance to the ship. The ship was carrying a cargo of flammable chemical cargoes from Fos, France to India. 19 crewmembers taken hostage. Ship released on payment of ransom on 11 September 2008	Ship hijacked and 19 crewmembers held hostage	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coalition warships are monitoring the hijacked ship

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7	BBC TRINIDAD General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 6296 9356414	21/08/2008 09:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 57.90' N 048° 56.70' E	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the ship underway. A passing ship reported the incident and distress to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who immediately contacted all relevant agencies and the coalition forces for assistance. Ship released on payment of ransom on 11 September 2008	Ship hijacked and crewmembers held hostage	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	BUNGA MELATI 5 Chemical tanker Malaysia 22116 9172258	29/08/2008 13:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA Approx. 14NM off the coast of Yemen, Gulf of Aden 13° 12.00' N 046° 37.00' E	The ship was reportedly chased by a speedboat and requested coalition warship assistance. The ship's crew activated hoses and attempted to ward off the attackers. The ship was then fired upon for approximately ten minutes before being boarded. Communication then went dead. A warship arrived, but by then, the pirates had altered the course of the ship and headed towards Somali waters. The ship had 41 crewmembers on board. Ship released on payment of ransom on 27 September 2008	Ship hijacked and 41 crewmembers held hostage	Crew activated hoses and attempted to ward off attackers	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coalition forces are monitoring the ship
9	KOTA HAPAS Container ship Hong Kong, China 13491 9238624	30/08/2008 00:01 LT	EAST AFRICA Dar-es-Salaam Roads United Republic of Tanzania 06° 47.40' S 039° 40.20' E	Three pirates armed with knives boarded the drifting ship. Another three pirates were noticed climbing up using a knotted line. However, when the pirates were noticed, ship raised alarm and started engine. The pirates fled empty handed	-	Raised alarm and started engine	Yes PRC relayed message to Tanzania High Commission, United Kingdom & Tanzania Harbours Authority	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	SYLVIE Gas carrier-LPG Hong Kong, China 22954 9332066	06/08/2008 04:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Bontang Anchorage Indonesia 00° 10.19' N 117° 36.12' E	Duty crew onboard the ship saw robbers stealing ship's equipment. Alarm raised and crew alerted. On seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped into a waiting boat. Upon investigation, it was discovered ship's stores and equipment were stolen	Ship's stores and equipment stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	KRITI RUBY Tanker Greece 29832 9391282	06/08/2008 23:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Anchorage Indonesia 03° 56.20' N 098° 46.80' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor by climbing the anchor chain. They opened the forecastle store and tried to steal ship's stores. Duty crew noticed them. Alarm raised, crew alerted and mustered as per company procedures. Sensing crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. No injuries to crew and nothing stolen	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control and PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesia Navy HQ, Puskodal, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	UNKNOWN Yacht	12/08/2008 04:15 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Roseau Dominica	Two robbers boarded the yacht while mooring. When an audible alarm sounded, one robber jumped off the yacht while the other attempted to hide in a small inflatable under the yacht. The robber in the inflatable rowed away and picked up the other robber and escaped. No one was hurt and nothing was stolen	-	Alarm raised	No	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States	-
4	DARYA SUR Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 18675 9118563	13/08/2008 00:05 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Peru 12° 00.80' S 077° 12.10' W	Duty crew noticed robbers boarding the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers overpowered the duty crew and tied him up. Robbers stole ship's property and escaped. Local authorities informed	Crewmember assaulted and ship's property stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port control and PRC relayed message to MRCC Peru	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	OEL DUBAI Container ship	20/08/2008 03:50 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Cochin Anchorage 09° 55.00' N 076° 05.00' E	Four robbers boarded the ship from a wooden boat and stole ten drums of paint from the paint locker. The master reported the incident to the Port Authority of Kochi. After the alarm was raised and the crew was alerted, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat. The Indian Coast Guard and local police are currently investigating the incident. Master and crew were advised to maintain vigilance and strengthen their watchkeeping particularly during hours of darkness when ship is at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes The Indian Coast Guard, local police, Port Control and MRCC Mumbai, India	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Indian Coast Guard and local police are currently investigating the incident.
