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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 October 2007 and 30 November 2007, 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 4,499, an increase of 15 since 31 October 2007.

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 October 2007 being MSC.4/Circ.95, MSC.4/Circ.96, MSC.4/Circ.97, MSC.4/Circ.98, MSC.4/Circ.99, MSC.4/Circ.100, MSC.4/Circ.101, MSC.4/Circ.102, MSC.4/Circ.103, MSC.4/Circ.104, MSC.4/Circ.105, MSC.4/Circ.106, MSC.4/Circ.107, MSC.4/Circ.108, MSC.4/Circ.109, MSC.4/Circ.110 and MSC.4/Circ.111.

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.112 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	QASIDAH Chemical tanker Tuvalu 457 8221612	11/09/2007 00:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Tioman Islands Malaysia	Six pirates in a small high-speed boat, armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They assaulted all six crewmembers and the captain. The captain received head injuries. The crewmembers were robbed of their documents and clothing	Captain and crewmembers assaulted; captain injured and personal belongings of crewmembers stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police HQ, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	NA Fishing vessel Guyana	01/11/2007 08:30 LT	NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN Off Corentyne Coast Guyana	Masked pirates armed with guns attacked the fishing vessel. They stole the vessel's engines and equipment and then ordered the crew to board and navigate their craft while they raided other boats. Later, the crew were taken to neighbouring Suriname where they were left with the craft. The crew managed to return home after two days and reported to the Coast Guard and Police	Vessel's engines and equipment stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Police and Coast Guard, Guyanese Embassu, USA	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SELENDANG SARI Chemical tanker Malaysia 29956 9143685	19/11/2007 01:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Mangkai Island Indonesia 03° 13.00' N 105° 23.00' E	The duty oiler onboard the ship underway noticed a pirate armed with a gun at poop deck. Duty officer informed. The alarm was raised, all crew mustered and all lights switched on. A search of the ship revealed no pirates onboard. Duty officer noticed an unlit craft moving away from the ship	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bakorkamla Indonesian Navy HQ, Marine Police HQ & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	CHAMPION POLAR Tanker NIS (Norway) 28292 8414570	21/11/2007 02:12 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Nigeria 06° 12.00' N 003° 18.00' E	Five pirates armed with knives boarded the drifting ship around 15NM from shore. Duty crew spotted the pirates and informed the duty officer. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. Pirates escaped with ship's stores	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia, Delta State Police Command and the Nigerian Navy HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	QASIDAH Chemical tanker Tuvalu 457 8221612	08/09/2007 21:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 3.5NM off Tg. Punggai, Kota Tinggi Malaysia 01° 26.80' N 104° 21.40' E	Seven robbers in a wooden boat, armed with guns and knives approached the ship underway. They boarded the ship and tied up the master and seven crewmembers with nylon ropes. One crew jumped overboard. Robbers stole cash and personal belongings of master and crew. They left the ship and headed into Indonesian waters. No injuries to crewmembers. The crew who jumped overboard is missing	One crewmember missing, master and seven crewmembers assaulted; cash and personal belongings of master and crew stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police HQ, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	SEAMARK Special purpose ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 320 9199921	04/11/2007	WEST AFRICA Bonny River, Niger Delta Nigeria	Eight robbers, in a speedboat, armed with guns boarded the ship underway. They shot dead one crewmember and wounded another. Robbers ransacked the ship and stole ship's property and escaped	One crewmember shot dead and another injured; ship's property stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	NA Fishing vessel Guyana	11/11/2007 05:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Correntyne River Guyana	The captain and crew of 22 fishing vessels of the number 66 fish complex were left stranded after armed robbers robbed them of their gasoline, engine coils and a quantity of fish glue. Three of the vessels returned to the fish complex while many fishermen were forced to swim to shore. Rescue teams went out to search for the other vessels	Ship's property and equipment stolen	Alarm raised	Yes MRCC Georgetown, Guyana	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Rescue teams went out to search for the other vessels