6	CLIPPER TOBAGO Chemical tanker Bahamas 5483 9209001	24/08/2008 00:05 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kakinada India 16° 59.70' N 082° 21.40' E	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers tried to steal the fire wire and ship's stores. On hearing the emergency alarm and ship's horn, the robbers fled with the fire wire in a waiting boat along with two other accomplices	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and sounded ship's horn.	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Chennai, CG HQ India	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	HELLESPONT CHIVALRY Chemical tanker Liberia 8515 9321110	25/08/2008 00:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage Nigeria 06° 10.70' N 003° 23.80' E	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored ship. They stole ship's stores. Duty crew spotted them and informed the duty officer who raised alarm and alerted crewmembers. The robbers escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes PRC relayed message to Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	MOL ULTIMATE Container ship Germany 16803 9217553	29/08/2008 20:05 LT	EAST AFRICA Dar-es-Salaam Anchorage United Republic of Tanzania 06° 46.95' S 039° 21.68' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew noticed one robber on the STBD side, armed with a knife. The robber threw a lashing bar towards the duty crew who escaped and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered and rushed to forecastle. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm. Crew found one container opened and ship's stores stolen. Port Control informed. Ship weighed anchor and proceeded further out to sea for drifting	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control and PRC relayed message to Tanzania High Commission, United Kingdom & Tanzania Harbours Authority	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	DEAUVILLE Gas carrier-LPG Bahamas 3617 9113939	30/08/2008 04:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Santan Port Indonesia 00° 04.80' S 117° 34.30' E	Several robbers boarded the ship at anchor at the forward mooring station. Ship raised alarm and the intruders escaped in a waiting boat. Due to heavy rain, master was unable to confirm the number of robbers and the weapons. Ship's stores were stolen	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Puskodal & SAR Jakarta	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	PAC ANTLIA Container ship Singapore 13764 9238870	30/08/2008 23:00 LT	EAST AFRICA Dar-es-Salaam Outer Roads United Republic of Tanzania 06° 48.60' S 039° 32.30' E	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the drifting ship. Two of the robbers tried to attack the duty A/B at forecastle, who informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and main engine started and crew mustered. On hearing the ship's whistle, the robbers released the duty A/B and jumped overboard. No stores were stolen and no crew was injured. Port Control was informed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control and PRC relayed message to Tanzania High Commission, United Kingdom and Tanzania Harbours Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	STRAITS SUCCESS Vehicle carrier Malaysia 4197 8822090	11/08/2008 07:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Car Terminal Indonesia 06° 05.90' S 106° 55.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship at berth and stole ship's equipment (spare parts) of considerable value from the spare parts locker. The incident was unnoticed by ship's crew	Ship's equipment stolen	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Indonesian Marine Police HQ, Puskodal & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	SUN GENIUS Refrigerated cargo carrier Bahamas 9417 8222989	13/08/2008 01:30 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Guayaquil Outer Anchorage Ecuador 02° 43.30' S 080° 26.60' W	Duty watchman onboard the ship spotted two robbers hiding behind a 40' container. They had stolen ship's stores from the paint locker and lowered them into a waiting boat. As soon as they realised they had been spotted they jumped into the water and escaped in the waiting boat	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control and PRC relayed message to Coast Guard HQ, Ecuador	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	TIARA Yacht Cayman Islands (United Kingdom) 428	24/08/2008 23:40 LT	MEDITERRANEAN SEA Golfo De Porto Novo, Corsica 41° 30.30' N 009° 16.00' E	Four masked armed robbers in a speedboat boarded the anchored yacht and robbed the passengers of more than 100,000 Euros. The captain was ordered to empty the yacht's safe. They also robbed the nine passengers of jewellery. Artworks were also taken from the yacht. No injuries to crew or damage to yacht. Local police were informed and are investigating the incident	Cash, valuables and personal properties of crew and passengers stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Local police and PRC relayed message to MRCC Roma & MRCC Gris Nez	Office of Naval Intelligence, United States and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Local police are investigating the incident
4	ZALLAQ Tanker Bahrain 79812 9205067	30/08/2008 23:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Port Abidjan Anchorage Côte d'Ivoire 05° 13.00' N 004° 02.00' W	Duty crew on board the ship spotted a robber at poop deck. Bridge was informed and alarm raised. The robber jumped overboard escaping with ship's stores	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to Naval Base Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	GEM OF KILAKARAI Bulk carrier Singapore 32474 9287962	08/08/2008 03:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 12.00' N 049° 56.00' E	Seven pirates, in two speedboats, armed with guns and rocket propelled grenade launchers chased and fired upon the ship underway. The Master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The coalition Navy dispatched one warship to assist the ship. The constant manoeuvring of the ship prevented the boarding of the pirates. On seeing the coalition warship, the pirate boats aborted their attempt and moved away. However an unexploded grenade was found on the bridge wing	Ship fired upon. No damage to ship	Master took evasive manoeuvres	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The coalition Navy dispatched a warship. Later, a helicopter landed six marines to dispose of the unexploded rocket grenade
2	AIZU General cargo ship Panama 14103 8214607	23/08/2008 09:08 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 14° 16.00' N 050° 19.40' E	Pirates, in two speedboats chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated anti-piracy measures and fired rocket flares. The pirates stopped firing and stopped chasing the ship. The Master advised that the mother ship was about three NM away	Ship fired upon	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated anti-piracy measures and fired rocket flares	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	ST. ANNA Bulk carrier Liberia 31661 8623884	23/08/2008 12:20 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 14° 11.30' N 050° 20.30' E	The ship was fired upon while underway. The master reported that it had been fired upon and there were shots on the bridge. The master requested immediate assistance from the coalition authorities. An aircraft arrived at the scene and the piracy tug boat (possibly the mother-ship) and the speedboats stopped firing. The ship is reportedly safe. Reported description confirms that the pirate vessel being used is the (YENAGOA OCEAN)	Ship fired upon	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated anti-piracy measures	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur. Office of Naval Intelligence, United States	Military aircraft arrived at the location

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1	NA Fishing vessel Japan	27/08/2008	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden	The vessel was attacked by an armed boat and fired upon but managed to escape. No further information is available at the moment	Vessel fired upon	Alarm raised	Yes Yemeni Coast Guard and Yemeni Press	Yemen and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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