4	PARIS Container ship Liberia 18000 8902137	24/11/2007 03:45 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos anchorage Nigeria 06° 17.80' N 003° 21.20' E	Four armed robbers in a small wooden boat boarded the ship from aft. They stole ship's stores and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes PRC, Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia, Delta State Police Command & the Nigerian Navy HQ	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	GANDARI Tanker Singapore 23328 9180102	29/11/2007 05:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA SBM Belawan Indonesia 03° 51.00' N 098° 48.00' E	Duty QM onboard the ship at anchor noticed two robbers hiding under windlass. D/O informed and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat. Nothing was stolen but it appeared that the robbers had tried to steal the emergency towing wire	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes PRC, Indonesian Navy HQ, Marine Police HQ, Bakorkamla & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	SOUTHERN ZEBRA Chemical tanker Panama 5551 9312406	04/11/2007 01:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Hoogli River, Sagar Roads Anchorage India 21° 40.00' N 088° 01.00' E	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor via the poop deck. Crew raised alarm and activated anti-piracy measures. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores in their waiting boat. No injuries to crew. Reported to harbour pilots but no action taken	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and activated anti-piracy measures	Yes Harbour pilots and MRCC Chennai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	No action taken by harbour pilots
2	BORDER Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 10736 9063988	05/11/2007 02:00 LT	EAST AFRICA Beira Port Mozambique 19° 49.24' S 034° 50.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship at berth and stole ship's stores amid tight anti piracy watches. The ship had shore security personnel deployed by the port on board. In addition, there were armed security guards on the shore side	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes High Commission of the Republic of Mozambique	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	MARINUS GREEN General cargo ship Netherlands 11894 9208198	11/11/2007 03:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Phu My Berth 'A' Viet Nam	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at berth. The ship informed port security who came onboard for assistance. While proceeding towards the forecastle, two robbers were seen jumping overboard. Inspection showed ship's stores had been stolen	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and alerted crew	Yes Port security, PRC and Viet Nam Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Port security came onboard for assistance
4	ATHLOS Tanker Marshall Islands 17277 8007248	28/11/2007 16:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Roads Nigeria	Twelve armed robbers dressed in military fatigues approached the ship at anchor. Nine robbers boarded the ship and ordered the master to disembark into their launch. The master refused and escaped towards the accommodation. The robbers opened fire on the master. Luckily, the master escaped unhurt. While searching and looting the accommodation, the robbers held the 2nd officer, one A/B and the cook hostage. The three hostages were released after 90 minutes in exchange for cash and cigarettes. On 29.12.2007, the master received a phone call, threatening that the robbers would attack again in the next port	Master shot at but uninjured; three crew members held hostage but later released	Raised alarm and master initiated ship security alert and negotiates the release of hostages	Yes Port authorities, PRC and the Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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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.112 ANNEX 2 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	ISLAMABAD General cargo ship Pakistan 12395 7822706	01/11/2007 13:20 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Malacca Strait 01° 52.50' N 102° 09.50' E	A small unlit high speed craft came close to the ship underway. Master switched on all deck lights, assembled all crew and closed all entrances to the accommodation. Fire hoses on standby and searchlights were directed towards the boat. Ship's speed increased and evasive manoeuvres carried out. VTIS Port Klang notified. After about one and a half hours of trailing, the speedboat aborted the attempt. MRCC Putra Jaya informed	-	Raised alarm and activated anti-piracy measures	Yes MRCC Putra Jaya, VTIS Port Klang, FOC RMN, MECC Lumut, MINDEF (LAUT & DOR), KDR PASUKAN MARINE HQ, MTL RISIK LAUT, BSTP MINDEF RISIK 2, Marine Police Indonesia, BAKORKAMLA & Indonesian Navy HQ, SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	BOW FERTILITY Chemical tanker Singapore 27963 8420529	06/11/2007 21:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Malacca Strait 03° 55.20' N 099° 46.20' E	An unidentified small craft approached the ship underway. Duty Officer on watch raised alarm and sounded ship's whistle. Crew mustered and directed searchlights at the craft. The craft came within 150 metres and aborted the attempt	-	Duty officer on watch raised alarm and activated anti-piracy measures	Yes MRCC Putra Jaya, FOC RMN, MECC Lumut, MINDEF (LAUT&DOR), KDR PASUKAN MARINE HQ, MTL RISIK LAUT, BSTP MINDEF RISIK 2, Marine Police Indonesia, BAKORKAMLA & Indonesian Navy HQ, SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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